

HOLDSWORTH WAIOHINE

260 Series Map: Carterton S26

Topo50 Map: BP33 Featherston & BP34 Masterton

How to get to START: Starting point is Masterton. From the middle of town get on to SH2 heading SW, cross the river then right to Norfolk Road and over the railway. At Y-junction go left to Mount Holdsworth Road and go to the end and check at the Rangers House just before the locked gate to Holdsworth Lodge. The lodge has sleeping for over 20, gas cookers, electric lights, coal / wood burner and toilet block with flushing loos.

Rough description: A fairly hard tramp that had to be aborted due to wild weather – gales and rain. From Holdsworth the route was tramping into Totara Flats Hut (five hours) for a very, very windy night. With the wind and a forecast of impending rain, a decision was made to abandon our plans to go to Tutuwai Hut, and changed to tramping out a day early via the Waiohine track, then home to Taupo.

A very wise decision as our last day would have been very taxing, with the terrain, the inclement weather, and more wet feet! However, we all survived and had a great time.

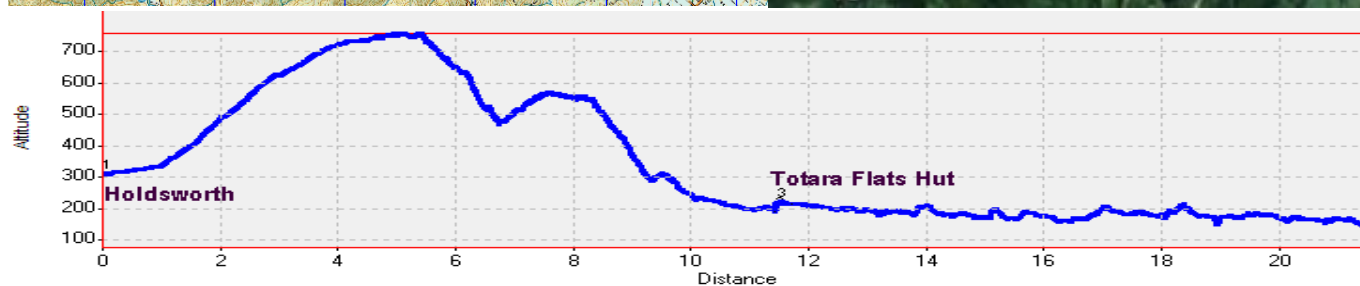
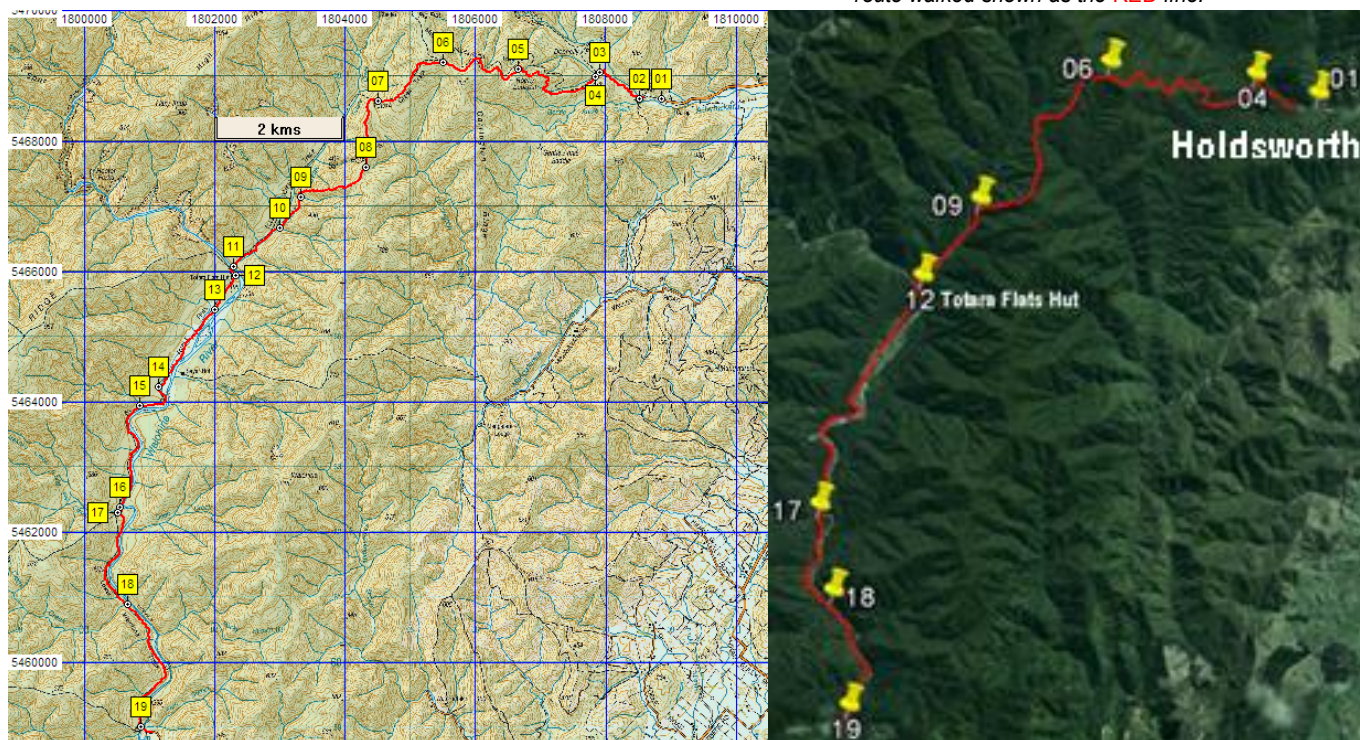
NZ Grid GPS: Geodetic Datum 1949

NZTM GPS: NZTM and WGS 84

Access & Location



The location of the tramp can be seen above with the route walked shown as the RED line.



N...	Easting	Northing	Alt(m)	Description
01	1808854	5468643	305	Day 1: End of tar-seal on Mt Holdsworth Road
02	1808508	5468661	311	2min (80m); track junction go straight to NW
03	1807914	5469059	332	13min (910m); Track junction go L to WSW
04	1807848	5468987	336	15min (1.1km); track junction go L to SW
05	1806658	5469112	622	1hour (2.91km);
06	1805496	5469216	749	1:53min (4.85km); Junction, go L to W on Totara Creek Track
07	1804501	5468612	518	2:50min (6.50km);
08	1804315	5467606	558	3:28min (7.91km);
09	1803315	5467149	288	4:05min (9.33km); Approaching Totara Creek at end of unmapped section of track
10	1802992	5466671	234	4:24min (10.06km); Meet Totara Creek
11	1802288	5466080	201	4:55min (11.20km); confluence with Totara Creek with crossing
12	1802319	5465944	201	5:25min (11.47km); Totara Flats Hut
13	1801998	5465420	208	Day 2: 18min (0.71km);
14	1801136	5464231	189	44min (2.38km); south end of Totara Flats
15	1800844	5463939	187	1:01min (3.16km); stream crossing
16	1800543	5462377	167	1:46min (5.13km); crossing tributary Long Flat Creek
17	1800501	5462305	204	2:19min (5.54km); Junction with Saddle Track to R, follow L on Lower Waiohine Track
18	1800669	5460893	149	3:13min (7.49km); Clem Creek
19	1800853	5459020	153	3:57min (9.90km); 6min or 250m from road and end of track

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