

## Mt Patriarch via Chummies Track, Kahurangi National Park

From Wangapeka Road, climb the steadily ascending Chummies Track to reach John Reid Hut. Fill up with water here because there is not much on the tops. Spend the night at the hut or head to a good campsite at Pt1463m, almost directly above the hut.

Once on the ridge, the route undulates for a couple of panoramic hours. Pt1566m needs to be negotiated, and, after crossing another 1500m high point, a 1350m saddle beneath Mt Patriarch is reached.

It's a 350m scramble to reach the summit, entailing no real difficulties. About halfway up, a trail leads through rubble and tussock beside the steeper rock of large karst formations.

From the saddle, it is another hour down through beech forest to Kiwi Saddle Hut. From here, the Wangapeka Track can be taken to the trailhead at Siberia Campsite.

### Wild File

**Access** From Wangapeka River Road

**Grade** Moderate

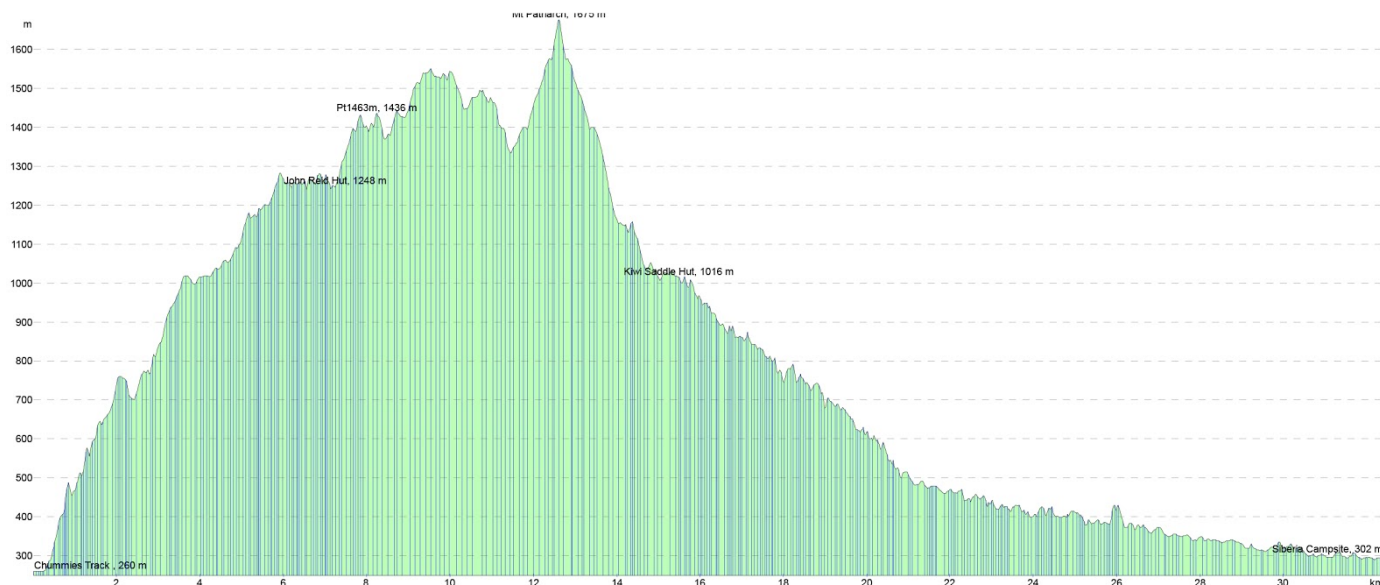
**Time** Wangapeka River to Pt1463, 4-5hr; To Kiwi Saddle Hut via Mt Patriarch, 4-6hr; To Siberia Campsite, 5-6hr

**Distance** 32.4km

**Total ascent** 2990m

**Topo50 map** BQ23, BQ24

### Elevation Profile





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