

RAPURAPU KAURI

260 Series Map: Putaruru, T15

Topo50 Map: BD36 Lower Kaimai

How to get to START: Exit Taupo on State Highway (SH1) North:

- Pass through **Putaruru on SH1**
- Turn right on to **SH28** towards **Rotorua**
- 4 min T-junction, **turn RIGHT** on to **SH5**
- 3 minutes **turn LEFT** back on to **SH28**
- Pass turnoff for Okoroire (*Go to the hotel for golf course and hot springs on the way back to Taupo*)
- 7 min go **RIGHT** on **SH28** signed **Tauranga**
- 4 min T-junction, **RIGHT** on **SH29 Tauranga**
- 2 min look for **WALKING TRACK** signed on the **RIGHT** – take care crossing over the highway and park.

Driving to the start takes about 1:30 to 1:45 minutes from Taupo.

Rough description: This was first attempt at a new walk and, due to circumstances, little detail is available. In fact the track was officially closed (June 2005) due to DOC work on some structures on the track. The notice board at the start of the track gives approximate times to reach the Kauri – to the point reached there is less than 100m ascending involved.

It should be noted that the track is not actually marked, beyond the first few hundred metres, on the 1:50,000 topographic map

The start

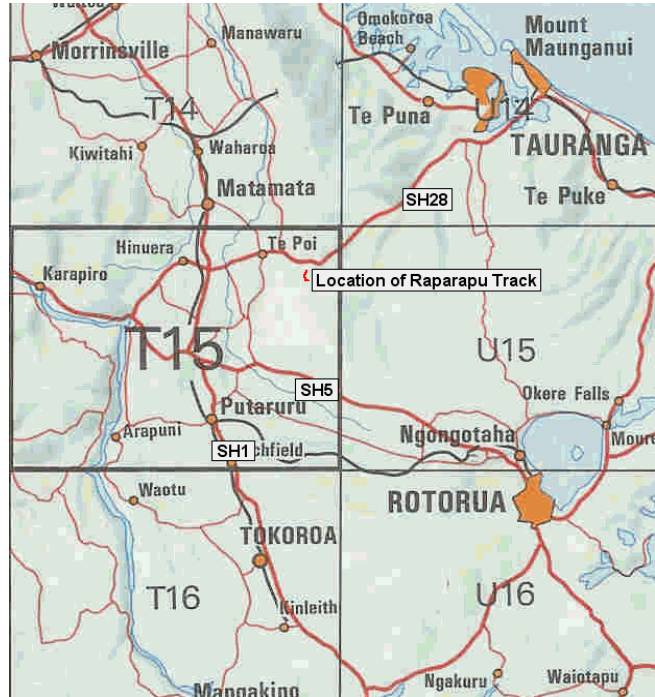


After the walk and on the way back to Taupo it is worth diverting into Okoroire (*Refer instructions of how to get to the start of the walk for location of the turn-off for Okoroire*) where there is a lovely old (120+ years) hotel with an attractive appearance, a 9-hole golf course plus hot pools which appear to be very old but still functional.

NZ Grid GPS: Geodetic Datum 1949

NZTM GPS: NZTM on WGS84

Access



Note: The location of the track can just be seen above as the small red line adjacent to the sign "Location of Rapurapu Track" in the upper part of sheet T15 / U15

Detail: From the car park (**WP1**) follow the wide, grassy track slightly down hill into the pine forest. After 10 minutes cross a stile (**WP2**) over the fence which separates the coniferous forest from the mature, broadleaf forest which continues ahead.

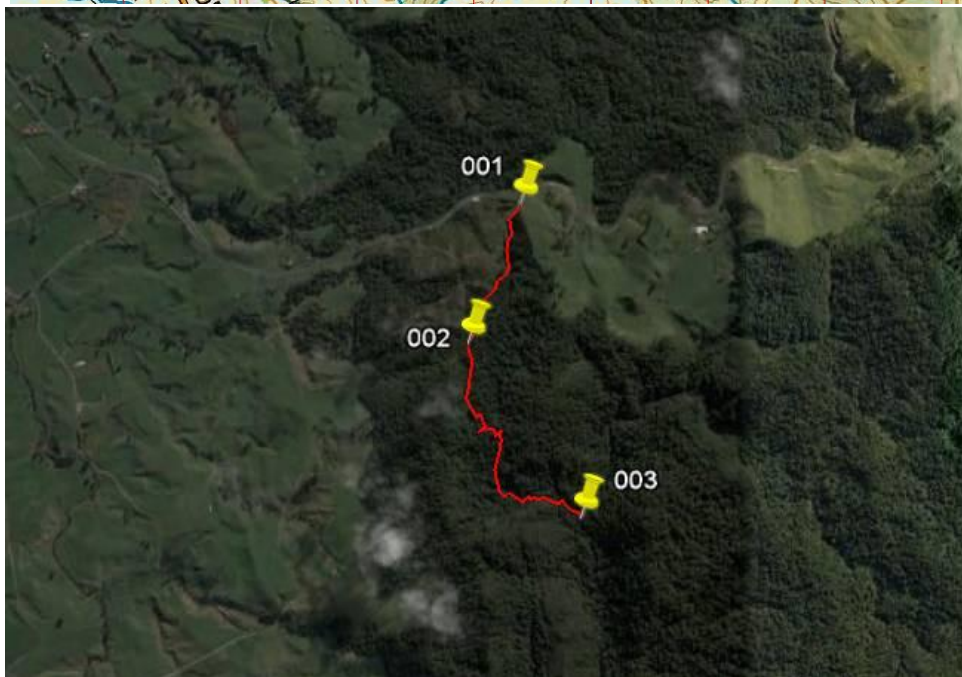
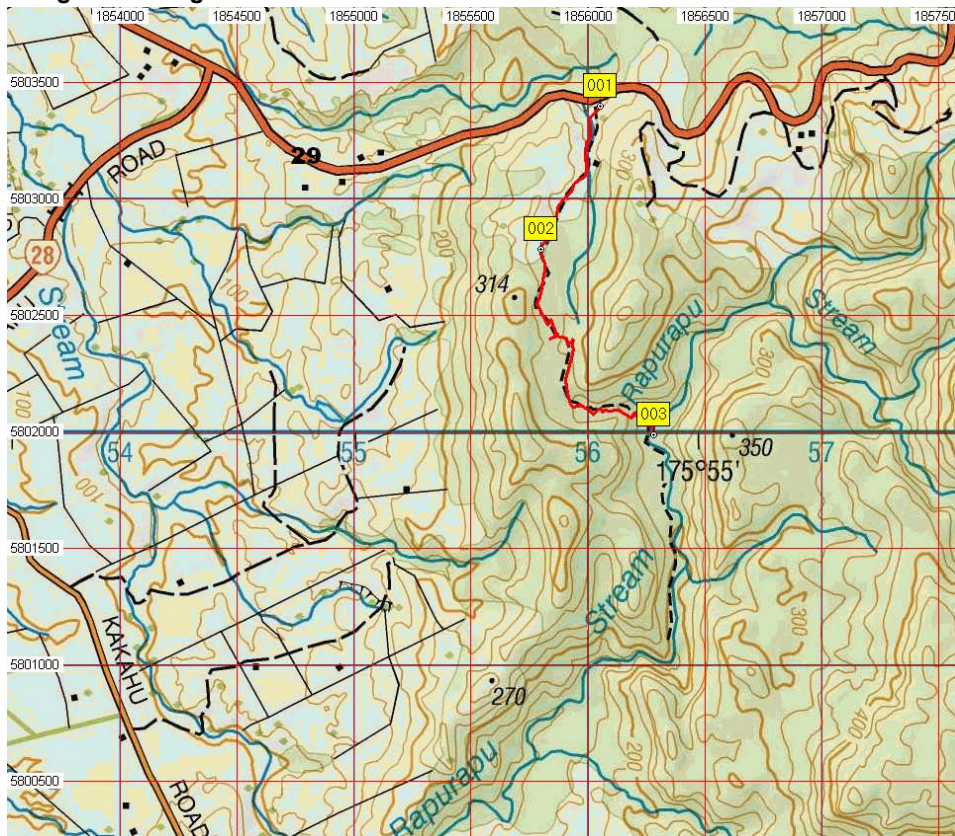
There is soon a long, easy descent down to the first stream line (**WP3**) where there is a reminder notice that the track was closed (June 2005).

There are some lovely, really large trees in this first section of forest promising that the rest of the walk is to be good and worthwhile.

End of the track – June 05



Map and Google Image indicating the start of the track

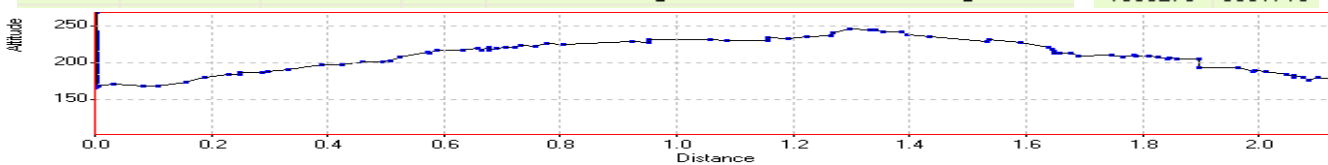


Waypoints NZ Grid

Name	Easting	Northing	Alt(m)	Description
001	2766259	6364942	169	Car park for Rapurapu Kauri Track at edge of SH29
002	2766004	6364329	220	10min walk - stile from Pine to Broadleaf forest
003	2766485	6363535	177	30min walk - edge of first river at bottom of long descent

NZTM Grid

Easting	Northing
1856042	5803126
1855788	5802512
1856270	5801718



Notes:

- GPS Garmin Summit with suspect signal in places due to forest cover
- **WP** = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
- **masl** = metres above sea level (as recorded by GPS unit)