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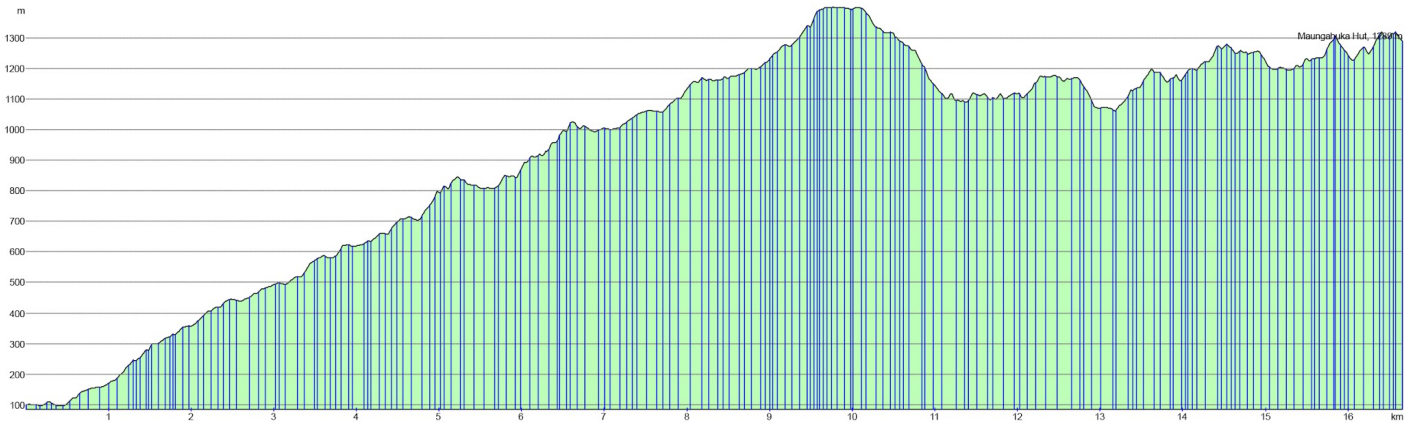
Maungahuka Hut, Tararua Forest Park

The track begins with a steady climb through forest to the historic Field Hut, shortly before breaking above the bushline.
Flat travel over the aptly named Table Top gives respite before more climbing ensues, upwards onto the Main Range.
At Bridge Peak, there's a signpost indicating the route to Maungahuka. Unless you plan a night at Kime Hut, take this route, which follows the Main Range over a series of knolls, most commemorating trampers from the area's well-known clubs: Boyd-Wilson, Vosseler, Yeates and McIntosh.
By the time you reach the signposted junction at the top of Pakihore Ridge, you'll be feeling tired, but the most challenging part is yet to come – the famously rugged crags and ladder at the Tararua Peaks. After carefully working your way over this slow section, a last climb leads up to the welcome hollow occupied by the tarn and hut.

Wild File
Access Otaki Forks, Tararua Forest Park
Grade Medium-Hard (a good head for heights needed on the exposed sections)
Time Otaki Forks to Bridge Peak, 4.5-5hr; to Maungahuka Hut, 4-5hr
Distance 16.7km
Total ascent 2155m
Topo50 map BP33

Elevation Profile



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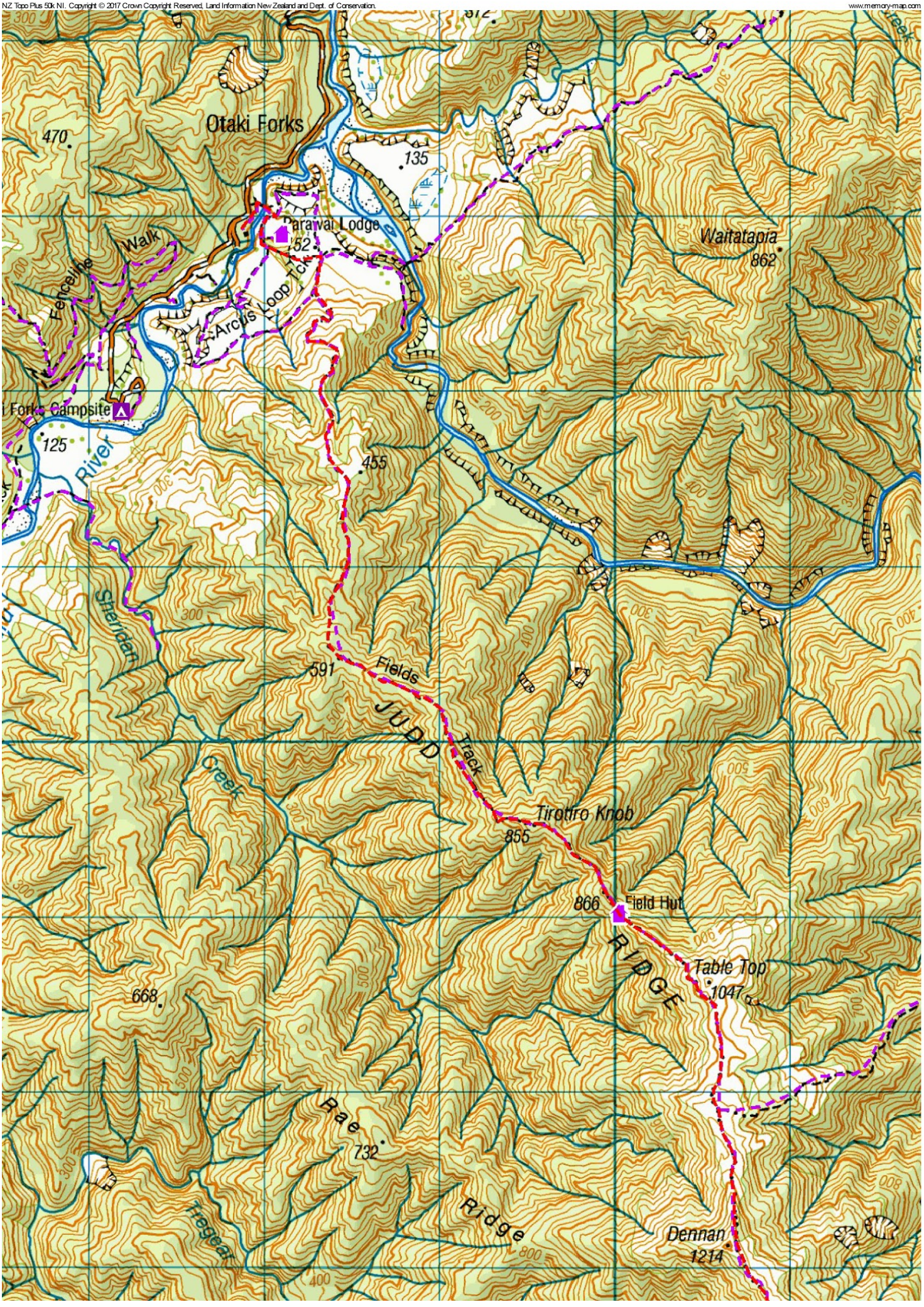

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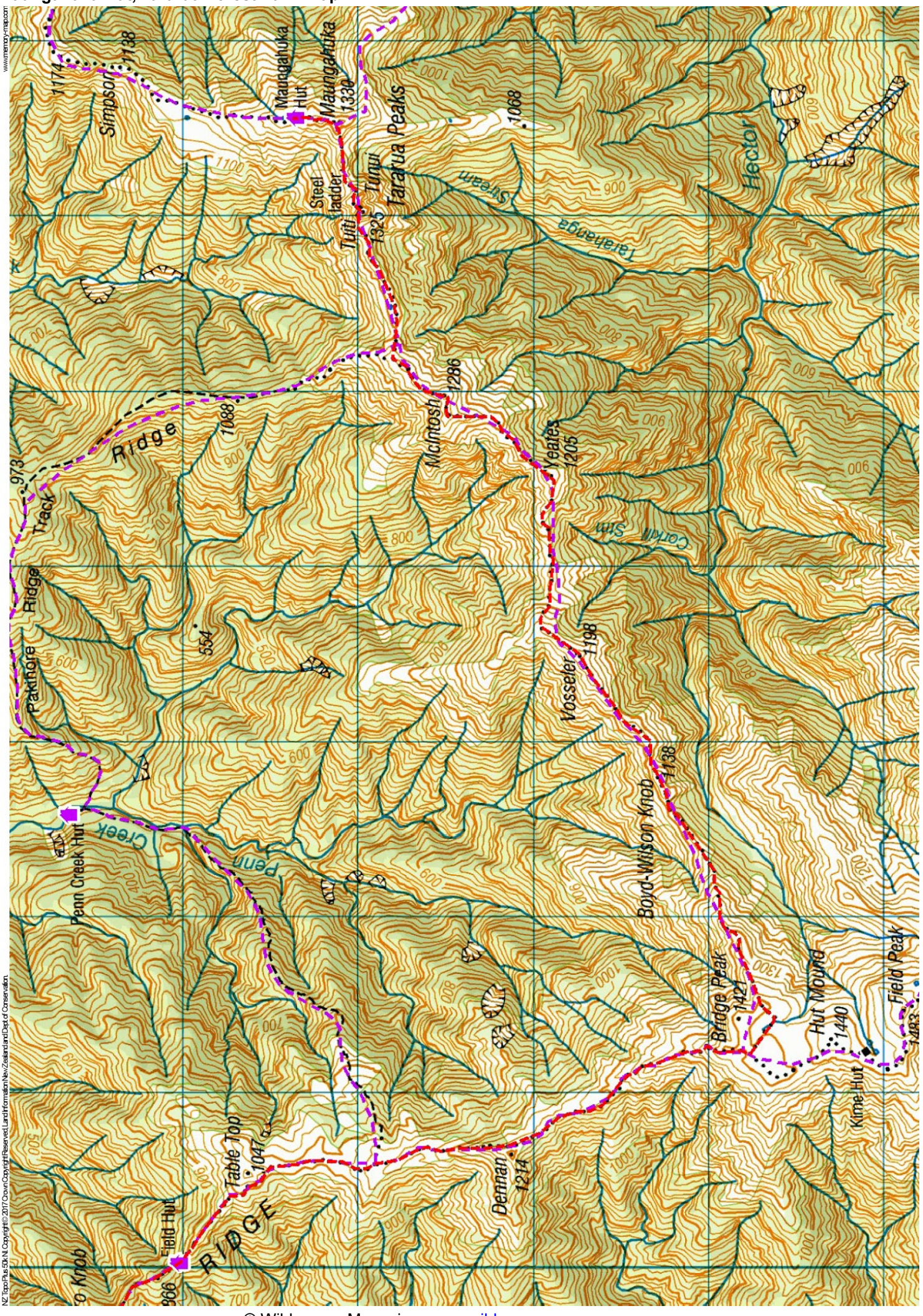

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