BOG INN HUT to WAIHORA

260 Series Map: Whakamaru, T17

Topo50 Map: BG34 Piropiro & BG35 Tihoi **How to get to START:** Exit Taupo on SH 1 North

- At top of the hill turn left on Poihipi Road
- After 27 min turn right on to Marotiri Road
- · Pass Waihora Road on the left
- In 32 minutes turn left on to SH32 signed for Taumaranui
- In 36 minutes turn right on to Kakaho Road
- 4 min down here road turns to gravel then enter Pureora Forest Park
- At 45 minutes turn right on to Bog Inn Road / Tihoi Road
- At 60 minutes turn right at T-junction for Bog Inn
- Then see hunter's hut on left branch
- At Y-fork go left then left again
- At 1 hour 10 min find car park (BI01 796masl) sign-posted on LHS

Total driving time to the start is roughly 1:10min to 1:15 min to reach the start; you have to park in the sign-posted car park as the road deteriorates beyond this point. Drive time home from the Waihora car park (**BI16** 654masl) is nearer an hour when Whangamata Road, passing close to Kinloch, is followed.

Rough description: A long (15 – 18km), hard slog of a tramp through some of the wettest forest imaginable which takes 6-7 hours with a choice to include Bog Inn. Hut to give the full 18km. No really fierce inclines though there is the odd grunt and there are several tricky slippery areas. Altitude ranges from 654-1096 metres. No views as such but some of the moss coverings on the trees are fantastic. The seemingly never ending trail is nearing the end when you start to pass through some "cutty" grass – so keep your arms covered and avoid grass cuts.

NZ Grid GPS: Geodetic Datum 1949 **NZTM GPS:** NZTM on WGS84

Route- outwards



Route-homewards



Detail: This is a moderately fit tramp requiring between 6 and 7 hours 30 minutes total time depending on whether the detour to Bog Inn Hut is made. The rating is given as moderately fit since the track seems never ending although there are not really any severe slopes to ascend and altitude gain and loss is only about 450 metres. Access to the start requires some care as this is via an active logging forest road off Western Bays Road – SH32. The start point lies a few kilometres further north than the end hence the routes to and from the tramp are different and, obviously, the transport has to have an independent driver to shift the vehicle from the start to end points.

The tramp sets off uphill from the car park (**BI01** _{796masl}) in a NW direction for a few minutes and the road terminates at a turning circle, but you should not really attempt to drive this far. From here you descend slightly, cross a small bridge and meet the sign-boards (**BI02** _{788masl}) giving times to reach Bog Inn Hut etc.

Signboards at WP BI02



Ten minutes or so from here there is a track junction ($Bl03\ 850masl$) with the route for the day being straight ahead and sign-posted Weraroa whilst by going right there is a 40-60 minute very boggy, quite rough, in-and-out diversion to Bog Inn Hut ($Bl05\ 820masl$). Bog Inn is a good name but the hut is being refurbished and work tops, sink and wood-burner installation was in hand in July 07.

The tramp onwards to reach the high point at Weraroa Trig (B112 1095masl) might be described as a trudge rather than tramp as it does seem endless through the very wet, moss-laden forest and the only view is a glimpse of Lake Taupo (B109 935masl). From Weraroa Trig there is some quite steep descending to be done and this is quite tricky in places due to the very wet status of the undergrowth and litter cover. There are then one or two incised stream lines to cross and the lower slopes can be slippery. It should be noted that the actual track (taken by high sensitivity GPS unit) is well displaced from the mapped track. The end of the tramp is indicated by short sections of slippery red clays then the edge of the track carrying sharp edged grass which will cut exposed skin.

During this tramp there are a few junctions that should be noted:

- Bl03 track on the right for Bog Inn Hut and Pureora. Boggy, root infested and fun
- BI04 on the way to Bog Inn Hut the Pureora Track is sign-posted going off right. This is NOT a good track – refer Pureora to Bog Inn tramp description
- BI15 junction for track to Waihaha Hut from where you can exit to SH32 slightly to the south of Waihora exit quite a long way out

Moss laden trees

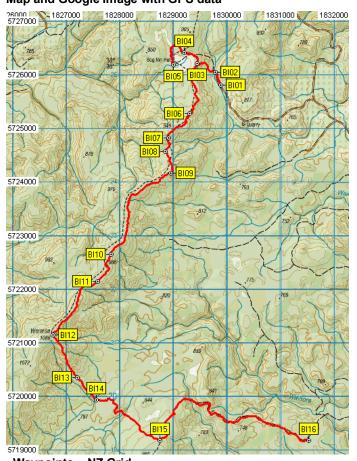


This has to be some of the wettest forest within the area

Bog Inn hut



Map and Google Image with GPS data





Waypoii	Waypoints – NZ Grid					
Name▽	Easting	Northing	Alt(m)	Description	Easting	Northing
BI01	2739998	6287431	796	11-JUL-07 8:43:58: Car Park on forest road just before start of Bog Inn track	1829867	5725540
BI02	2739894	6287673	788	7min walk to notice for Bog Inn signboard over small footbridge	1829763	5725782
BI03	2739556	6287829	850	20 min walk; Y-fork plus signs for Bog Inn (right) and Weraroa (left)	1829424	5725938
BI04	2739310	6288043	853	33min walk; T-junction to Pureora Track (right) and straight for Bog Inn	1829179	5726152
BI05	2739106	6287818	820	50 min walk; Bog Inn Hut after very boggy / root infested section of track	1828974	5725927
B106	2739423	6286897	908	2 hours walk; more or less level section after steady grunt upwards	1829293	5725006
BI07	2739025	6286454	942	2:15 walk; start steepish descent after more or less level section	1828895	5724562
BI08	2738971	6286190	884	2:35 min walk; cross stream line with steep lower slopes so tricky	1828841	5724298
BI09	2739060	6285797	935	2:40 min walk; high, wind-blasted open area with view of Lake Taupo	1828930	5723904
BI10	2737942	6284285	991	3:30min walk; level going on minor crest	1827814	5722391
BI11	2737697	6283782	991	4 hours walk; lunch spot on level area with moss laden trees	1827569	5721887
BI12	2736863	6282778	1095	4:45 min walk; Open crest area (Weraroa Trig) then left at sign for Waihora & Waihaha	1826736	5720882
BI13	2737324	6281977	846	5:20min walk; bottom of steep, slippery, tricky descent	1827197	5720081
BI14	2737674	6281564	802	5:35 min walk; steep lower slopes into and out of stream line crossing	1827548	5719668
BI15	2738848	6280803	887	6:15 min walk; T-junction with straight for Waihaha and left for Waihora	1828723	5718908
BI16	2741631	6280801	654	7:40 min walk: Waihora car park	1831508	5718909
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Notes:

• GPS Garmin GPSmap 60CSx
• WP = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
• masl = metres above sea level (as recorded by GPS unit)

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