

Kerikeri River Track, Kerikeri

For a relatively short walk, the Kerikeri River Track has a lot to offer, including waterfalls and historical sites. From the car park, it begins by taking in the spectacular Rainbow Falls. There are three viewing platforms within 10-minutes' walk from the car park.

Nearby are the remains of a weir that supplied water to an early hydro-electric station further down the river. Parts of the old water race can be seen beside the track, which winds through regenerating forest of puriri, karaka, totara and manuka.

The track winds down past interesting rocky cliffs to the base of the falls.

At the base of the waterfall, there is a swimming hole with a cave behind it to explore.

Continued walking the River Track towards the Kerikeri Basin.

This section of the track has a boardwalk but most of the walk is on a flat, well-surfaced path. The track follows the river, looping around in almost a full circle before turning back towards Kerikeri. There are more swimming spots here called the Fairy Pools.

At an open area along the track is the Wharepuke Falls; not as high as Rainbow Falls but equally pretty.

The final part of the walk winds beside lily ponds before emerging into the Kerikeri Basin Reserve. Where you can visit

The Kerikeri River Trail ends at the basin, but it is possible to extend the walk by taking the short track to the summit of the hill overlooking the basin. This area, the Kororipo Heritage Park, was once Māori chief Hongi Hika's headquarters. Pass the Stone Store to the carved entrance marking the start of the walk.

Return the way you came.

Access From the Rainbow Falls car park on Rainbow Falls Road or at the Kerikeri Basin Reserve

Grade Easy

Time 2hr one way

Distance 4.78km

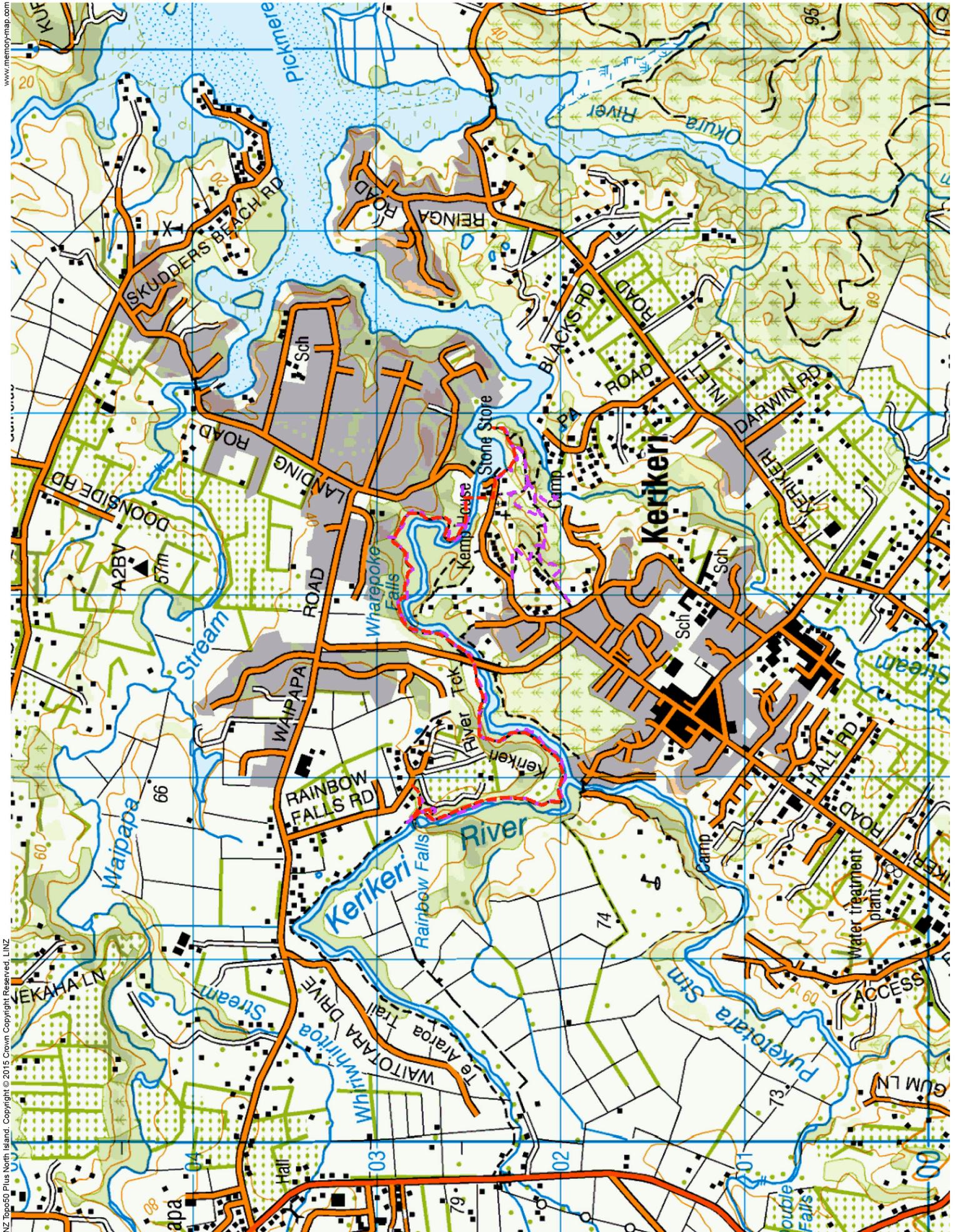
Total ascent 83m

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Elevation Profile



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