

BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

Whanganui River, New Zealand
Dear Tramping Club Members

Bridge to Nowhere Lodge "10% Discount for Tramping Club Members"



Hello, my name is Joe, and along with my partner Mandy we own and operate a family business called "Bridge to Nowhere" on the Whanganui River. Many of you will have already heard of this famous bridge, now fast becoming a NZ icon. The Bridge to Nowhere was built in the middle of the dense bush in 1936 for the pioneering families that tried to tame this rugged land and then sadly the area was abandoned. The Bridge to Nowhere features as one of the AA's 101 Must-Do's for Kiwis.

Our Lodge is situated in the wilderness region of the Whanganui National Park at the river end of the Matemateaonga Track; there are no roads to us. We are also 9 km down stream from the start of the Mangapurua Track. Many of our tramping clients take advantage of the Lodge to freshen up and enjoy a relaxing cup of tea or coffee, before carrying on by jet boat. Over night accommodation is also available at the Lodge for those that want to enjoy a night of luxury before journeys end.

Our three main tramping enquiries are for the Matemateaonga Track, the Mangapurua Track and the Bridge to Nowhere Tour.

We offer a full pick up and drop off service for trampers and campers on the Whanganui River via our "River Taxi Service."

This year for all club members that use our "River Taxi Service" we are offering a 10% discount on all jet boat transfers. This discount also applies to the "Bridge to Nowhere Tour" a 4 hour tour departing Pipiriki and return.

Please distribute this letter and information to your club members at your next couple of meetings as it will answer a lot of questions that they will have on what we have to offer.

With our love and respect for the Whanganui River and surrounding National Park, combined with our extensive knowledge and experience from 5 generations of family living and farming in the area, we can guarantee you a memorable journey.

Proof of membership must be shown for this discount.

Kind regards Joe Adam

Any questions please ring us on 0800 480 308 or for more info check out our web site www.bridgetonowhere.co.nz



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"BRIDGE TO NOWHERE" SUPER SUMMER SPECIALS
10% DISCOUNT OFF ALL RIVER TRANSFERS

Mangapurua / Kaiwhakauka Track

From Whakahoro walk up the Kaiwhakauka Valley passing the Mangapurua Trig, then down the Mangapurua Valley to the Bridge to Nowhere. Crossing the Bridge walk the 3km to the Mangapurua Landing meeting our jet boat to take you either back up river to Whakahoro or down to Pipiriki.

Walking Time: One Way 2-3 days
Whakahoro to the Mangapurua Trig 8 hours
Trig to the Mangapurua Landing 8-10 hours

Distance: 40km walking track
Camping no huts

How to Get There Drive 5 minutes north of National Park ViHage turn left at Raurimu sign posted to Whakahoro 1 hour drive inland

River transport is necessary to or from Mangapurua Landing via our "Bridge to Nowhere" River Taxi Service

Mangapurua Track

From Ruatiti Station walk the Mangapurua Track to the Mangapurua Trig. Follow down the Mangapurua Valley to the Bridge to Nowhere. Crossing the Bridge walk 3km to the river meet our jet boat to take you back down to Pipiriki.

Walking Time
Ruatiti Station to Mangapurua Trig 3-5 hours
Trig to Mangapurua Landing 8-10 hours

Distance 38 km walking track
Camping no huts

How to Get There Drive 5 minutes north of Raetihi and turn left signposted to Ruatiti / Ohura Road

Matemateaonga Track

Using an old Maori trail and settlers dray road, you penetrate deep into the wilderness area of the Whanganui National Park. Enjoy spectacular views of the central plateau volcanoes. To the east Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu, to the west Mt Taranaki and to the north the flat topped Mt Hikurangi.

Walking Time: One Way 3-4 days
Kohi Saddle to Omaru Hut 1.5 hours
Omaru Hut to Pouri Hut 5 hour
Pouri Hut to Puketotara Hut 8 hours
Puketotara Hut to our Lodge / Whanganui River 1 ½ hours

Distance 42 km
DOC huts

How to Get There: From Stratford or Taumaranui follow SH 43 to Strathmore. At Strathmore follow the sign post to Upper Mangaehu Road then 20min to Kohi Saddle.

**River transport is necessary to or from the river end of the Matemateaonga Track via our "Bridge to Nowhere"River Taxi Service*

All tracks can be walked in either direction **We can arrange all your vehicle transfers**

Bridge to Nowhere Tour: 4 hours

Departing from Pipiriki our jet boat tours run daily from this tiny historic village nestled on the banks of the Whanganui River. Travel 30km into the wilderness region through fern clad gorges see historic sights and amazing scenery and on to the Mangapurua Landing. Enjoy an easy 40 minute walk through native bush into the famous Bridge to Nowhere have lunch and hear tales of the area and the pioneering families who tried to tame this rugged land.

How to Get There: Travel north from Wanganui City through Upokongaro Village and take the 2nd turn on your left sign posted Pipiriki up the picturesque River Road. Allow 1 ½ hours. Or from Ohakune to Raetihi and on to Pipiriki 50 minutes

Bridge to Nowhere Lodge

Located deep in the Whanganui National Park wilderness region, surrounded by native bush and overlooking the river. Access is by our jet boat, canoeing or tramping. There are no roads!

Lodge Facilities include

- Comfortable double/twin/bunk rooms
- Delicious buffet meals
- Licensed bar serving NZ wines and beers.
- Bush and farm walks, Canoeing
- Kiwi calling, Glow worms

"Explore" Jet / Canoe -1 Day

Bridge to Nowhere Tour then 1-4 hours canoeing

"Express" Jet / Canoe - ½ day

Jet boat 10-20km up river canoe back 1-4 hours

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