



Mangawhai to Pakiri

(Map 020, 021, 022)

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| Northern Start | Beach carpark, Wintle St, Mangawhai Heads |
| Southern End | Beach access, Pakiri Beach |
| Distance | 30km |
| Time | 7-8hr |
| Tramping Standard | Easy tramping track |

Route

From Mangawhai Heads carpark, follow the road to the walkway by 44 Wintle St which leads down to the estuary. Follow the estuary past a camping ground, a boat ramp & holiday baches until wooden steps lead up to the Findlay Street walkway. From Findlay Street, head left into Molesworth Drive until reaching Mangawhai Village. Then a right into Moir St, left into Insley St and across the estuary then left into Black Swamp Rd. Follow this road until reaching Pacific Rd which leads you through a forestry block to the beach and the next stage of Te Araroa.

Bypass Note: You could obtain a boat ride across the estuary to the Mangawhai Spit to avoid the road walking section. Care of sand-nesting birds is required on this Scientific Wildlife Reserve - please stick to the shoreline.

No dogs allowed

Lower tide best: check best times for walking on www.niwa.co.nz/our-services/online-services/tides.

Warning; when heavy rain & high tide coincide these rivers can be deep; never cross flooded rivers; Environment Wildlife Sanctuary - avoid dune nesting sites; no dogs allowed.

Just 1km south, a stream cuts across the beach and it can go over thigh height, as can other water crossings on this track. Follow the coast southwards for another 2km, then take the track over Te Arai Point. Once back on the beach, continue south for 12km (fording Poutawa Stream on the way) until you cross the Pakiri River then head inland to reach the end of Pakiri River Road.

****Please take care all the way down the beach and avoid entering taped/marked nesting sites, particularly if needing to venture upstream to cross. Where possible, avoid the sand-dune area altogether.**

Other Information

Mangawhai Heads

Getting to/from the start

Te Araroa's Auckland region begins at Mangawhai Heads, a popular holiday and surf destination which is accessible by road. Unfortunately, long haul bus services pass by 19kms away at Kaiwaka so getting to Mangawhai would necessitate a pre-arranged pick up by a willing accommodation provider - see Local Transport below.

Local Transport

[Leabourn Shuttles](#) P: 09 423 7416 - E: info@leabourn.co.nz

General / Visitor Information

[Carters's Mangawhai Information Centre](#) - Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Heads (entrance Mangawhai Golf Club) - P: 09 431 5090 - E: mangawhaiinfo@xtra.co.nz

Accommodation

[Mangawhai Heads Motel or Camping Ground](#) - 2 Mangawhai Heads Rd, Mangawhai Heads - P: 09 431 4675

[Fairways B&B](#) - 240 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Heads - P: 09-431 4042 or 021 619 311 - E: cleaver@fairways.co.nz

[Mangawhai Lodge](#) - 4 Heather St, Mangawhai Heads - P: 09 431 5311 - info@seaviewlodge.co.nz

Debbie's Flax Studio - Mangawhai Heads Rd - P: 021 519480 - E: debbiesflaxstudio@gmail.com - Double bed studio, hot alfresco shower, kitchenette, tea/coffee provided - \$50pp

Resupply

-[Mangawhai Deli](#) - Wood Street Shops - P: 09 431 5887

Mangawhai Village

Accommodation

[Hidden Estuary sleepout retreat](#) - Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai - P: 021 1126161 (Simon) - Sleepout with double bed upstairs and double bed downstairs, use of main house bathroom or compost toilet available. Spacious grounds with private estuary front access. BBQ and kayak also available. Close proximity to all village amenities.

[Tudor Oaks Motel](#) - 47 Moir St, Mangawhai - P: 09 431 5393 or 027 493 1901 - E: dianne@tudoroaks.co.nz

[Mangawhai Holiday Park](#) - 71 Moir Street, Mangawhai - P: 09 431 5435 or 027 483 9335 - E:

info@mangawhaiholidaypark.co.nz

[Riverside Holiday Park](#) - 41 Black Swamp Rd - P: 09 431 4825 - E: office.riverside@xtra.co.nz - tent sites, caravans, units, kitchen, laundry, wifi and TV/games room.

Resupply:

[Mangawhai Village Four Square](#) - Moir Street, Mangawhai Village - P: 09 431 4585

Te Arai Point

Car parking, toilets and picnic areas.

Note: there is no tenting allowed; there is a small SCC campground (up to 10 SCC campervans) for SCC campervans only, pre booking through the Auckland Council is required.

Pakiri

Accommodation

Pakiri Beach Holiday Park - 261 Pakiri River Rd, Pakiri (just as you come off Pakiri Beach) - P: 09 422 6199 - E:

pakiri@khh.co.nz - Camping, cabins & motel units. Camp store stocks a variety of food, drinks, toiletries, fresh milk and bread. Special rates for TA walkers!! 30th April – 30th November \$15.00 per person, 1st Dec – 22nd Dec \$20 per person, 22nd Dec – 31st Jan \$25 per person, 1st Feb – 31st March \$20 per person Bunk bed in a shared bunk room. 30th April – 30th November \$30.00 per person, 1st Dec – 22nd Dec \$35 per person, 22nd Dec – 31st Jan \$40 per person, 1st Feb – 31st March \$35 per person. Sheet and pillow included in bunk room. Use of kitchen and bathroom facilities, showers are 50c for 4 minutes. Laundry facilities \$3 per load. On site convenience shop open 8:30am - 5:30pm winter, 8:30am - 7pm summer. Bookings not essential but if you are arriving outside of business hours please phone ahead.

[Pakiri Paradise on the Ridge](#) - 505 Rodney Road, Pakiri, phone 021 10662108, rosiewilk@xtra.co.nz - AIRBNB - Guest Room

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track
- Forestry operations
- Tides, waves & rivers - safer at low tide
- River crossings - Never cross flooded rivers
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold
- If swimming, beware of rips.

Requirements

- Respect private land
- No litter
- No dogs
- No taking plants
- No fires

Amenities (Start)

- Full range of amenities in Mangawhai

Amenities (On Route)

- Carpark Te Arai Point
- Picnic area Te Arai Point
- Toilets Te Arai Point