

Pupu Hydro Walkway, Takaka

The walkway first crosses the Te Waikoropupū River on a wooden bridge immediately after the entrance. Since this is a loop walk, you can either turn right towards the powerhouse, crossing another bridge over Campbell Creek, or left towards the 4WD access track.

The loose gravel 4WD track winds uphill for about 45 minutes. Upon nearing the highest point of the track, a break in the trees provides views back down the valley, over low farmland and out towards Pohara, Tata Beach, and the northern end of Abel Tasman National Park.

Arrival at a weir (water intake) signals the end of the incline and the beginning of the water race which snakes along the hillside for more than three kilometres.

The path alongside the water alternates between gravel and narrow duckboard. The terrain is gentle, allowing a leisurely stroll alongside bright mossy rocks and low rich ferns.

The control gates and penstock mark the end of the water race and the beginning of a slightly steep descent which is fairly slippery and crisscrossed with long roots.

From here, descend to the powerhouse near the entrance.

Wild File

Access At the end of Pupu Valley Road

Grade Easy

Time 2hr

Distance 5.3km

Total Ascent 447m

Topo50 map BP24

Elevation Profile



Pupu Hydro Walkway, Takaka

NZ Topo50 Plus South Island. Copyright © 2015 Crown Copyright Reserved. LINZ

www.memory-map.com

