



# Paihia to Ōpua Coastal Walkway



Walking

Difficulty

**Medium**

Length

**8.9 km**

Journey Time

**2 hours**

Region

[Northland](#)

Sub-Region

[Far North](#)

Part of Collections

[Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail](#) , [Te Araroa - North Island](#)

Te Araroa trail section: This track provides wonderful views of the Veronica Channel.

From the Waitangi Bridge, follow the coastal Marsden Road via beach or footpath south through Paihia township.

At the southern end of Paihia Beach (junction of Marsden and Seaview roads by toilets/car park), you have 2 options:

1. When the tide is out, follow the coastline from Paihia Beach around to Haumi Bay.
2. If the tide is in, take the footpath south on Seaview Road to Haumi Bay.

From the southern end of Haumi Bay, follow the signed track beside/under the bridge and around the coast to the east until you reach Ōpua.

If the tide is too high to continue around the coast from Lemons Bay (km 250) take the steps up to Richardson Street

If planning to kayak to Waikare it is easier to launch from the Paihia beach. Contact Nick at [Bay Beach Hire](#) [🔗](#) on 021 159 2185. Details in Waikare Connection information.

## Conditions

Track standard: mixed grade

### Potential hazards

- Vehicles on road or track
- Take care around water, slippery rocks

## How to get here





Northern Start: Waitangi Bridge, Paihia

Southern End: Ōpua Wharf, Ōpua, Bay of Islands


## Transport

- [Air New Zealand](#) [🔗](#) or see [Kerikeri](#) [🔗](#)
- [InterCity](#) [🔗](#) - From Auckland - Kerikeri - P: 09 583 5780 - E: [info@intercity.co.nz](mailto:info@intercity.co.nz)
- [Northliner Express Coach Service](#) [🔗](#) - P: 09 307 5873
- [Kerikeri Taxis. shuttles and Tours](#) [🔗](#) - P: 09 407 9515 or 021 407 951-  
E: [info@kerikeritaxis.co.nz](mailto:info@kerikeritaxis.co.nz)
- Passenger Ferry: For Paihia - Russell. Departs on demand every 20 minutes from 8.30am until late. Last ferry 1 September to 30 October 7.30pm, 1 June to 31 August 5.30pm. Tickets are purchased on board. Waitangi drop-off subject to conditions.
- [BusLink](#) [🔗](#) - Northland bus routes including Ahipara, Kerikeri, Paihia, Whangarei, Waipu, Mangawhai

# Accommodation

- [Bay of Islands Lodge](#) , Corner of Kings & MacMurray Rds, Paihia - See special Te Araroa walker rates [here](#) . Call or Text: 021 560 306 - Email: andy@bayofislandslodge.com
- [Waitangi Holiday Park](#)  & Mayfair Lodge backpackers - 1 Tahuna Rd, Waitangi - P: 0800 55 6660 or 09 402 786 - E: [waitangiholidaypark@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waitangiholidaypark@xtra.co.nz)
- [Centabay Lodge](#)  - 27 Selwyn Rd, Paihia - P: 0800 402746 - E: [centabay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:centabay@xtra.co.nz)
- Accommodation option - It is fortunate to provide accommodation in such an isolated forest area, available is a four sleeping cabin, space for tents, campervans or a short stop over for a break. Approximately it is \$18 pp, this allows use of the showers, laundry, camp kitchen and some utensils, pots and pans available. Tea and coffee can be provided at no cost. Pick ups are available for groups or singles \$10.00, one way trip. Pick ups and drop offs are at Russell waterfront Four Square, or at the Waikare Inlet. Details for contact are to Bernard, his email address is [gardnerbernard1@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerbernard1@gmail.com), please give a days notice. Phone no. in NZ is 021 0874 34444 Bernard or Aroha on 021 0243 4349.

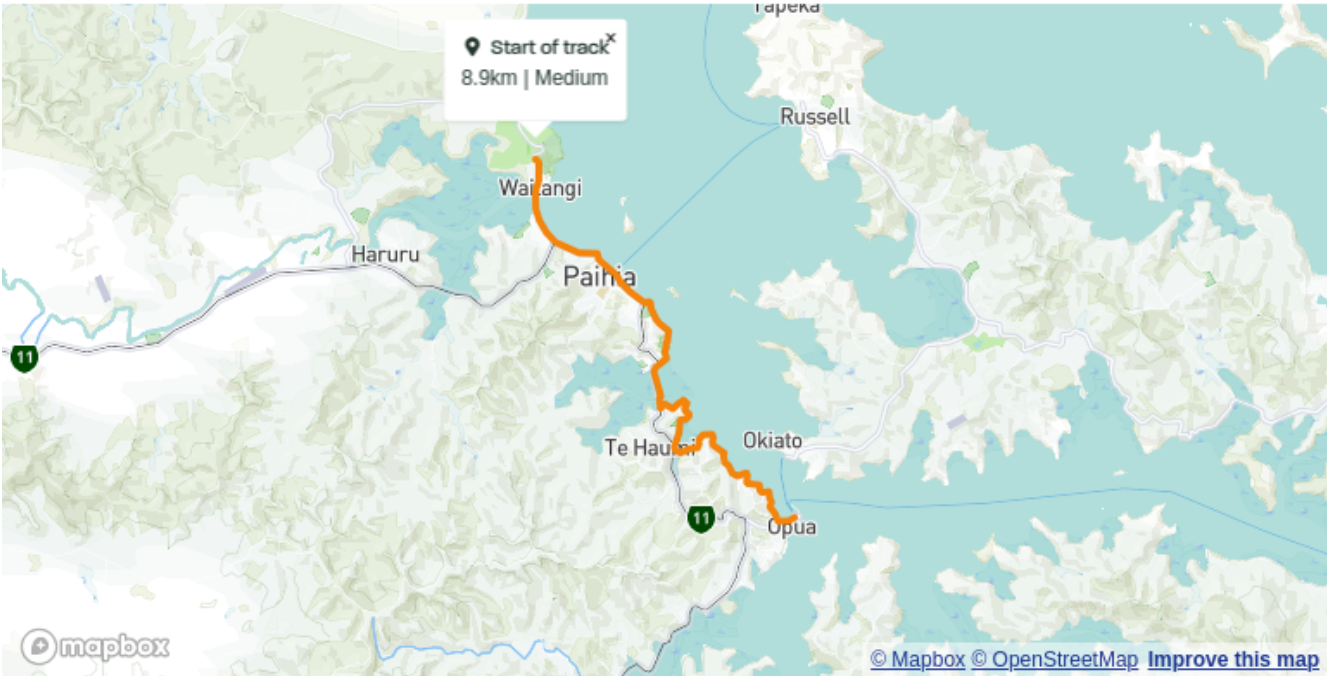
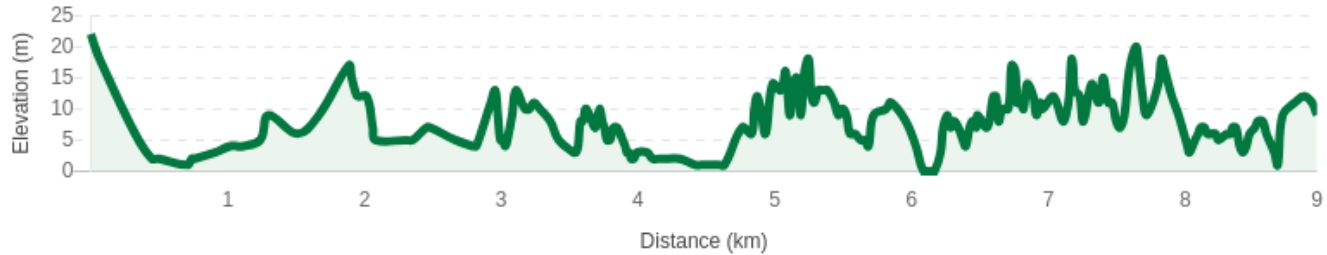
## Accommodation en route

- Beachside Holiday Park - 1290 SH 11, Paihia - P: 09 402 7678 Freecall 0800 55 6660 - E: [info@beachsideholiday.co.nz](mailto:info@beachsideholiday.co.nz)
- [Opua Motel](#)  - 24 Franklin St, Opua - P: 09 402 7632 - E: [opua.motel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:opua.motel@xtra.co.nz) they offer a 10% for TA Walkers

# Food And Supply

- [Countdown Supermarket](#)  - 9 Blackbridge Rd, Paihia
- [4 Four Square Supermarket](#)  - 41 Williams Rd, Paihia
- [Opua General Store](#)  - next to Russell Ferry Ramp - P: 09 402 7575 - E: [opuastore@paradise.net.nz](mailto:opuastore@paradise.net.nz)

Track Elevation and Map



# More information

[Northland trail notes, including information about accommodation, transport and resupplying](#) [↗](#)

- [Map 16](#) [↗](#)

## Paihia

- [i-SITE Visitor Information Centres](#) [↗](#) - The Wharf, Marsden Rd, Paihia - P: 09 402 7345 or 0800 363 463 - E: [paihia@visitnorthland.co.nz](mailto:paihia@visitnorthland.co.nz)
- For further information on [Paihia](#) [↗](#) and [Russell](#) [↗](#)

Before starting Te Araroa either as a through-walker of the whole country or a section walker, [please register on Te Araroa website](#) [↗](#). Please also [visit the website](#) [↗](#) or [download the app](#) [↗](#) for detailed maps, trail alerts and other relevant information.

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We encourage you to continue gaining the skills and knowledge required for a safe trip. The NZ Mountain Safety Council has lots of free resources and information you can use. These can be accessed via [www.mountainsafety.org.nz](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz) [↗](#).

We recommend trying these online learning tools:

[Trip Planning](#) [↗](#)

[Tramping/field Skills](#) [↗](#)

[Basic Navigation](#) [↗](#)

[River Safety](#) [↗](#)

Additionally, check out the range of helpful videos available from the NZ Mountain Safety Council [YouTube channel](#) [↗](#).

