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### **57. Kerikeri to Puketī Hut: 28 km, 7 hrs (maps 14, 13)**

#### Kerikeri River Track: 7 km, 2 hrs

Follow the path inland along the northern bank of the Kerikeri River on the Kerikeri Walkway. You will pass the remains of a powerhouse built as part of a hydro-electric scheme that operated from 1930 to 1967, and past the 27m high Rainbow Falls that tumble over basalt lava fields which flowed into the river valley during long past volcanic eruptions. Continue following the orange markers through pleasant tōtara groves for 3 km to SH10 where there is a picnic area and stile. There can be single-wire electric fences along this stretch. These are generally easy to get across or under, but take care to avoid getting a shock. There's an electrified gate which is easy to go through by using the plastic insulated handle. Leave the gate open or closed as you find it.

#### SH10 to Puketī Hut: 21 km, 5 hrs.

The next bit seems to be subject to regular changes over the years so can be a bit variable. The standard route when you get to SH10 is to cross over and follow the Kerikeri River but shortly turn left along the Maungaparerua Stream where it joins the river and then the Waimokaikai Stream over farmland to sidle around Mt Maungaparerua with its wide view across the Bay of Islands and go through pine forest to join the northmost end of Mangakaretu Rd. There are electric fences along the route: use the plastic handles to open electrified gates and replace them as they were. Move gently but steadily around cattle to avoid spooking them. Follow this road south-west (more or less) about 5 km until a track over farm land goes off at right. When this gets to Wairere Rd after about 3 km, turn right and head north on the road for 2 km, then turn left and walk about 1 km to Puketī Hut and campsite.

If the track from Mangakaretu to Wairere Rd is closed due to farm operations, keep going in a southerly direction on Mangakaretu Rd to Puketōtara Rd. Turn right into this, then right again into Wairere Rd.

- [DoC campsite](#) and [Puketī Hut](#) – The 18 bunk hut has electricity, gas and cold showers. You have to book it in advance to get a combination code for the door lock. Book on 09 407-0300 or online \$18. The latter is preferable as there is a \$10 surcharge for booking by phone, at a DoC centre or by email! A back country hut pass can't be used in the summer season. The campsite costs \$8 by using an honesty box says the DoC website, but it also says you have to book in advance and the same surcharge applies if a DoC staff member has to do it for you! Remember to bring the right change if you plan to use the honesty box.

### **The Northland Forests: 98 km, 4-5 days (maps 13, 12, 11, 10, 9)**

#### Omahuta-Puketī Forest Track: 30 km, 2 days (maps 13, 12, 11).

*Omahuta-Puketī Forest Track is a challenging, wet route using river canyons that are subject to flash floods. You need good equipment and navigation skills. Only go in dry weather. Note that there are some beehives en route, and poison and trapping for possums, rats and mustelids occurs within this forest. Goat control operations using contract hunters also takes place.*

*For forest hygiene and visitor safety reasons it is requested that Puketī and Omahuta Forests camping is restricted to the sites recommended by DoC – those being Blackbridge Rd, Apple Dam and Puketī Forest HQ (eastern edge of Puketī Forest). These sites have been identified for camping as they are away from kauri, therefore reducing the risk of spreading kauri die-back disease, and will be poison exclusion zones for possum control operations. Plan using only these two sites.*

### **58. Puketī Hut to Apple Dam campsite: 25 km (maps 13, 12, 11)**

Take the 4WD road Pukatea Ridge Track, aka Pirau Ridge Road, from the Puketī Forest Hut for 9 km. Watch out for vehicles and mountain bikers. Keep left when it then joins the Walnut Track, and 300m further on stay right when the Takapau Track meets it. You are now on the Pukatea Ridge. After 3 km this descends steeply to the Waipapa River. The track along the river is rough and very slippery after rain, but well marked, and you could instead wade along the river between shoals, but parts are deep. A short, muddy descent then takes you down to cross the river at the junction with the Lower Waipapa River Track. On the other side you walk up the Mangapukahukahu Stream, but don't cross over exactly where this stream and the Waipapa River meet. Go downstream a little where it is much shallower. The crossing point is marked. A track leads up on the other side.

The route up the Mangapukahukahu Stream is through a gorge and is subject to flash floods after heavy rain. DO NOT attempt this route in heavy rain. A rough track through trees and pampas grass leads off at left and uphill, passing two old forestry skid sites. It becomes a 4WD track down the other side to the start of Blackbridge Rd (a 4WD road). A new campsite has been built at the start of Blackbridge Rd, around grid ref 6159.5E, 6100.6N, with a shelter and a water tank. Hikers say that the water is dodgy at Apple Dam, so it may be worth staying here in preference. Wherever you stay, it may be worth topping up for water as it can be scarce over the next section.

Blackbridge Rd joins Kauri Pā Rd (keep left at the junction). To detour to the Apple Dam campsite 1 km from the junction take the next left, down Kauri Sanctuary Rd for 500 m. A grassy 4WD track runs downhill on the left to a small and shady campsite with water tank/stream/dam and a long-drop toilet (up the road from the campsite). The kauri sanctuary is further down the road. To avoid the spread of kauri die-back please do not camp around kauri.

Wet weather by-pass option 1: Starting from Puketī Forest Hut area, head south on Waiare Rd, then turn right into Puketī Rd for 9 km. It joins SH1 at Waihou Valley. Stay on SH1 going west and north-west. When you get to the Omahuta Rd turn off at right after 22 km you can just keep going on SH1 north to Mangamuka, as the standard trail route comes down Omahuta Rd onto this section of SH1.

Wet weather by-pass option 2 (31 km Puketī Hut to Apple Dam): This is marked purple on the TA map and the TA Trail app, but not covered in the official SoBo notes, while the above one IS described, but not marked on the map!: Continue up Waiare Rd from the Puketī Forest Hut area. Go left on Pupuke Mangapa Rd. This goes a long way west. When it branches, take the left one. This crosses the Mangapa River after about 1.5 km and becomes Jacksons Rd. Take the next left, Kauri Pā Rd. After Blackbridge Rd joins it you pass the Apple Dam area and it becomes Kauri Sanctuary Rd. If you don't want to camp at Apple Dam and just get out of the forest you can skip turning into Kauri Pā Rd and stay on Jacksons until it becomes Omahuta Rd. Apple Dam does not appear to be an especially wonderful place to camp, but you could always divert south-east on Blackbridge Rd about 3 km to the new campsite on Blackbridge Rd.

**59. Apple Dam to Makene Road campsite: 5 hrs, 17 km, (map, 11, 10)**

*The route through to Takahue is closed as of Sept 2022, with an unknown re-opening date. See the TA site for updates. I will outline the diversion route a bit further below. But first, here is the standard route:*

To continue, keep on Kauri Sanctuary Rd headed west then north-west, past occasional beehives tucked into the forest (just button up your clothes and walk gently past) and an airstrip on your right. At a junction the road becomes Omahuta Forest Rd if you turn right and 700m further on is Omahuta. It is 31 km in total to here from Puketī Hut.

Walk 5km south-west down Omahuta Rd to the junction with SH1. Turn right and pass over Mangamuka Bridge before Mangamuka settlement (where there is a dairy with takeaways: see below). Apparently there are public toilets but they don't have water for washing your hands. Your best bet for water may be the cemetery. Turn left at Makene Rd, 12km from Omahuta.

- Mangamuka Bridge Dairy – SH 1 Mangamuka Bridge, takeaways available. Mon–Fri 7am–5pm. 09 401 9184. Map grid approx 1649.5 E, 6100.7 N.
- Mākene Rd – at start of Raetea Forest, camping spot with toilet, river, picnic table. There is a stream but whether it is safe to drink is another matter. Stay by donation. A caravan can be booked: trishterran@gmail.com. (Confirmed correct Nov 2022)

**60. Mākene Road campsite to Mangamuka Gorge Walkway campsite via Raetea Forest Track: 9 hrs, 18 km, (maps 10, 9)**

From about here to the other side of the Raetea Forest there is little reliable water, so top up if you haven't already. The track leaves the road about 1.5 km up the road to the right, up a driveway and through the yard of a house. Dogs will bark but won't hurt you. The owners are used to walkers passing through and a greeting and/or thank you will go down well. To steer away from the dogs, pass to the left of the house through a gate, leaving the gate as you found it.

The track goes up a ridge to the peak of Umaumakaroro (447m), then goes more or less west, first to Kumetewhiwhia (638m) and then to Raetea (744m). These are some of the highest peaks in Northland, so expect cloud and rain. There is a small area of ground at Raetea Peak where some people camp. Keep going straight when a track branches off at left after Umaumakaroro and take the left fork about 1.3 km after Kumetewhiwhia. And about 1.7 km after Raetea take the left branch in the track along the Mangamuka Gorge Walkway. After an un-named 580m peak the track descends steeply to a saddle, where a track branches off at left. Ignore this branch and keep descending through farmland for 2 km to the old Takahue Saddle Rd (just a track now). This takes you down to a junction with Warner Rd and leads you along the Takahue Saddle Rd, which follows the Takahue River and leads you to the tiny settlement of Takahue.

- Mangamuka Gorge Walkway campsite there is a marked spot about 1.5 km before you get to Warner Rd with water, toilets and a container for donations (approx 1634.0 E 6102.9 N). Note, there is NO CAMPING allowed at Warner Rd by the river.
- Takahue Marae (Old School Grounds) – NW corner of Takahue crossroads. Tenting, toilets and water are available, \$10 koha appreciated. There is a labelled box for this in (or on?) one of the utility sheds. Ph Karen Murray 021 0754 246 if any questions. (Confirmed correct Nov 2022)

- Tramp Inn – 1479 Diggers Valley Rd. It is about where a track to an airstrip is marked on the Topo map. Private hut near the start of the Herekino Forest Track (west of Raetea Forest) It is a 7 km detour off the current trail. However, you can avoid retracing those 7 km by taking the Waitohue Rd west of Takahue and then using the track marked on the NZ Topo/TA map to get to Diggers Valley Rd. Then you can go out to meet up with the Takahue Road again. I'd guess the loop is about 12 km in total, as against 4.5 km if you stick to the trail from Takahue to the point where DV Rd joins it. Pay \$10 in an honesty box. 14 bunks and tent sites. 09 408 8851, [bullandchicken@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bullandchicken@xtra.co.nz) (Alan and Hayley Tubbs). (Confirmed correct Nov 2022)
- Peter Griffiths of Takahue (on the west side of Raetea Forest) – Can provide a drop-off and pick up service for a small fee and has some backpacker accommodation available. Contact him in advance on 09 408 3685. (Confirmed correct, Nov 2022)

### **2022 diversion: Mangamuka Bridge to Mangamuka Gorge Walkway campsite c. 30 km**

DoC report that there are numerous fallen trees and two major slips on the Raetea Forest track from Makene Rd to Warner Rd and have temporarily closed it. The road route via the Mangamuka Gorge is also closed. Check the TA website under Trail Updates for the current situation.

Follow the first paragraph of #59. Apple Dam to Makene Rd campsite above. Walk 5km south-west down Omahuta Rd to the junction with SH1. Turn north to go over Mangamuka Bridge and then turn left into Mangamuka Rd to walk 20 km to Broadwood. This is a narrow and winding sealed road with limited road shoulder. Traffic is limited but includes large logging trucks, so you could consider hitch hiking.

You can also camp in Mangamuka Bridge settlement at the turn-off into Mangamuka Rd. This is a temporary campsite for the duration of the diversion. The site is behind the old hotel, now called Tautoko FM Radio, on the corner, where there is a patch of grass and a water tank. But ask at the dairy further north first (open 7am to 5pm weekdays). There are longdrop toilets just past the dairy.

When you get to the settlement of Broadwood locals here have also offered two temporary campsites for TA walkers. One is on the right after Takahue Saddle Rd and after a house and a small bridge, and is by toilets. A general store is further up on the left. The other one is much more secluded and is accessed at left, again after Takahue Saddle Rd and just before the small bridge. Two white posts mark the turn off from the road, down along the stream and past a green shed to a spot with toilets and a water tap (drawing from the stream). Ask at the store if the toilets are locked.

The trail is now up Takahue Saddle Rd and then along a track that joins up with usual TA trail at the Mangamuka Gorge Walkway. Turn left here and head towards Warner Rd. There is a campsite about 1.5 km further on.

### **61. Mangamuka Gorge Walkway campsite to Kaitaia (21 km) and Ahipara Holiday Park (another 14 km) (maps 8, 7)**

Some years back the trail went through the Herekino Forest to Ahipara, but this is closed due to kauri die-back disease. So the alternative is continue on the Takahue Saddle Rd to Takahue and walk north on Takahue Rd. Just before the 4th bridge turn left into Ruaroa Rd and when you get to SH1 hitch or arrange a lift the 6 km to Kaitaia (the road is dangerous for walking). This is useful for

resupplying anyway, as you wouldn't have passed through Kaitaia if you had been walking through the Herekino Forest. From Kaitaia it is 14 km road walking or hitch hiking to Ahipara or you can take a limited service bus (see below).

Kaitaia has two supermarkets: Pak'nSave at 111 North St and a Hunting & Fishing store and The Warehouse in the same north end of town, as well as a Four Square at 65 Commerce St and a bulk bin Your Shelf store at 244, and Healthy Wholefoods at 216. There is a DoC office at 25 Matthews Ave and an i-Site in the Te Ahu Centre on the corner of Matthews Ave and South Rd at the south end of town. At the latter you can fill in a TA intentions book, for your safety on the 90 Mile Beach, as well as find about transport to Cape Reinga if you haven't already got that sorted. There are computers, cafes and a library in the centre. There isn't much to Ahipara. Only the very small superette for resupply, and a takeaway store nearby.

- [Beachcomber Lodge & Backpacker](#) – 235 Commerce St, Kaitaia, has private rooms, dorms, a kitchen and luggage storage. Check in at the Wayfarer Motel next door. 09 408 1275.
- [Ahipara Holiday Park](#) – 168 Takahe St, Ahipara, 09 409 4864.
- [YHA Ahipara](#) – This is associated with the holiday park, so same address and phone numbers.
- [Endless Summer Lodge](#) – BBH hostel, 245 Foreshore Rd, Ahipara, about 1.5 km south of the superette, 09 409 4181.
- [Ahipara Bay Motel](#) – 22 Reef View Rd, Ahipara (about 1 km south of the superette), 09 409 4888; 0800 906 453.
- Ahipara Superette – 4 Takahe St, Ahipara, open 7:30 am to 6:30 pm daily, includes post office open 9am to 5pm Mon to Friday and Sat morning, 09 409 4828.
- [Bus Link](#) – A bus goes between Kaitaia and Ahipara around 5pm weekdays, and on Wednesdays in the mornings and around 1pm.
- [Intercity](#) – Buses depart 10.10am from Kaitaia to Auckland, via Whangarei on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays only. And from Paihia every days, with two services daily and three on Friday and Sunday.

### **Ahipara to Cape Reinga: 100.5 km, 4 days (maps 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1)**

The following plan from Ahipara to Cape Reinga is suggested on the official TA site (here reversed of course). But you could consider flip-flopping the last section of your walk and start at Cape Reinga as you then don't have to arrange a time to be picked up and avoid working around the state of the tide to get to the Cape Reinga car park by this time. On the other hand, some providers may be able to take you to Kerikeri or Paihia from the cape, which then gives you more options for buses south.

Day 1 – Ahipara to Hukatere Lodge/Utea Park (31 km) or just to Waipapakauri Holiday Park (14 km) and make a fifth day of it by walking the 17 km to Hukatere the next day.

Day 2 – Hukatere Lodge/Utea Park to Maunganui Bluff campsite (30 km)

Day 3 – Maunganui Bluff campsite to Twilight Beach campsite (28km)

Day 4 – Twilight Beach campsite to Cape Reinga (12km)

It is preferable to avoid high tide as the water can come all the way up to the dunes in parts and make for either wet feet or a need to walk in soft sand or the hilly dunes. Check the [NIWA site for tides](#). You should take plenty of water, as there are few sources, and the beach is of course very

exposed, so sunscreen and a hat and/or scarf are essential. You are requested not to camp in the Aupōuri Forest of pines that runs alongside Ninety Mile Beach.

You should know that there may be packs of feral dogs along the route and they can be dangerous. A man was mauled to death by dogs in Northland in August 2022, but the exact circumstances are not clear. Precautions are to avoid walking alone, and not hiking at twilight or at night. The general principle if faced by threatening dogs is not to provoke them: don't shout, scream, wave your arms around, or run. Either stand still, or move away quietly without turning your back on them. And don't make eye contact. See more at the bottom of my [Weather and Hazards page](#) on dealing with aggressive dogs.

### **62. Ahipara to Hukatere Lodge/Utea Park: 31 km (maps 7, 6, 5)**

From the campground go down Kaka St to the boat ramp and head off north along Ninety Mile Beach / Te Oneroa-a-Tohe (which is only 88 km, or 55 miles long). You pass Waipapakauri (14 km), where there is the Ngapae Holiday Park, before getting to Hukatere (31 km from Ahipara), which also has a camping ground and lodge.

- [Ngapae Holiday Park](#) – 6 Matai St, (off West Coast Rd), inland from the boat ramp and entry/exit to the beach, Waipapakauri. 09 406 7298, [ngapaeholidaypark@hotmail.com](mailto:ngapaeholidaypark@hotmail.com).
- [Hukatere Lodge & Hukatere Camping Ground](#) – 809 Hukatere Rd, Houhora, 09 409 8705 or 021 884 145. Located right by Ninety Mile Beach. Has lodge, backpacker accommodation and camping sites, with communal kitchen, hot showers, flush toilets.

### **63. Hukatere Lodge to Maunganui Bluff campsite: 30 km (maps 5, 4, 3)**

Opposite Wakatehaua Island (61 km from Ahipara) is the Maunganui Bluff campsite.

- Maunganui Bluff campground – This is a private camp operated by a local Trust. They are supportive of Te Araroa and happy for walkers to stay, but be sure to pay a \$10/night fee (carry some cash) into the honesty box or this privilege will be at risk. Note that due to money being stolen from the box a caretaker may come to collect money, but beware of imposters. It is safer to pay into the Maunganui Bluff Trustee bank account 11-5027-0005402-11. Take care using the water and check all taps are off, as water gets very low in summer. At the stream on the right of the campground (when looking inland from the beach), there is a bathtub for water resupply. Probably this should be treated before drinking. Be sure to camp on the grassed area of the campsite (which has little shelter) and not in the pine forest. Wild horses roam the site sometimes apparently. The camp is accessible by road, so you may find the more intrepid motorised traveler staying here.

### **64. Maunganui Bluff campsite to Twilight Beach campsite: 28 km (maps 3, 2, 1)**

For the next leg take enough water to go all the way to Cape Reinga, as the tank at Twilight Beach can run out in very dry weather. At about 20 km north of Maunganui Bluff you cross Te Paki Stream (aka Kauaeaparoa Stream). Te Paki Stream mouth is a popular vehicle entrance/exit to the beach so be prepared for cars and tourist buses around here and further south, as people like to drive on the beach. (From the stream mouth it is 1 hour upstream to the road, should you wish to exit the beach here). Te Paki is well known as a sandboarding location as the sand dunes are very high here. You

climb up a dune and slide down on a board, sheet of cardboard, or whatever, as though you are on snow. Boogie boards are hired out at the carpark for \$15. Note that there are reports of people targeting cars in the carpark for break-ins, so think about where you can stow your gear safely if you are going to do this. Maybe the board hire truck can hold your pack for you.

Continue along the beach to climb up some steps and over a boardwalk to Tiriparepa / Scott Point. After you have passed the high point and turned south-west briefly the track branches. Make sure you change direction to take the main 4WD north-west track. Just above Paengarehia / Twilight beach on the other side is Twilight Camp, a small campsite with water, toilet and a shelter. Wait a while when you turn the water tap on as it may just take a while to flow. Please camp within the grassed area ONLY, not in the pine trees. Also, store your food carefully here overnight as the campsite is notorious for possum raids.

### **65. Twilight beach to Cape Reinga: 12 km (map 1!)**

After you have traversed Twilight Beach you climb a little to walk along cliff tops of flax and mānuka scrublands. Keep left when the track branches above Pitokuku Point. The track branches again after about 2.5 km, with a track west to Cape Maria van Diemen. (Who was Maria van Diemen? She was the wife of the patron of Abel Tasman, the first European to visit New Zealand, and the cape is one of the only two place names Tasman imparted that has survived.) You could detour here, or go right over Hērangi Hill over peach coloured dunes and past unusual dune grasses to Te Werahi Beach Track. At the end of Te Werahi Beach you scramble over rocks and up the hill to Cape Reinga / Te Rerenga Wairua. It is preferable to travel along here at lowish tide to make the rock scrambling and stream crossing easier and safer. When the track branches the left track takes you to the lighthouse (where you can see the tidal turbulence as the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean meet), the right branch to the top of the hill and the road end car park, **YOUR FINAL DESTINATION !**

*The cape has special significance in Māori in mythology, for it is believed that the spirits of the dead travel to Cape Reinga / Te Rerenga Wairua on their journey to the afterlife. They leap off the headland to climb the roots of the 800-year-old pōhutukawa tree and descend to the underworld where they return to their traditional homeland of Hawaiki, via Te Ara Wairua, the 'Spirits' pathway'.*

Now that you are here I may as well break the news to you that Cape Reinga is actually 3 km short of the northernmost point in New Zealand. That honour goes to the Hikura / de Surville Cliffs, about 30 km to the east. But the cliffs are not so easy to get to. Also, you need to know that there are no amenities at the cape, just a car park and toilets. So you will need to plan your exit. The nearest main town is Kaitaia, 100 km to the south. With 120,000 or more visitors a year to the cape you should be able to catch a lift south. Or arrange something with a transport provider (see below). Or if you want to stay in the area you can walk around there on the Te Pahi Coastal Track (5km). And then walk 9km along a ridge to another campsite (Pandora Camp) in Pandora / Whangākea Bay. It is then a short walk to Piwhane / Spirits Bay and at the far end of this is the Kapowairua campsite (9km from Pandora Camp). Check out the [DoC site](#) for more details. You can also stay at Waitaki Landing, about 20 km south of Cape Reinga, but check out visitor feedback on Google or Tripadvisor first.

There is no public transport to or from Cape Reinga, however the operators list below can assist. More information at the Kaitaia i-site also. You can readily hitch-hike south but watch your possessions. Some hikers have reported 'drive-offs' – people driving away with your gear in the car!

Make sure you are in the car any time the driver is at the wheel and your possessions are in the vehicle; not just when you first get in but also at petrol or toilet stops. Having two of you makes this easier to achieve.

- [Harrisons Cape Runner](#) – Departs 9am daily in summer from Kaitaia. \$85 (at Nov 2022). 09 408 1033; 0800 227 373 freephone.
- [Sand Safaris](#) – Similar to above. Departs 8:45 am daily in summer from Kaitaia and 8:30 from Ahipara, returning to Kaitaia 4pm, Ahipara 4:30. \$90 per adult from Kaitaia (at Nov 2022). 09 408 1778, 0800 869 090.
- Real Far North Tours (Johanna Maaka) – Kaitaia to Cape Reinga, can include a shopping stop and/or guided tour on way to Cape Reinga. Minimum of three people, \$100pp. 020 4152 8785, [realfarnorthtours@gmail.com](mailto:realfarnorthtours@gmail.com). (Confirmed correct Nov 2022)
- Utea Park Pauly D – For transport needs north of Kaitaia. Vehicle storage available. Local knowledge offered. 021 804 002, [Uteapark@gmail.com](mailto:Uteapark@gmail.com)
- [Tuatua Rentals](#) – 250 Ahipara Rd, Ahipara. According to TA guide they offers transfers from Paihia and Kerikeri (both \$75) or Kaitaia (\$50) and to 'enquire about transfers to/from other parts of the Northland trail'. But the website is all about hiring quad bikes for an hour or two from Ahipara, though TA shuttles are listed as a service.
- [Tuatahi Airport Shuttle](#) – Shuttle between Kaitaia and Kerikeri airport. Alex Nankivell, 021 0875 3196.
- Peter Ellicott – from [Northland Taxis](#) offers a pick up from Mangonui (on the east coast of the North Island, across from Kaitaia) and drop off at Cape Reinga for \$100pp, with minimum charge of \$200. Text 021 070 5783.
- Bellbird Adventure Tours – Auckland to Cape Reinga shuttle: \$600 for 1 person, \$300pp for two, \$250pp for three (maximum). Contact: Maree Thomas [bellbirdadventuretours@gmail.com](mailto:bellbirdadventuretours@gmail.com) or 022 029 8540.
- [Salt Air](#) – Based in Paihia. Charter flights to Cape Reinga. They do land there, so you could seriously splash out and travel back to Paihia in style. 09 402 8338.

*Always check the Trail Status pages of the official Te Araroa website for recent changes or alerts on the trail.*

Updated 6 November 2022, but more accommodation updates to make.

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