

## HIKURANGI GALATEA

**260 Series Map:** Murapara, V17

**Topo50 Map:** BF39 Galatea

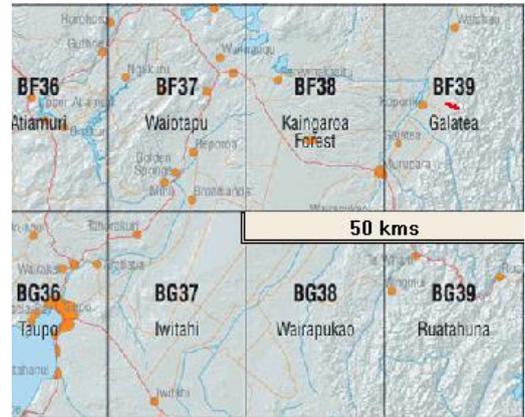
### How to get to START:

- Exit Taupo northwards on **SH1** to Wairakei
- At the new roundabout go on to the Rotorua Road **SH5**
- Just past Waitapu go right to **SH38** for Murupara
- In Murupara turn left to Troutbeck Road
- Proceed a fairly long way on Troutbeck Road watching for the bridge over the Hikurangi Stream just before Grant Road joins from the left
- About 1km after Grant Road there is a mapped track heading ESE the NE on the right
- Permission is required for access through Private Land. Chris and Dione vanden Broek's farm: 1968 Troutbeck Road, ph. 07 3664 086
- The tramp starts at H01 in the paddock some 100m south of a tributary of Hikurangi Stream

*Time required to the car park from the Police Station in Taupo is 1:30 to 1.45 hours.  
The tramp line can be seen as the short RED line on map sheet BF39 just above the sheet name Galatea.*



### Access



**Rough description:** A fairly short but fairly hard tramp with leg bursting efforts required. The track starts on the edge of farmland with the first hour of ascent being the steepest then easing off a little. This is an open bush area with great views overlooking Galatea, Lake Aniwhenua and the coast. Further afield to Mt Tauhara and Mounts Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Once at the trig there are views out to Mt Edgecombe and a lovely spot to enjoy lunch.

### GPS Data

From : 11-Nov-15 09:04:30  
To : 11-Nov-15 16:53:23

Time taken : 7:48:52  
Total Distance : 6.902 Km  
**GPS Distance 9.94km**  
Minimum Speed : 0.011 KPH  
Maximum Speed : 7.050 KPH  
Average Speed : 0.883 KPH  
**Total ascent 745metres**  
Minimum Altitude : 263 Meters  
Maximum Altitude : 932 Meters

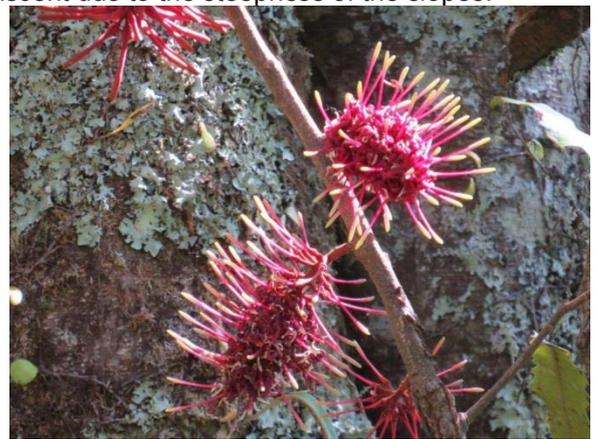
**Detail:** The track starts in a paddock (**H01**263masl) passing through a gate to the left following vehicle tracks. It is then necessary to climb through the fence (**H02**296masl) and get down to the stream (**H03**296masl). Cross over the stream and follow the obvious track.

There are original triangular Doc track markers in various spots however there are also yellow markers (ribbon) on trees; both types of marker quite visible both on ascent & descent.

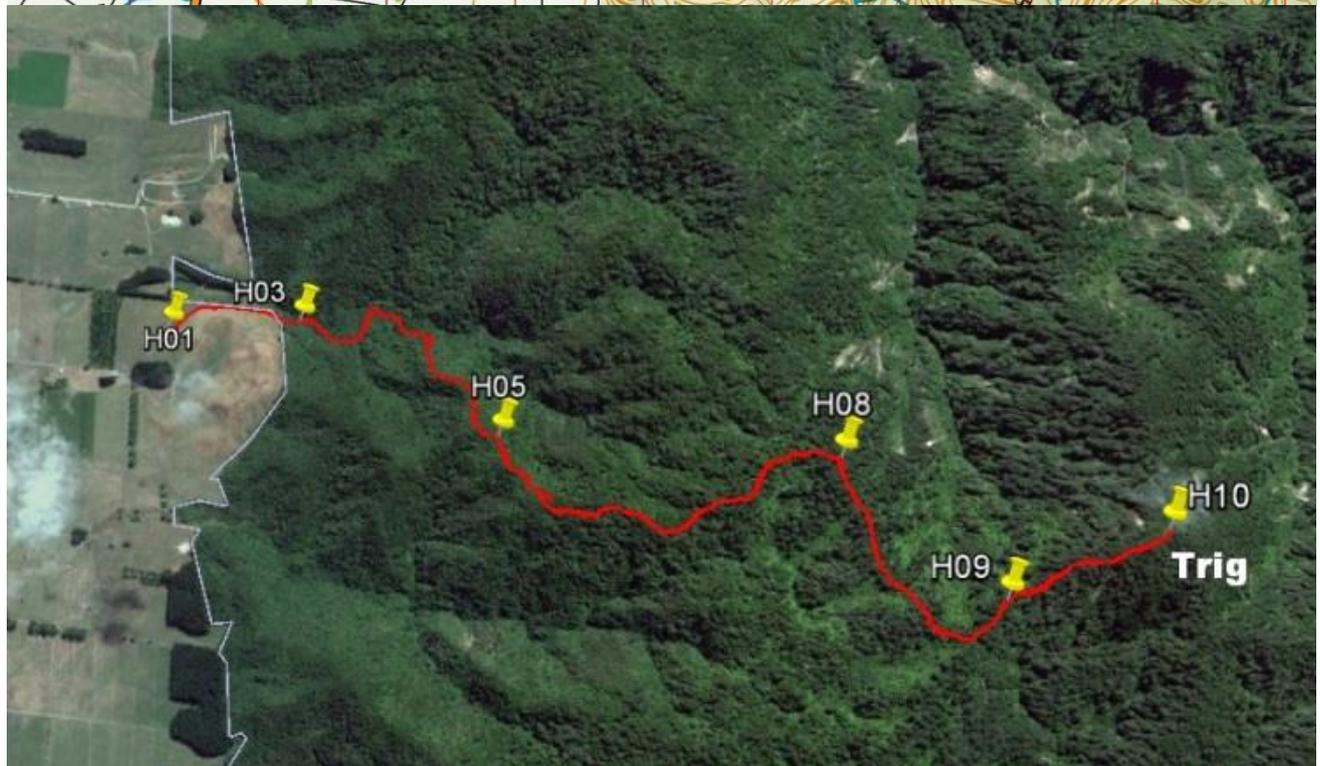
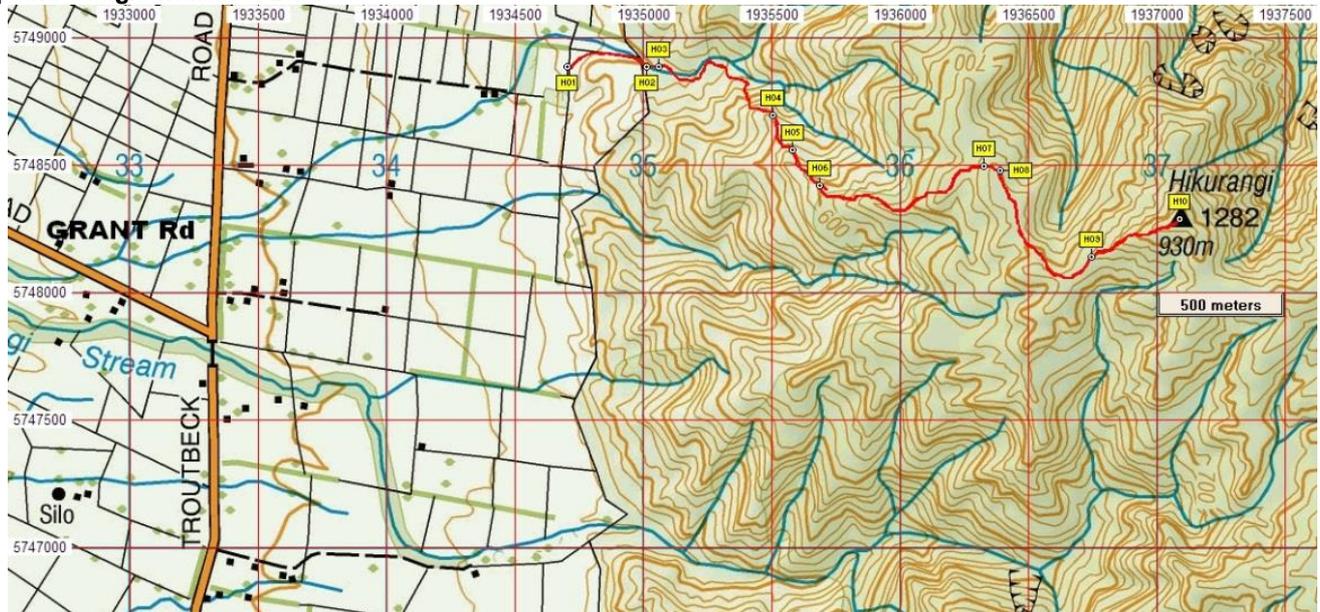
There is now a climb up a ridge to a small level clearing (**H05**558masl). A little further on (**H06**608masl) there is a great spot for morning tea.

This is all in forest where points of interest are not easy to spot but there is a huge, obvious Rimu tree (**H07**768masl) and about 100m further on there is a high point (**H08**802masl) with another about 650m further on (**H09**843masl) which offers even more open views. Five hundred more metres of ascent arrives at the Trig of Hikurangi at (**H10**929masl).

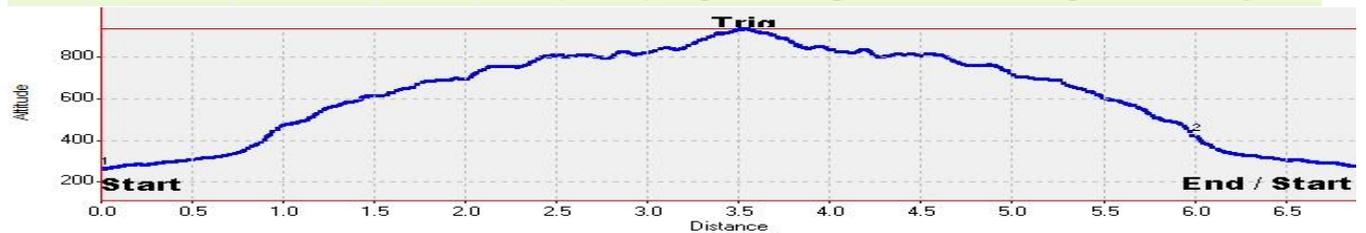
The descent back down from the trig takes about as long as the ascent due to the steepness of the slopes.



## Map and Google with GPS Data



| N... | Easting | Northing | Alt(m) | Description   |
|------|---------|----------|--------|---|
| H01  | 1934704 | 5748886  | 263    | Start of track in paddock   |
| H02  | 1935012 | 5748888  | 296    | 350m (11min); Climb through fence & follow markers to stream              |
| H03  | 1935058 | 5748886  | 296    | 390m (15min); cross stream start climbing a steep ridge                   |
| H04  | 1935505 | 5748696  | 485    | 1.07km (55min); still climbing steep ridge                                |
| H05  | 1935582 | 5748561  | 558    | 1.26km (1.11min); small level clearing                                    |
| H06  | 1935688 | 5748422  | 608    | 1.45km (1.25min); morning tea with great views over the valley            |
| H07  | 1936325 | 5748496  | 768    | 2.36km (2.12min); Huge Rimu tree  |
| H08  | 1936391 | 5748478  | 802    | 2.44km (2:20min); high point on ridge                                     |
| H09  | 1936745 | 5748140  | 843    | 3.11km (3:04min); another high point great views                          |
| H10  | 1937089 | 5748290  | 929    | 3.5km (3.26min); Trig on Hikurangi with views of Mt Edgecombe and beyond. |



### Notes:

- GPS Garmin GPSmap 62s
- WP = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
- masl = metres above sea level