



Totara Park to Mangatawhiri River

(Map 029, 030)

Northern Start	Wairere Road, Totara Park
Southern End	Mangatawhiri River Bridge
Distance	26km
Time	7-8hr
Tramping Standard	Mixed grade

Route

Exit the Botanic Gardens into Wairere Rd, and follow it to its end. Turn right/southwest into Hill Rd and follow that down 300m to a three-way roundabout. Turn left/southeast into Stratford Rd, for 600m to a large roundabout intersection.

The bypass start here for 36.5 km in a direct line to return to the trail through urban areas as much as possible for footpaths.

Turn right/southeast into Ranfurly Rd. Head along Ranfurly Road for 150 metres and turn left into Porchester Road. Follow Porchester Road for 5 km until it bends left into Ingram Street. Take the first right into Pricor Street, cross the five way junction/roundabout South into Mame Road. Turn right into Settlement Road, cross over the railway then after 650 metres turn left into Great South Road. You will pass historic Kirks Bush Scenic Reserve on the right/west.

Follow Great South Road for 3.7 km to the roundabout in Drury, turn left into Waihoehoe Road and cross over the Main Trunk Railway. This is the end of the footpaths. Turn right into Fitzgerald Road and follow for 3 km. It will merge with Drury Hills Road, rename as Ramarama Road and pass the quarry on the left.

Turn left into Willow Road and right into Davies Road. Cross the intersection into Maxted Road. Turn right into Matthew Whitford Drive across the intersection into Barber Road, right into Paparata Road, veer right into Pinnacle Hill Road after 2.5 km. Follow Pinnacle Hill Road for 6.5 km to meet State Highway 2.

Turn left/east along the State Highway for 2.5 km until you cross a bridge over the Mangatawhiri River. Cross the road on to the stopbank on the southeast side of the river.

Other Information

En route

Accommodation

Applaud Bed and Breakfast - check it out on booking.com - or text Robert on 0274 928 965 - Homestead for a bed and room for tents - plenty of showers and hot water!! - FREE WIFI

Ramarama Country Caravan Park - 25 Ararimu Rd - One person is \$23 and \$8 for an extra person. Their ph is 092948903

Drury Hills Nest – Drury Hills Road P: 022 692 3054 (Hannah) or 021 566 527 (Jono) E: druryhillsnest@gmail.com – Spacious, self-contained detached accommodation, comfy super king bed, heat pump, WIFI and flat screen TV. Continental breakfast provided. Happy to accommodate up to two kids, too.

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track Take extreme care on Brookby Rd, Twilight Rd and Kimptons Rd
- Poisons & traps
- Farming operations
- Few water sources

Requirements

- Keep to the track
- Respect private land
- Forestry operations - Track may be closed occasionally
- No dogs
- No horses
- No firearms
- No fires in forest
- Wear hi-viz clothing/pack cover and don't use headphones

Amenities (Start)

- Car park
- Picnic area
- Toilets

Amenities (On Route)

- Roadside parking only