

## TWO JONS' CAMP

**260 Series Map:** Kaimanawa, U19

**Topo50 Map:** BH37 Rangitaiki

### How to get to START:

- Exit Taupo on **SH5** for Napier.
  - In about 20 minutes turn right into **Taharua Road**
  - After another 7 – 8 minutes again turn right into **Clements Mill Road**
  - Ten minutes on this gravel, forest road brings you to **Te Iringa** car park on your left
- Once parked, walk back to the gravel road from the car park and turn left along the road.

A very good leaflet titled "Early days at Clements Road – Kaimanawa State Forest Park" can be obtained from the Department of Conservation, Private Bag Turangi Tel 8607 or P.O. Box 942, Taupo.

**Rough description:** A moderate to easy walk of 4 – 5 hours which should not be attempted without having someone along who knows the area and tracks. The walk is mainly on uncharted tracks and old forestry roads through both virgin and logged forest. The uncharted tracks are mainly hunters' tracks and are marked by paint splashes (reddish, yellow plus green) on the trees whilst many of the old roads are quite heavily overgrown in places. Wind-fall trees can be slight hazards or inconveniences on the walk.

There is an altitude loss / gain of 150 metres with altitudes varying from 700 metres to about 840 metres with only one semi-serious uphill grunt on the entire walk. It is interesting to note that in places gullies must have been filled during construction of the old logging roads that are used on this walk. Overall distance is about 12km.

*Travel times for access are measured from Taupo Police Station*

**Detail:** On leaving the Te Iringa car park (**TJ01** 797masl) turn left along the gravel road. You quickly cross a bridge over a stream and then find yourself in heavy, mature forest where the road is well incised and in 25 minutes, at a hairpin bend at the top of a hill (**TJ02** 848masl), turn off the road into the forest on your right. The path is NOT clear and paint markings should be looked for and carefully followed – there are red and yellow markers and if both are seen favour the yellow. There are windfalls to negotiate and some large native forest trees soon appear then in about 1 hour you reach the boundary (**TJ05** 768masl) between the logged and unlogged forest – the very considerable differences in your surroundings are shown to some extent in the photos below.

As stated this walk is on uncharted or mapped tracks but the GPS trace can be relied on. You now start to encounter some of the old infrastructure from the logging days and in 1:10 you turn left on to an old, overgrown road (**TJ06** 745masl) then in 1:15 minutes you meet a T-Junction (**TJ07** 722masl) where you turn right on to a bigger road. Five or so minutes later go right at another T-junction (**TJ08** 729masl). In 1 hour 35 minutes at another junction (**TJ09** 701masl) you turn right towards the river and the site of one of the old camps - this is a good place for morning tea (**TJ10** 705masl).

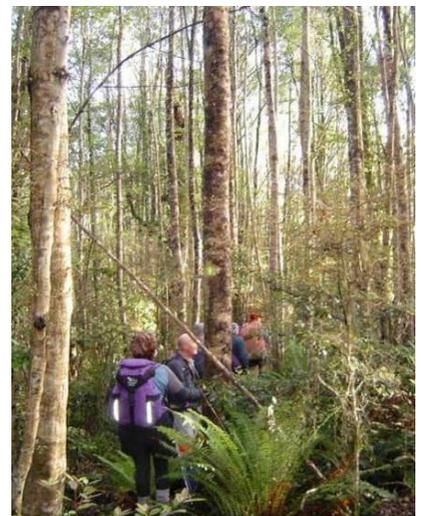
There used to be several huts on this site but sadly all are now gone and the only artifact is the remnants of an old wood-burning stove. From here you continue down-slope towards the Te Arero Stream which is crossed using a fallen tree as a bridge (**TJ11** 707masl). The track is quite clear in this area and in 2:15min you cross what appears to be a filled gully (**TJ12** 737masl) then in 2:25 go right at a minor Y-junction (**TJ13** 748masl).

### Un-logged area big trees

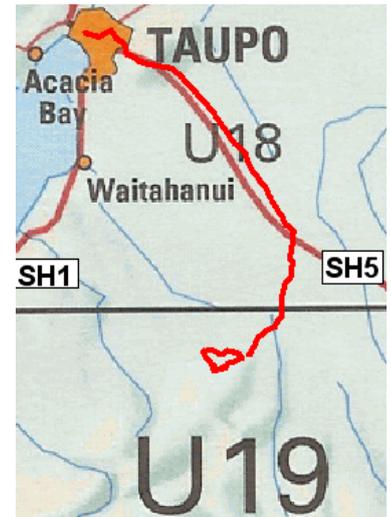


Fifteen minutes later bear right (**TJ14** 760masl) at a bend or minor junction then go left (**TJ15** 763masl) at a T-junction which can be recognised by finding "FB" marked on the trees. On a down-slope incised section of road (**TJ16** 767masl) there is an orange ribbon tied to the trees there is a choice to go straight ahead, where one comes into the open at a fire break in about 20 minutes – then come back, or branch right to continue to the 2 Jons' camp. The next section is a bit unclear / poorly marked so watch the markers but in 10 minutes you hit a track (**TJ17** 774masl) where you go left. A heavily overgrown area is reached in 3:12min or so where orange markers guide you through the ferns (**TJ18** 776masl), left off the track then back on to the track which bends left.

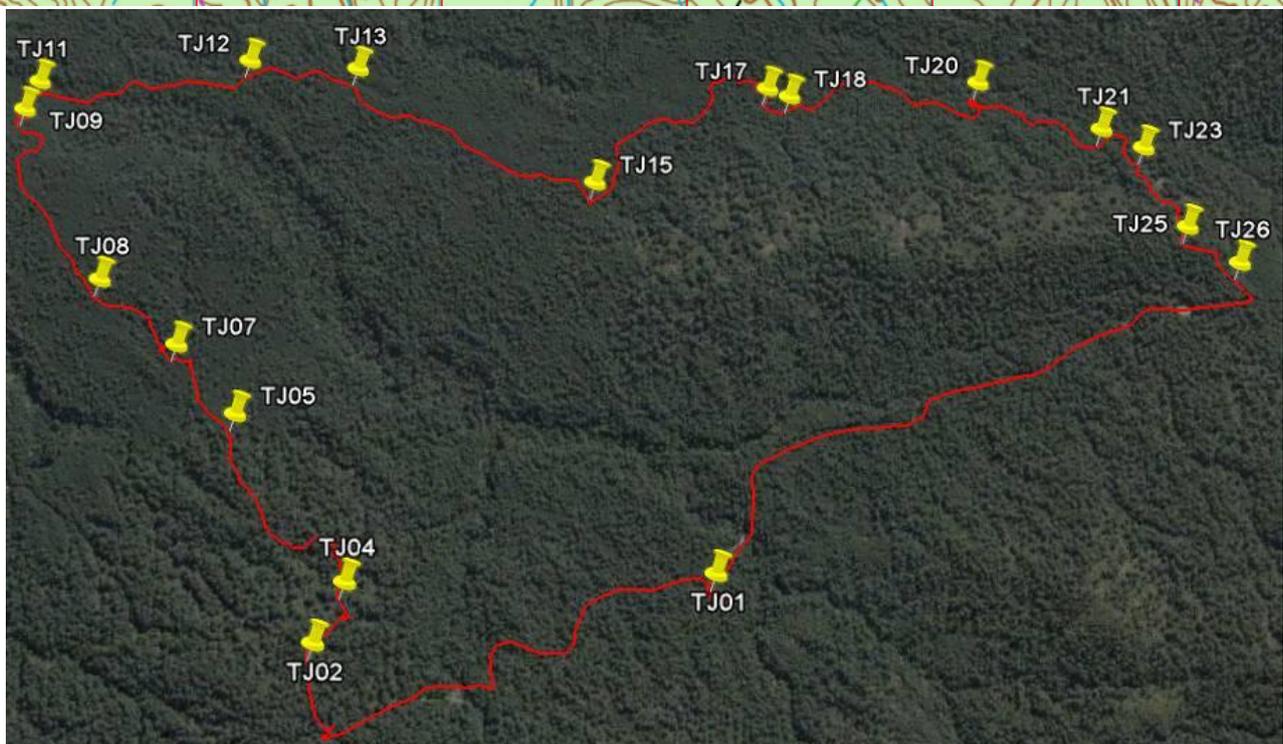
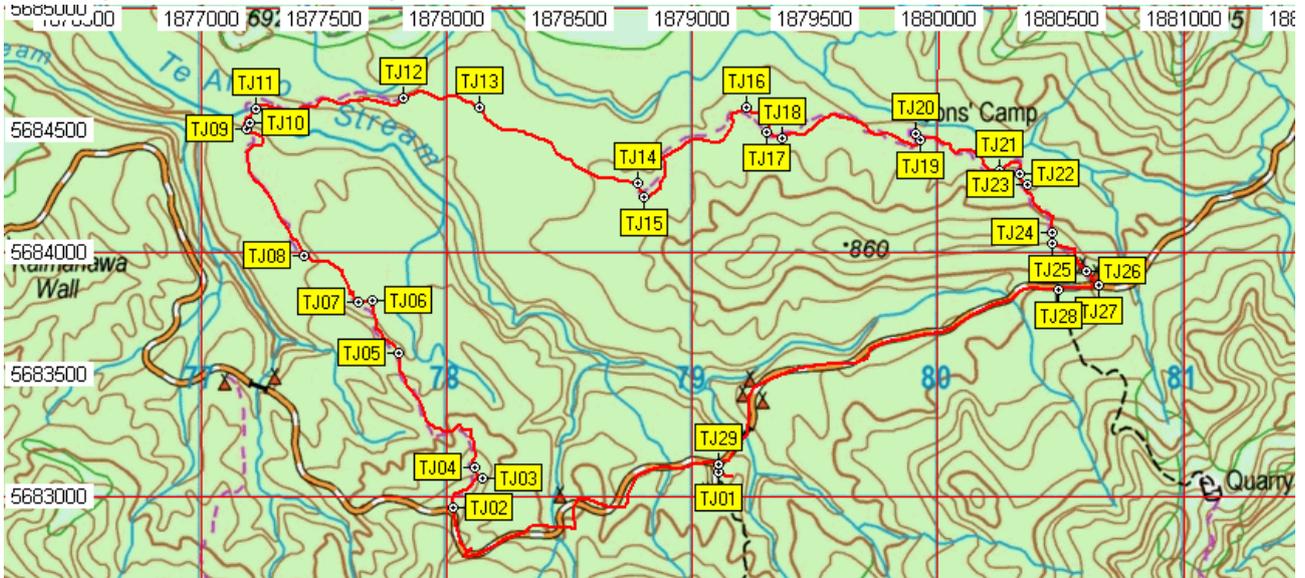
### Logged area re-growth



### Access



# Track and waypoints on map and Google Earth

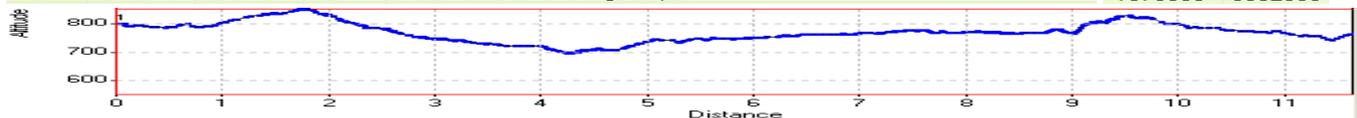


## Waypoints – NZ Grid

Name	Easting	Northing	Alt(m)	Description
TJ01	2789084	6245155	797	17-OCT2007 Te Iringa Car park
TJ02	2788004	6245008	848	25 min; turn off gravel road to right at hairpin bend
TJ03	2788119	6245128	833	35min; large windfall to work round
TJ04	2788087	6245168	824	1hour; boundary logged forest to virgin forest
TJ05	2787782	6245641	768	1:10min; turn left on to old, overgrown forest road
TJ06	2787672	6245852	745	1:15 T-junction with larger road, go right
TJ07	2787616	6245844	722	1:22min; T-junction, go right
TJ08	2787397	6246040	729	1:35min; Go right at junction to old forest / loggers camp
TJ09	2787163	6246553	701	1:50min; leave old camp after smoke heading downhill NNE towards streamline
TJ10	2787178	6246579	705	2hours; cross Arero Stream on log bridge and immediately turn to right
TJ11	2787202	6246636	707	2:15min; on fair forest road crossing what appears to be a filled gully
TJ12	2787801	6246678	737	2:25min; go right at minor Y-junction
TJ13	2788110	6246643	748	2:40min; bear right at bend or minor Y-junction
TJ14	2788751	6246331	760	2:42min; Go left at T-junction with tree marks FB (Fire break / forest boundary?)
TJ15	2788781	6246274	763	3hours; Orange ribbon on tree on incised, downslope road indicates turn off right on track
TJ16	2789195	6246639	767	3:10min; go left on hitting track, after unclear section
TJ17	2789280	6246539	774	3:12min; branch left off track on orange markers, through ferns then hit track again
TJ18	2789342	6246513	776	3:25min; sharp lookout for large then bent tree and turn off left on unmarked track
TJ19	2789901	6246511	770	3:28min; two Jons' camp about 50m down track
TJ20	2789882	6246535	769	4:05min; post lunch, blue string on tree - head steeply downslope here
TJ21	2790223	6246382	775	4:10min; rolling, hilly area and "grunt" of the day
TJ22	2790305	6246369	775	4:15min; go right at small Y-fork near top of grunt
TJ23	2790338	6246322	798	4:25min; go straight over / slightly up to left over small gully. Do not follow path down.
TJ24	2790440	6246127	816	4:30min; go downslope to the left at T-junction on better path
TJ25	2790441	6246083	825	4:35min; hunters' camp site, open and with wider track
TJ26	2790577	6245372	821	4:38min; go right on meeting Clement's Mill Road
TJ27	2790627	6245317	818	4:40min; road off on left to quarry and Punchy's Road tramp
TJ28	2790466	6245899	799	5 hours; entrance to Te Iringa car park
TJ29	2789079	6245185	762	

## NZTM

Easting	Northing
1879098	5682836
1878018	5682688
1878133	5682809
1878101	5682849
1877795	5683322
1877685	5683533
1877629	5683525
1877409	5683720
1877175	5684234
1877191	5684260
1877214	5684317
1877814	5684359
1878123	5684324
1878765	5684013
1878795	5683956
1879209	5684321
1879294	5684222
1879356	5684195
1879915	5684194
1879896	5684218
1880238	5684065
1880319	5684052
1880353	5684005
1880455	5683810
1880456	5683766
1880592	5683655
1880642	5683600
1880481	5683582
1879093	5682866



Two Jons' camp



Two Jons kitchen



Old roads with re-growth Beech



The camp is left by the same small spur entry track and one goes left back on the larger track. This section of track is rough and rather indistinct so care is required. Post lunch, about 4 hours out, on a down-slope section, some blue string can be seen hanging on a tree (TJ21 775masl) so go steeply downhill from here. You are now in rolling, hilly terrain (4:10 min TJ22 775masl) and you have the "grunt-of-the-day" uphill section and near the top of this go right at a small Y-fork (TJ23 798masl). In 4:25 there is a small gully (TJ24 816masl) with a bit of a path going down left: go straight over not down.

At 4:30 min go left at a T-junction (TJ25 825masl) where the track improves considerably. A few minutes later you enter an open area (TJ26 821masl) with a car park / hunters' camp and you pick up a wide track to take you to the main (Clements Mill) gravel road at a T-junction (TJ27 818masl) – go to the right. From here it is about 20 minutes back to your starting point after passing a junction on the left (TJ28) which goes to a quarry then you find the entrance and signboard to the Te Iringa car park (TJ29).

The whole walk takes 4-5 hours assuming no wrong turnings are taken – but, be warned, people have got lost to some extent on this walk and they had been there before. However it has been proved possible to complete this walk without an expert guide in hand. By making use of the capabilities of "back-tracking" on a GPS device, careful use of the map and having several pairs of eyes looking for the paint marks – especially early on the route – it is quite possible. Generally it proved easier to navigate from waypoint to waypoint since after each "leg" there was a target. This also left the opportunity to "bush-bash" onwards to a clear feature, such as a track junction, if at any point the trail really was lost. The GPSMap60CSx invariably took the navigator to within a few feet of the desired ground point and the Garmin Summit and Etrex models were pretty good as and when a clear signal was received – but it should be noted that the Summit and Etrex did lose signal at times. If navigating by GPS then it is essential to:

- Use the device carefully in conjunction with
- The map as appended to this report and
- Normal tracking techniques of looking for indications of a track on the ground and for paint marks on trees

GPS briefing and set-up



GPS use deep in the forest



- Notes:
- **GPS** Garmin GPSMap 60CSx
  - **WP** = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
  - **masl** = metres above sea level