


Mangatepopo to National Park

 Walking

Difficulty

Medium

Length

30 km

Journey Time

1-2 days

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[Manawatū-Whanganui](#)

Sub-Region

[Ruapehu](#)

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Mangatepopo Track - 9km / 3-4hr

200m past the turnoff to the Mangatepopo Hut, turn southwest onto the Mangatepopo Track.

For the first hour, the track skirts around Pukekaikiore then continues southwest across exposed tussock and shrubland.

About 20 minutes before reaching the Whakapapa village, the Track joins the lower Taranaki Falls Track.

Follow it in an easterly direction until it ends at Ngāuruhoe Place (100m below the Whakapapa Visitor Centre), Whakapapa Village.

Whakapapaiti Mangahuia Track - 13.5km / 5-6hr

Track traverses forest, wetlands and open tussock lands. Can be boggy in the wet. Track may be rutted.

Leave the Whakapapa Village on Whakapapaiti Track. It starts opposite the Fire Station, just above the Holiday Park & 250m from the Whakapapa Visitor Centre.

Initially, the track flows easily and descends through groves of kaikawaka and cabbage trees amongst the beech forest.

The track then descends through an open area to a bridged river crossing over the Whakapapaiti Stream before coming across a track intersection.

Turn right (northwest) onto the Mangahuia Track and head to the Mangahuia campsite (2-3 hours). There are a few stream crossings on this track, easy to cross in dry weather but can be difficult when the streams are high - take care and be prepared to wait for levels to drop.

From the Mangahuia campsite, walk 500m north on the vehicle track to join SH47. Turn left (west) and follow the road for 6km to the junction with SH4. Turn right (north) into the National Park Village, then turn left (west) onto Findlay Street. It flows into Station Road. At the very end is National Park Railway Station.

Conditions:

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track
- Poisons & traps
- River crossings - Never cross flooded rivers
- Small stream crossings
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold
- Weather extremes
- Few water sources - avoid drinking from streams with high mineral content.

How to get here

Northern Start: Mangatepopo Track turnoff, Tongariro National Park

Southern End: Railway Station, Station Road, National Park

Track Elevation and Map



More information

[Te Araroa Manawatū-Whanganui trail notes, including information about accommodation transport and resupplying](#)

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