



Waikare Connection - By Water

Length

13 km

Journey Time

Variable

Region

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Two options exist to negotiate the Waikare Inlet through to the start of the Russell Forest Track - by water or by road.

There is also the option to ferry to Russell from Paihia, or Okiato from Ōpua and connect with Sheryl Wikaere and travel with her to Waikare. There will be a cost and this is unsuitable for bigger groups.

Water

Kayak up the inlet with [Bay Beach Hire](#) , phone 0800 611440 or 021 1894204. This company is based on the beach at Paihia, and if you're going to kayak up to Waikare, Paihia is a better start point than Ōpua. It's better to travel in a group or two or three, which will reduce costs. The paddle from Paihia to Waikare takes between 3-4hr depending on weather conditions and fitness levels, and should only be done by persons with some experience. Cellphone reception is zero once past Marriott Island so GPS or good map skills are needed.

Pricing - 2 persons \$100pp, 3 persons \$90pp, 4 persons \$80pp, 5 persons \$75pp, 6 persons or more \$70pp.

Includes kayak hire, pack transport to Waikare, kayak pickup, dry bags, maps, full safety equipment.

[Bay Beach Hire](#) 

Waikare

For information regards Waikare amenities, contact Sheryl Wikaire on P: 027 3093476
E: peter1.sheryl@gmail.com

Sheryl can occasionally supply transport from Russell to Waikare (outside work hours), contact her to discuss timing and cost.

Sheryl also has tenting available for walkers at Waikare (\$13 pp per night) - call her, or information at the Russell GAS station.

Sheryl's place is 1km from the Russell Forest at 228D Waikare Valley Rd, just phone or text to arrange.

Note that Sheryl's place is "off the grid" - composting toilet available on request and kauri dieback cleaning facilities available, please make use of these!

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Conditions:

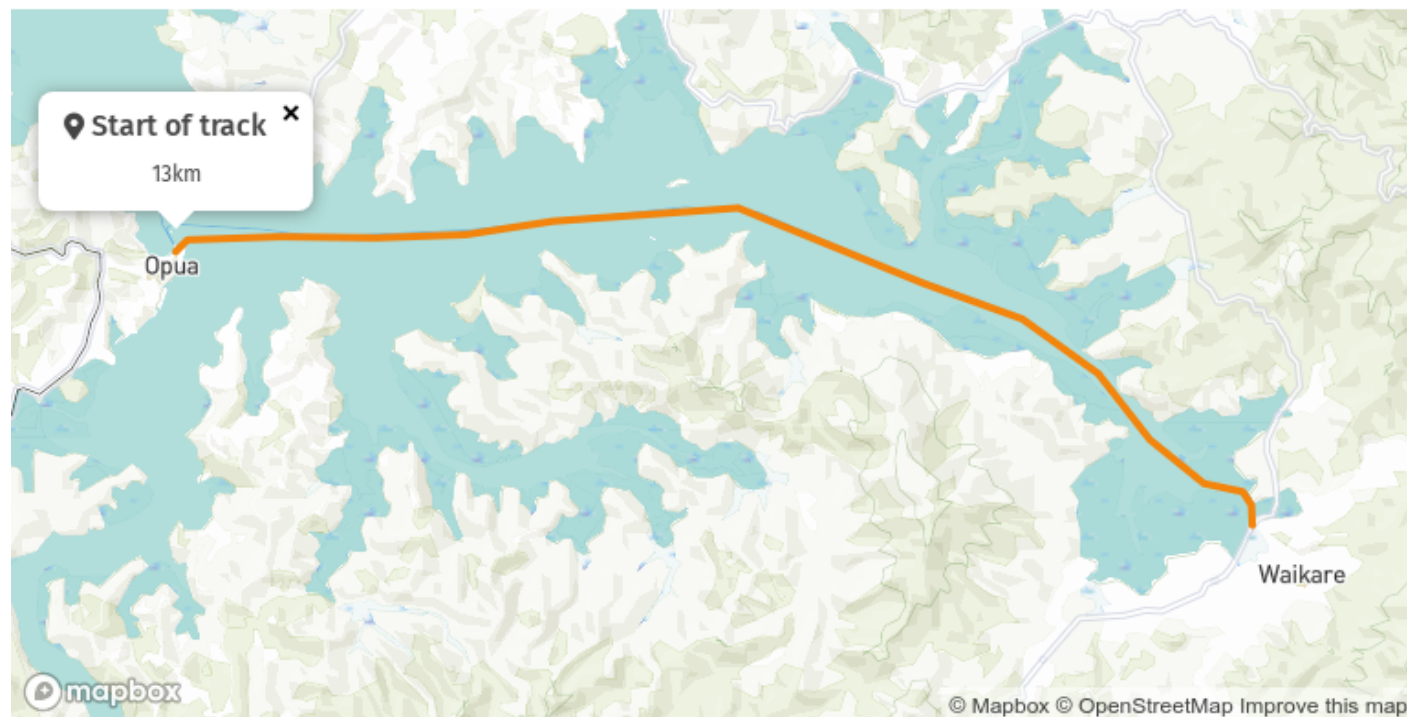
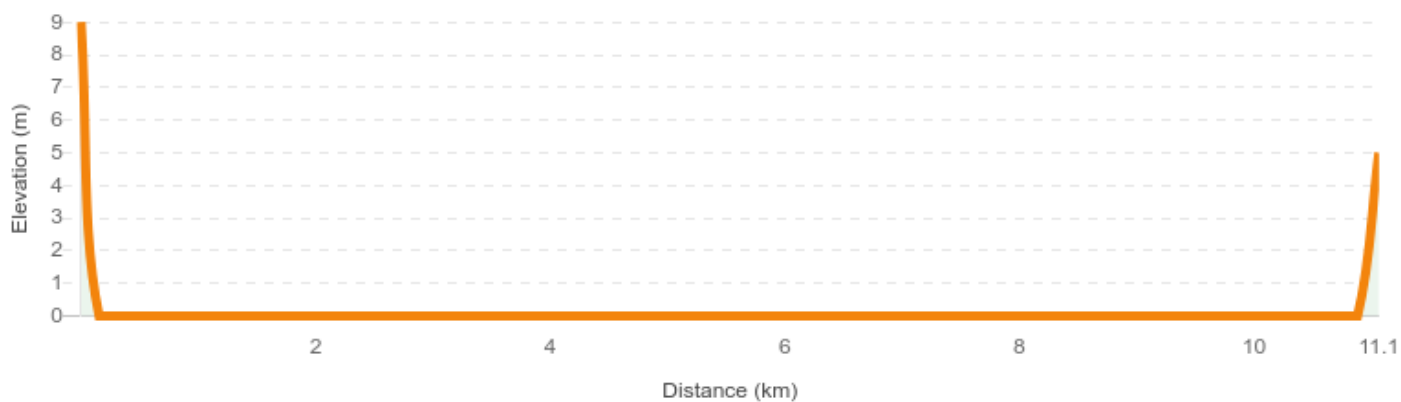
Track standard: mixed grade

Potential hazards


- Vehicles on road or track. If kayaking, be alert for other water users
- Poisons & traps
- Small stream crossings
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold

How to get here

Track Elevation and Map



More information

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

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