

## Renata Hut via Akatarawa Saddle, Tararua Forest Park

The track starts at the high point of Akatarawa Road. There is no signpost – which might be a factor in its low usage – but it's very obvious. It starts fairly steeply before settling into a steady climb. There are occasional unmarked sidetracks, but it's usually easy to work out the right route. The track is either on the crest of a ridge or sidling it.

After a couple of hours, bypass a knob named on the map as Kakanui. Occasional breaks in the bush reveal views of a familiar Kapakapanui, as well as north into the Ngatiawa Valley and beyond to the Kapiti Coast.

Height is lost and then regained and eventually the track comes to a large clearing. At the far end, a couple of orange triangles and the remains of two old signposts mark the start of a track to the left.

The track loses 100m fairly sharply onto a saddle and then levels off. Then a sidetrack appears and the hut is just 20m away.

Return via the same route.

### Wild file

**Access** From Akatarawa Saddle.

**Grade** Moderate

**Time** 4hr

**Distance** 11km

**Total ascent** 902m

**Accommodation** Renata Hut (free, six bunks)

**Topo50 map** BP32, BP33

### Elevation Profile



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