

## WERAROA TRIG from WAIHORA

**260 Series Map:** Kuratau, T18 and Whakamaru T17

**Topo50 Map:** BG34 Piropiro & BG35 Tihoi

**NZ Grid GPS:** Geodetic Datum 1949

**NZTM GPS:** NZTM on WGS84

### How to get to START:

- Exit Taupo on **SH1** North.
- Near top of the hill out of Taupo, left into **Poihipi Road**
- Follow the road out past the Wairakei Forest then turn left into **Whangamata Road**
- Do **NOT** turn left for Kinloch but go straight ahead to T-junction
- At **SH32** (Western Bays Road) turn left and pass Tihoi Mill Rd on RHS after about 3.5km
- About 3.5km south of here turn right on signs for Pureora Forest and Lagoon near the Waikokomiko Stream
- Follow this gravel road for about 7km to reach **Car Park WP01**<sup>670masl</sup>

**Rough description:** A fairly strenuous 6 hour plus out and back day tramp which can be made an A to B by continuing to Bog Inn, but road access at the Bog Inn end is presently restricted. If really keen a short 1.2km extension can be added by going in to look at Waihora Lagoon at the start or end of the outing. Distance on notices claim 7km one way but with the slopes the total is over 17km and not 14 with an ascent of 770metres requiring six to eight hours.

**Detail:** To begin it is a relatively easy stroll to the WNW on wide forest tracks with a small junction off to the right after a few minutes – ignore this badly overgrown teaser. If the weather has been wet then there will be several large, large enough to accommodate a hippo or two, pools on the track which have to be negotiated with care. Soon some reddish, slippery clays on the slope are encountered and these can also be tricky if wet. All through this area there seems to be an abundance of bird life with wood-pigeons, creaking wings are often heard, kaka and warblers. The odd small hunters' campsite, sometimes with attendant abandoned bottles etc, is passed with the most obvious one (**WP02**<sup>767masl</sup>) just before a bit of an ascent starts. The first severe slope downwards is tackled after about 90 minutes and care must be taken though there is nothing too tricky or overly steep – this is still a walk and not a scramble though care still is advised.

### Access



From : 14-Oct-15 08:25:37

To : 14-Oct-15 15:54:13

Moving time : 5:06min

Time taken : 7:28:35

Total Distance : 14.924 Km

GPS Distance : 17.07 km

Minimum Speed : 0.007 KPH

Maximum Speed : 5.826 KPH

Average Speed : 1.996 KPH

Minimum Altitude : 663 Meters

Maximum Altitude : 1088 Meters

Total ascent : 778 metres



Weraroa Waihaha Junction



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Hunters' Campsite

Once up the other side after crossing the Pikopiko Stream there are some boggy areas then it is on to a steady climb to meet a well-marked junction (**WP03**<sup>887masl</sup>) with the Waihaha track off left whilst the track to Weraroa and Bog Inn goes right. This junction is a great spot for morning tea and a breather. After a couple of hours or so there is another Hunters' camp (**WP04**<sup>821masl</sup>) then 10 minutes later the grunt of the day starts (**WP05**<sup>846masl</sup>) as there are 250 odd metres of ascent to now get up (**WP06**<sup>1099masl</sup>) to the Weraroa Trig. The trig as such is not presently reachable and it is now assumed that the metal pipe in the ground at the DoC track notice on the bend might be the remnants of it. The thick spiky bush discourages any off-track searching. There is a flattened area which might be an roughly constructed helipad in the open grassy area at the top and makes a good lunch spot before turning round and coming back out – the outward trip is far easier and quicker than the inward due to going downhill rather than up



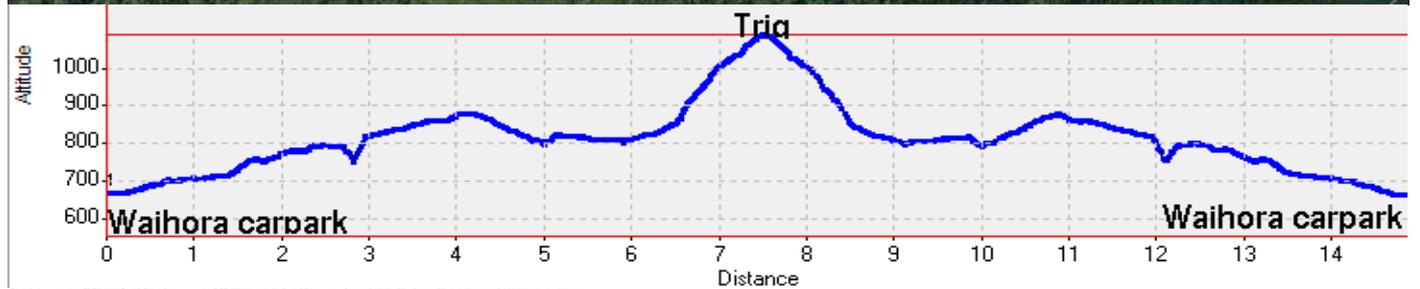
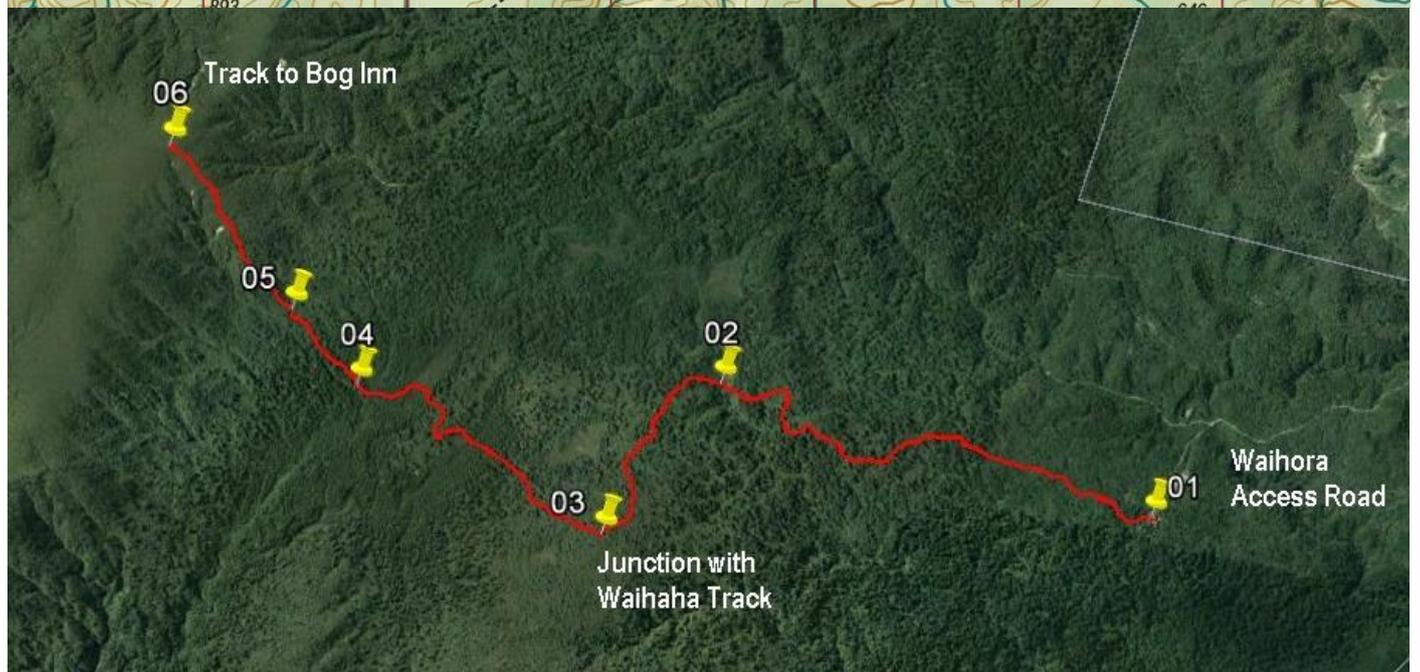
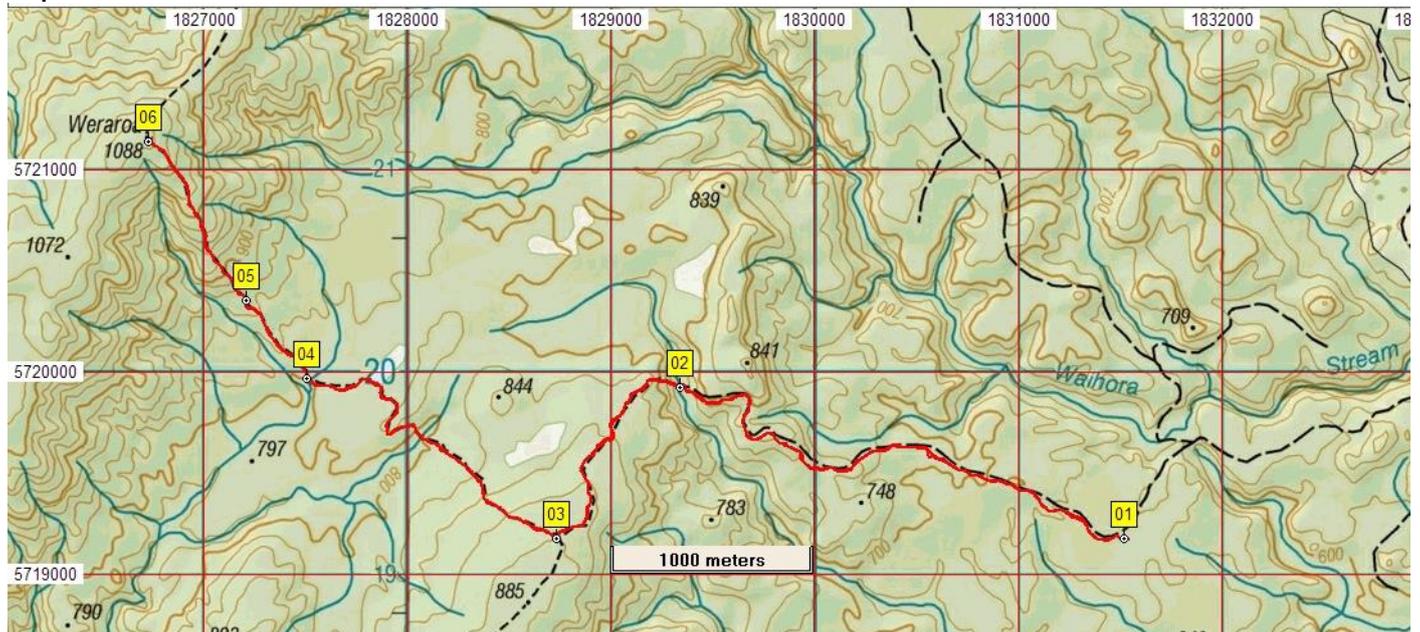
**Real bog** – this one can be located on the map as a white area so it is pretty extensive



**Waihora Lagoon** – beautiful reflections and only 600m from the car park

It should be noted that both the A to B walk to Bog Inn and the one via the Wahaha Hut, though fairly long, can be completed as reasonably long day walks.

**Map with GPS data**



N...	Easting	Northing	Alt(m)	Description
01	1831518	5719177	670	Car park at Waihora
02	1829339	5719924	767	1:03min (2.84km); Hunters' campsite below steep grunty hill up to the NW
03	1828734	5719178	887	1:44min (4.08km); T-junction with left for Waihaha and right for Werarora Trig and Bog Inn
04	1827508	5719964	821	2:41min (5.97km); Hunters' campsite on level area close to stream line
05	1827208	5720352	846	2:55min (6.50km); Bottom of steep slope up to Werarora Trig
06	1826728	5721137	1099	3:35min (7.49km); Low bush area on crest metres east of trig with track switching from NW to NE

- Notes:**
- **GPS** Garmin GPSmap 62sc
  - **WP** = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
  - **masl** = metres above sea level