

## TWO JONS' CAMP

Topo50 Map: BH37 Rangitaiki

### How to get to START:

- Exit Taupo on **SH5** for Napier.
- In about 20 minutes turn right into Taharua Road
- After another 7 – 8 minutes again turn right into Clements Mill Road
- Ten minutes on this gravel, forest road brings you to Te Iringa car park on your left

Once parked, walk back to the gravel road from the car park and turn left along the road.

*Travel times for access are measured from Taupo Police Station*

**Rough description:** A moderate to easy walk of 4 – 5 hours which should not be attempted without having someone along who knows the area and tracks. The walk is mainly on uncharted tracks and old forestry roads through both virgin and logged forest. The uncharted tracks are mainly hunters' tracks and are marked by paint splashes (reddish, yellow plus green) on the trees whilst many of the old roads are quite heavily overgrown in places. Wind-fall trees can be slight hazards or inconveniences on the walk.

There is an altitude loss / gain of 150 metres with altitudes varying from 700 metres to about 840 metres with only one semi-serious uphill grunt on the entire walk. It is interesting to note that in places gullies must have been filled during construction of the old logging roads that are used on this walk. Overall distance is about 11km.

**Detail:** On leaving the Te Iringa car park (**01797masl**) turn left along the gravel road. You quickly cross a bridge over a stream and then find yourself in heavy, mature forest where the road is well incised and in 25 minutes, at a hairpin bend at the top of a hill (**TJ02 848masl**), turn off the road into the forest on your right. The path is NOT clear and paint markings should be looked for and carefully followed – there are red and yellow markers and if both are seen favour the yellow. There are windfalls to negotiate and some large native forest trees soon appear then in about 1 hour you reach the boundary (**05768masl**) between the logged and un-logged forest – the very considerable differences in your surroundings are shown to some extent in the photos below.

This walk is on uncharted or mapped tracks but the GPS trace can be relied on.

You now start to encounter some of the old infrastructure from the logging days and in 1:10 you turn left on to an old, overgrown road (**06745masl**) then in 1:15 minutes you meet a T-Junction (**07722masl**) where you turn right on to a bigger road. Five or so minutes later go right at another T-junction (**08729masl**). In 1 hour 35 minutes at another junction (**09701masl**) you turn right towards the river and the site of one of the old camps - this is a good place for morning tea (**10705masl**).

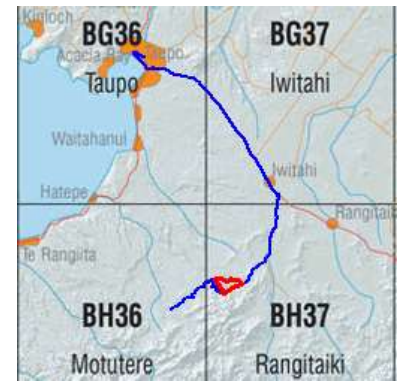
There used to be several huts on this site but sadly all are now gone and the only artefact is the remnants of an old wood-burner. From here you continue down-slope towards the Te Arero Stream which is crossed using a fallen tree as a bridge (**11707masl**). The track is quite clear in this area and in 2:15min you cross what appears to be a filled-in gully (**12737masl**) then right at a minor Y-junction (**13748masl**).

### Un-logged area big trees



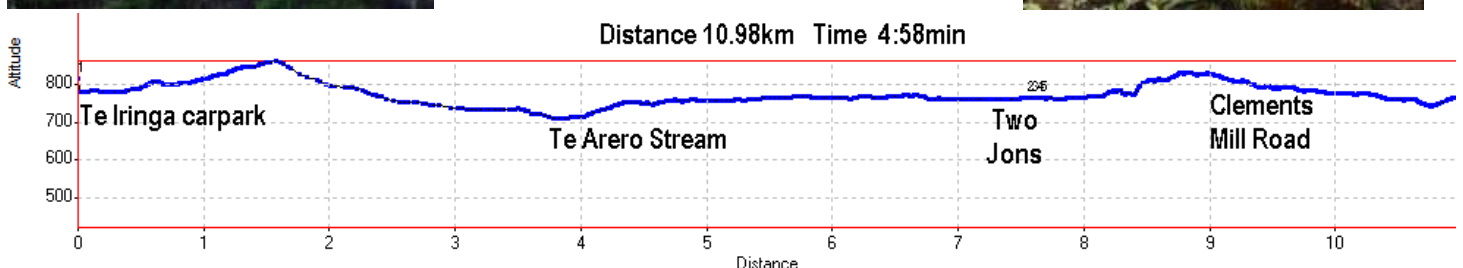
Fifteen minutes later bear right (**14760masl**) at a bend or minor junction then go left (**15763masl**) at a T-junction which can be recognised by finding "FB" marked on the trees. On a down-slope incised section of road (**16767masl**) there is an orange ribbon tied to the trees there is a choice to go straight ahead, where one comes into the open at a fire break in about 20 minutes – then come back, or branch right to continue to the 2 Jons' camp. The next section is a bit unclear / poorly marked so watch the markers but in 10 minutes you hit a track (**17774masl**) where you go left. A heavily overgrown area is reached in 3:12min or so where orange markers guide you through the ferns (**18776masl**), left off the track then back on to the track which bends left.

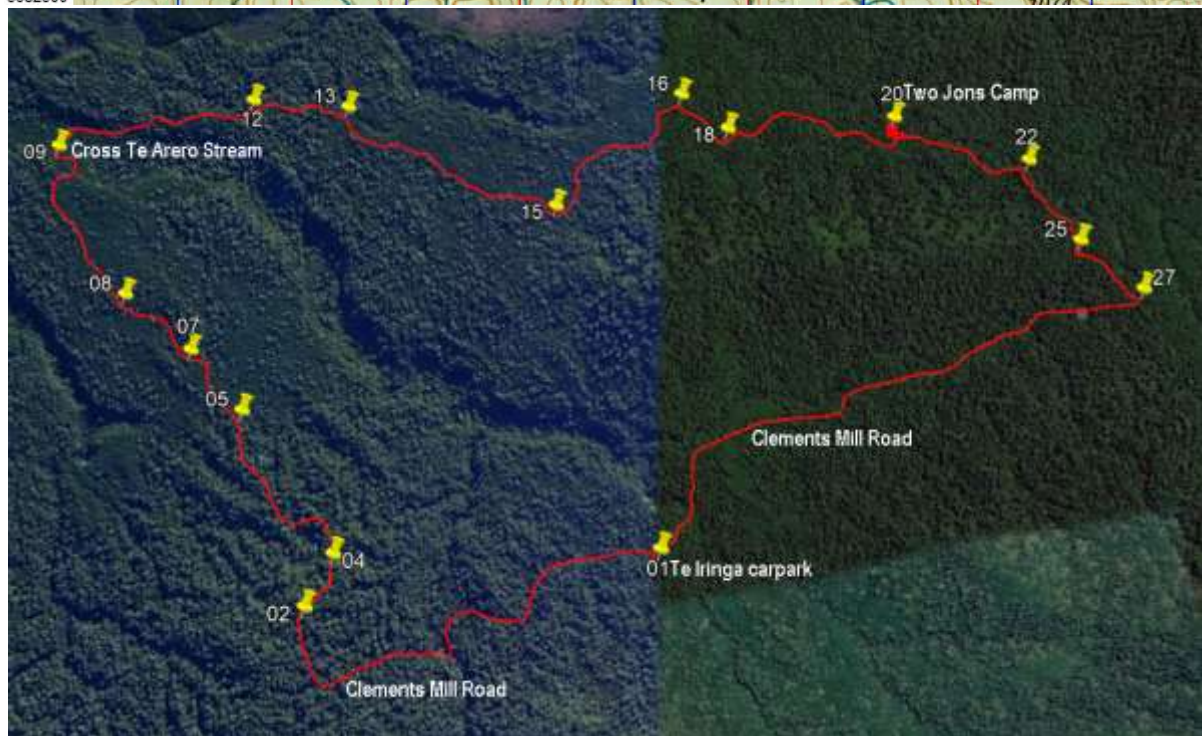
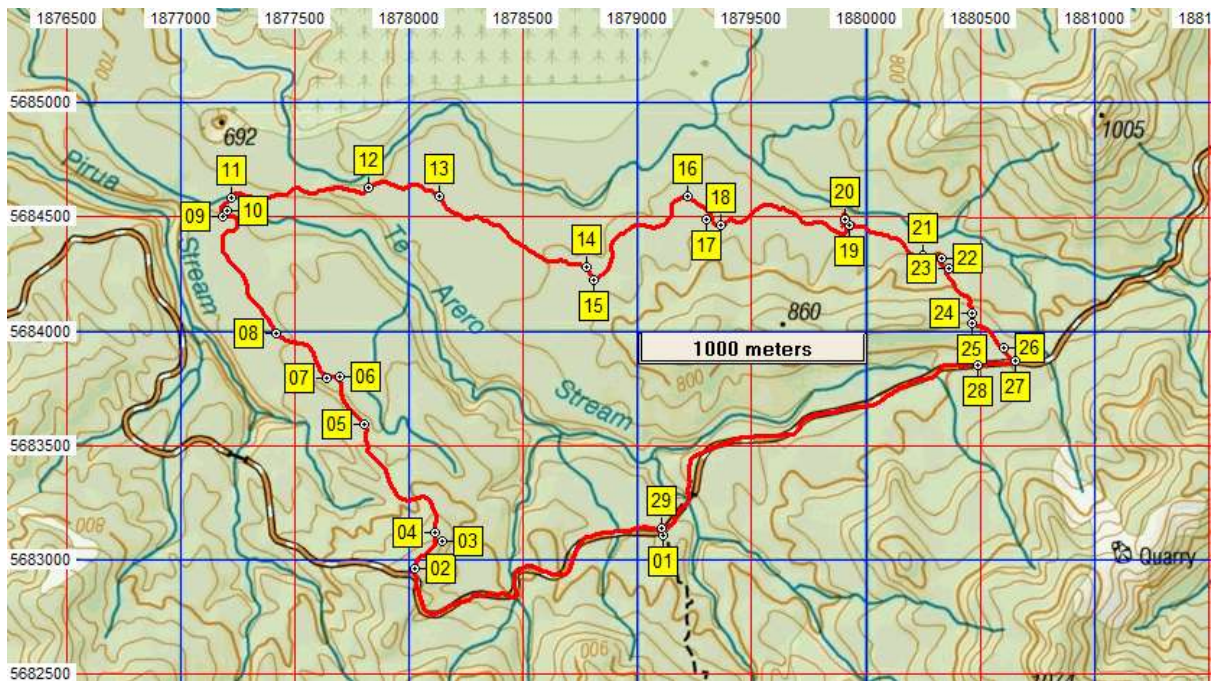
### Logged area re-growth



A very good leaflet titled "Early days at Clements Road – Kaimanawa State Forest Park" can be obtained from the Department of Conservation, Private Bag Turangi Tel 8607 or P.O. Box 942, Taupo.

### Old wood-burner in foreground





Name	Easting	Northing	Alt...	Description
01	1879109	5683106	797	Te Iringa Car park
02	1878029	5682959	848	28min (1.53km); turn off gravel road to right at hairpin bend
03	1878144	5683079	833	35min (1.69km); large windfall to work round
04	1878112	5683119	824	39min (1.76km); first of the large native trees in regrowth area
05	1877806	5683592	768	1:06min (2.42km); boundary logged forest to unlogged forest
06	1877696	5683803	745	1:14min (2.63km); turn left on to old, overgrown forest road
07	1877640	5683795	722	1:18min (2.69km); T-junction with larger road, go right
08	1877420	5683991	729	1:27min (3.02km); T-junction, go right
09	1877186	5684505	701	1:40min (3.71km); go right at junction to old forest / loggers camp
10	1877201	5684531	705	1:41min (3.71km); leave old camp after smoko heading downhill NNE towards streamline
11	1877225	5684588	707	1:57min (3.92km); cross Arero Stream on log bridge and immediately turn to right
12	1877825	5684630	737	2:14min (4.57km); on fair forest road crossing what appears to be a filled gully
13	1878134	5684595	748	2:22min (4.91km); go right at minor Y-junction
14	1878776	5684283	760	2:39min (5.65km); bear right at bend or minor Y-junction
15	1878806	5684226	763	2:41min (5.73km); left at T-junction with tree marks FB (Fire break / forest boundary?)
16	1879220	5684592	767	2:55min (6.35km); orange ribbon on tree on incised, downslope road indicates turn off right on track
17	1879305	5684492	774	3:03min (6.50km); go left on hitting track after unclear section
18	1879366	5684465	776	3:08min (6.59km); branch left off track on orange markers, through ferns then hit track again
19	1879926	5684464	770	3:27min (7.24km); sharp lookout for large then bent tree and turn off left on unmarked track
20	1879907	5684489	769	3:31min (7.28km); two Jons' camp about 50m down track
21	1880249	5684335	775	4:10min (8.30km); post lunch, blue string on tree - head steeply downslope here
22	1880330	5684322	775	4:16min (8.41km); rolling, hilly area and "grunt" of the day
23	1880364	5684276	798	4:18min (8.49km); go right at small Y-fork near top of grunt
24	1880466	5684081	816	4:26min (8.73km); go straight over / slightly up to left over small gully. Do not follow path down.
25	1880467	5684036	825	4:27min (8.76km); go downslope to the left at T-junction on better path
26	1880603	5683926	821	4:31min (8.96km); hunters' camp site, open and with wider track
27	1880653	5683871	818	4:34min (9.03km); go right on meeting Clement's Mill Road
28	1880492	5683852	799	4:36min (9.20km); road off on left to quarry and Punchy's Road tramp
29	1879104	5683137	762	4:58min (10.98km); entrance to Te Iringa car park

Two Jons' camp



Two Jons kitchen



Old roads with re-growth Beech



The camp is left by the same small spur entry track and one goes left back on the larger track. This section of track is rough and rather indistinct so care is required. Post lunch, about 4 hours out, on a down-slope section, some blue string can be seen hanging on a tree (21775masl) so go steeply downhill from here. You are now in rolling, hilly terrain (4:16 min 22 775masl) and you have the "grunt-of-the-day" uphill section and near the top of this go right at a small Y-fork (23798masl). In 4:26 there is a small gully (24 816masl) with a bit of a path going down left: go straight over not down.

At about 4:30 min go left at a T-junction (25825masl) where the track improves considerably. A few minutes later you enter an open area (26821masl) with a car park / hunters' camp and you pick up a wide track to take you to the main (Clements Mill) gravel road at a T-junction (27818masl) – go to the right.

From here it is about 20 minutes back to your starting point after passing a junction on the left (28) which goes to a quarry then you find the entrance and signboard to the Te Iringa car park (29).

The whole walk takes 4-5 hours assuming no wrong turnings are taken – but, be warned, people have got lost to some extent on this walk and they had been there before. However it has been proved possible to complete this walk without an expert guide in hand. By making use of the capabilities of "back-tracking" on a GPS device, careful use of the map and having several pairs of eyes looking for the paint marks – especially early on the route – it is quite possible. Generally it proved easier to navigate from waypoint to waypoint since after each "leg" there was a target. This also left the opportunity to "bush-bash" onwards to a clear feature, such as a track junction, if at any point the trail really was lost. The GPSMap60CSx invariably took the navigator to within a few feet of the desired ground point and the Garmin Summit and Etrex models were pretty good as and when a clear signal was received – but it should be noted that the Summit and Etrex did lose signal at times. If navigating by GPS then it is essential to:

- Use the device carefully in conjunction with
- The map as appended to this report and
- Normal tracking techniques of looking for indications of a track on the ground and for paint marks on trees
- Have as new a device as possible with updated operating software

GPS briefing and set-up



GPS use deep in the forest



**Notes:**

- **GPS** Garmin GPSMap 60CSx
- **WP** = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
- **masl** = metres above sea level