

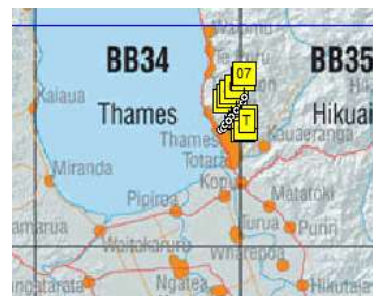
Waiomu Kauri Grove Walk Coromandel

Topo50 Maps: BB34 Thames & BB35 Hikuai

NZTM GPS: NZTM on WGS84

How to get to START: As this is well outside the Taupo area the first step is to get up to the southern end of the Coromandel aiming for Thames. Places for a possible stop-over include the Te Puru or the Dickson Holiday Parks both of which are easily located by driving up the coast road from Thames towards Te Puru.

The track walked goes all the way in to Crosbies Hut which takes over 5 hours to cover around 10km. The walk into the actual Kauri Grove is easy and very pleasant despite possibly getting wet feet at the ford. The track is well benched and tourist grade and no effort is required until the staircase has to be climbed up to the actual Kauri. Some sections are virtually on a shelf cut into the hill side and are very easy and safe. Beyond the seat WP10 is back country track and very gnarly with steep slopes and millions of roots and not suitable for day trippers.



Name	Easting	Northing	Alt..	Description
01	1824668	5899249	39.0	Parking space at top of Waiomu Valley Road
02	1825227	5899169	49.1	700m (14min); Over ford / drift / Irish Bridge and uphill to gate on bend in road
03	1825431	5899076	60.0	1km (24min); Seat, info shelter and bootwash station
04	1825789	5899270	75.0	1.52km (35min); Large bridge over river
05	1825960	5899217	77.1	1.72km (42min); Y-junction with down to river crossing for Monowai Battery
06	1826251	5899191	89.0	2.1km (49min); Second large bridge
07	1826542	5899168	109	2.52km (1:02min); Fairly new bridge
08	1826690	5899095	116	2.74km (1:06min); Bridge after bend then up to steep zigzags
09	1826854	5899052	130	3km (1:13min); Superb shelf track to bridge then steep steps into Kauri forest
10	1826935	5899003	165	3.1km (1:17min); Seat and info on Kauri then onto rugged back-country track

Notes: June 2019 | GPS Garmin GPSMap 62sc | WP Waypoint taken by GPS | masl = metres above sea level | T mining tunnel or shaft