

TIMBER TRAIL South from Piropiro

Topo50 Map: BG34 Piropiro

NZTM GPS: NZTM on WGS84

Access and tramp Line

How to get to START: Exit Taupo northwards on SH1, turn off just outside town left on to Poihipi Road, then turn left to Whangamata Road and go straight through to meet SH32:

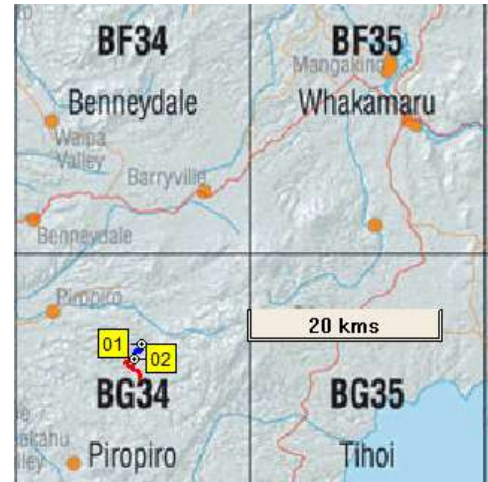
- Turn right on to SH32 northwards
- At Whakamaru turn left (NW) on SH30
- In 3km bear left still on SH30 Mitchell Road
- Two km further on turn left (SW) on Scott Road, still SH30
- At Barryville pass entrance on left to Pureora Information Centre, carry on through Benneydale on SH30
- South of Benneydale go left to Waimiha Road cross railway
- Left off Waimiha Road signed to Pureora Forest Park
- Asphalt to gravel road going straight at junction
- Piropiro Flats campsite

It is possible to park and walk from here (**WP01**^{433masl}) or, if it is preferred, park at the end of the motorable track (**WP02**^{417masl}) where there are bollards clearly marking access to the MTB Trail with the dire warning that the next exit is 42km away.

Rough Description: This is a walk on the Timber Trail so one must be aware of MTB cyclists all the time – they do travel pretty quickly a lot of the time. It is a delightful walk in great forest which has very active bird-life, near the start anyway! One can walk as far as time allows and on the day distances of 5 – 7km outwards were covered – and back of course. It must be remembered though that between 4 and 5 hours are spent driving to and from Taupo so walking in deep mid-winter may give fewer bikes to contend with but daylight hours are restricted.

The trail itself is very easy walking and there are no slopes steep enough to be hard work for walkers, pretty tough for bikers though. Little of what is walked is flat but only 300 odd metres of ascent were involved. The only major feature to mention is the 140 odd metre long, 53metre high suspension bridge (**WP06**^{459masl}). No detailed description of this walk is presented

Piropiro Flats



Carpark with bollards

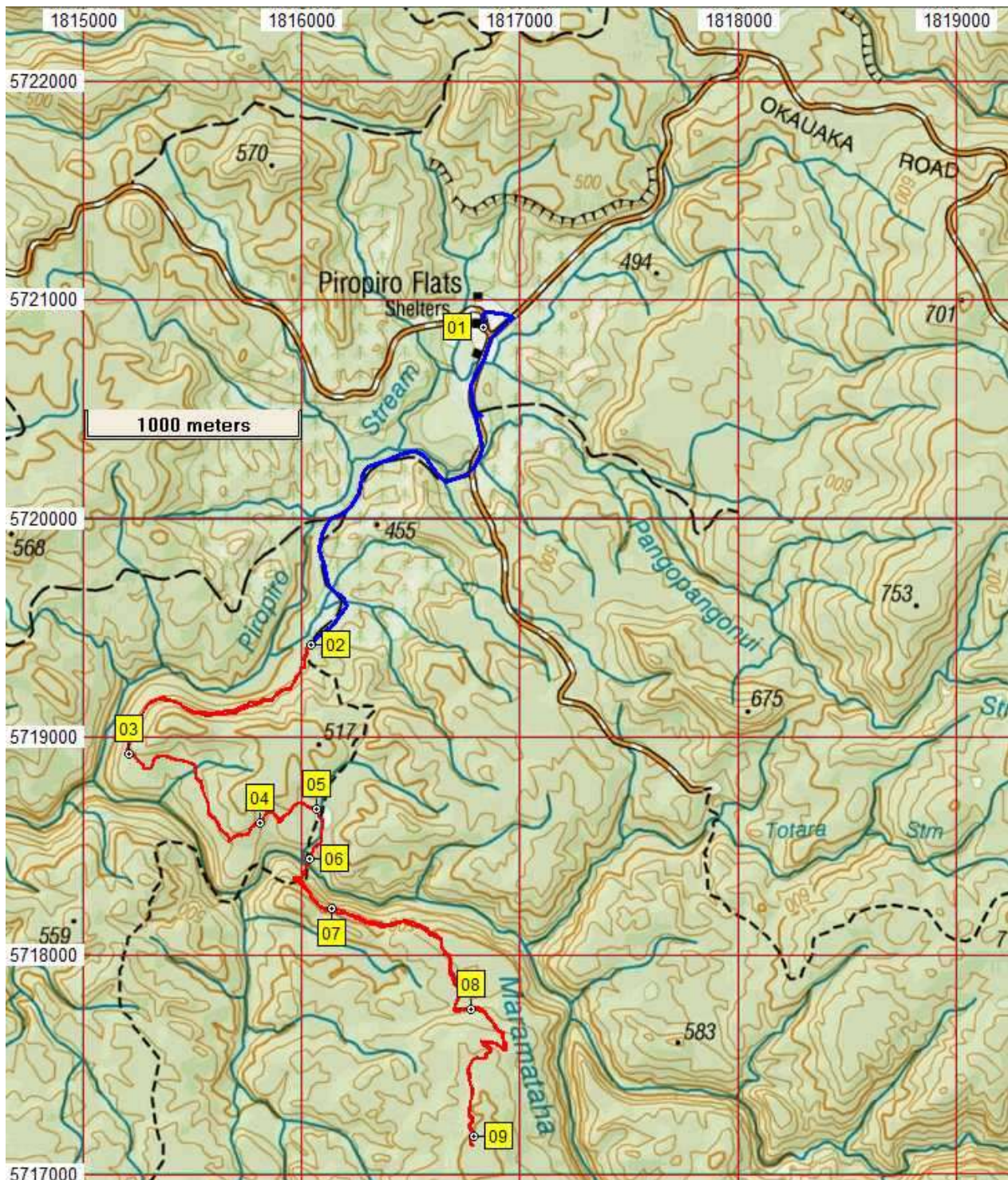


Maramataha Bridge

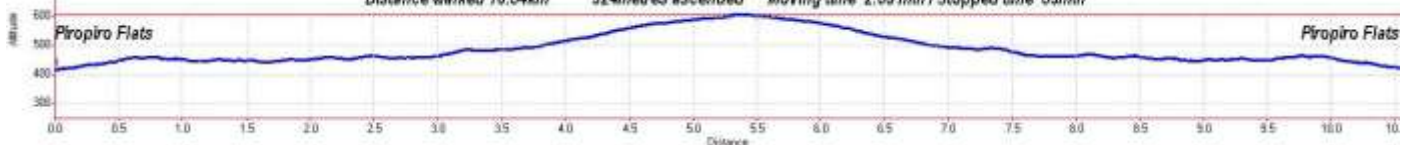


Walkers return





Distance walked 10.54km 324metres ascended Moving time 2:59 min / Stopped time 53min



Name	Easting	Northing	Alt...	Description
01	1816833	5720878	433	2hour drive from Taupo via Benneydale; Piropiro Flats camping area near DOC toilet
02	1816041	5719423	417	2.67km drive in 10min; Car park with bollards at entrance to Timber Trail near Km42
03	1815210	5718923	453	1.29km (32min); Kilometric post 43
04	1815807	5718608	454	2.27km (50min); Kilometric post 44 on Timber Trail
05	1816070	5718673	457	2.62km (55min); Turn right on meeting road
06	1816039	5718444	459	2.87km (1 hour); 140metre long swing bridge
07	1816138	5718216	485	3.26km (1:09min); Kilometric post 45 on Timber Trail
08	1816776	5717753	535	4.26km (1:27min); Kilometric post 46
09	1816789	5717175	597	5.24km (1:46min); Kilometric post 47

Notes:

GPS GPSmap 62sc
 WP = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
 masl = metres above sea level