

A Walk in the Rainforest

LAKE WAIKAREMOANA WALK

New Zealand

Lake Waikaremoana Track is one of the Great Walk in New Zealand.

The 46km length of the track is about half around Lake Waikaremoana shore.

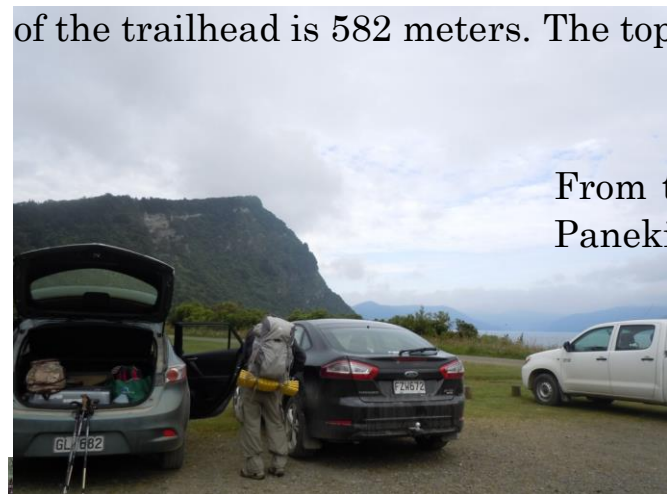
The Track has two features.

South part of the track is in Panekiri Range. It is steep, but you can see the breathtaking scenery.

The west side of the track goes along the lake shore. You can walk by the lake shore or in the deep forest.

View from Bald Knob 1,161m

Onepoto Trailhead is near state highway 38 and there are some parking lots. The first few hours are the most strenuous section of this track. The altitude of the trailhead is 582 meters. The top of Panekiri Range is 1,185 meters.



From the Trailhead, you can see the Panekiri Bluff in front of you.



Here is a typical track surface. A lot of moss and roots are on the track.

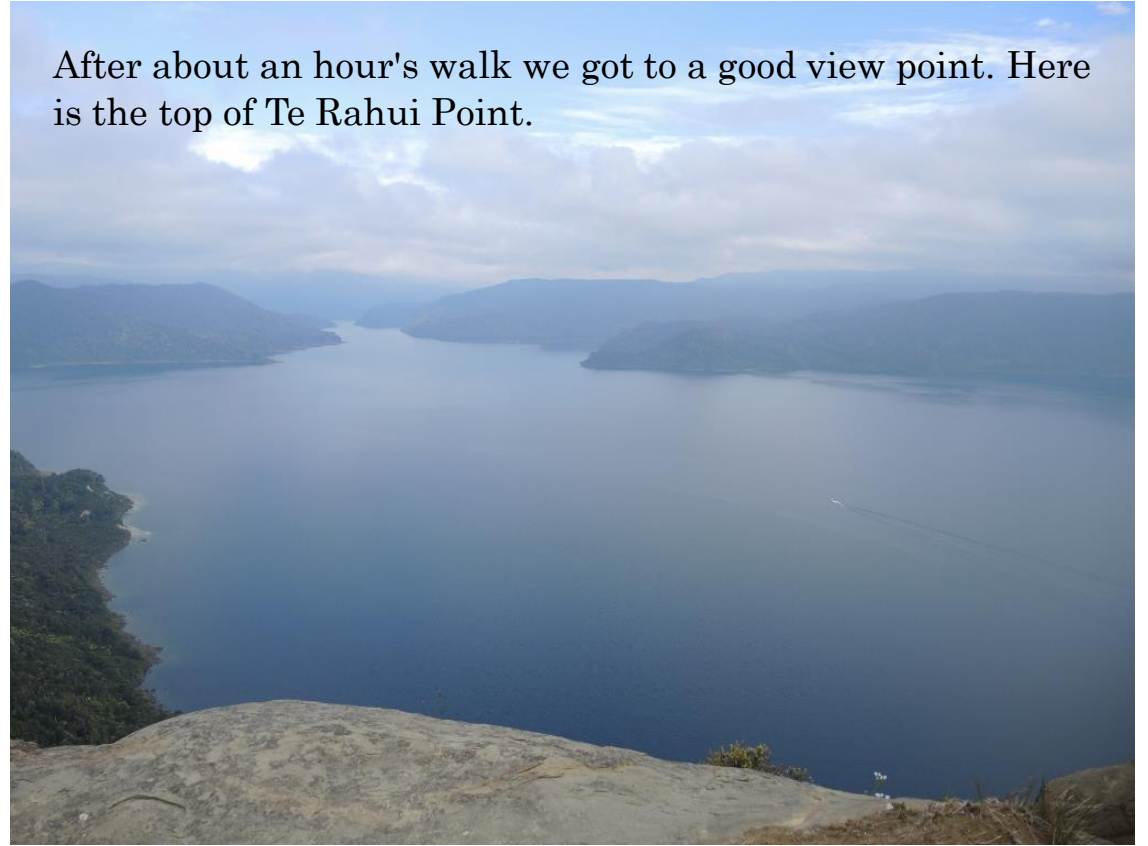


The beautiful rainforests are continuous throughout of the Track.

Panekiri Bluff



After about an hour's walk we got to a good view point. Here is the top of Te Rahui Point.

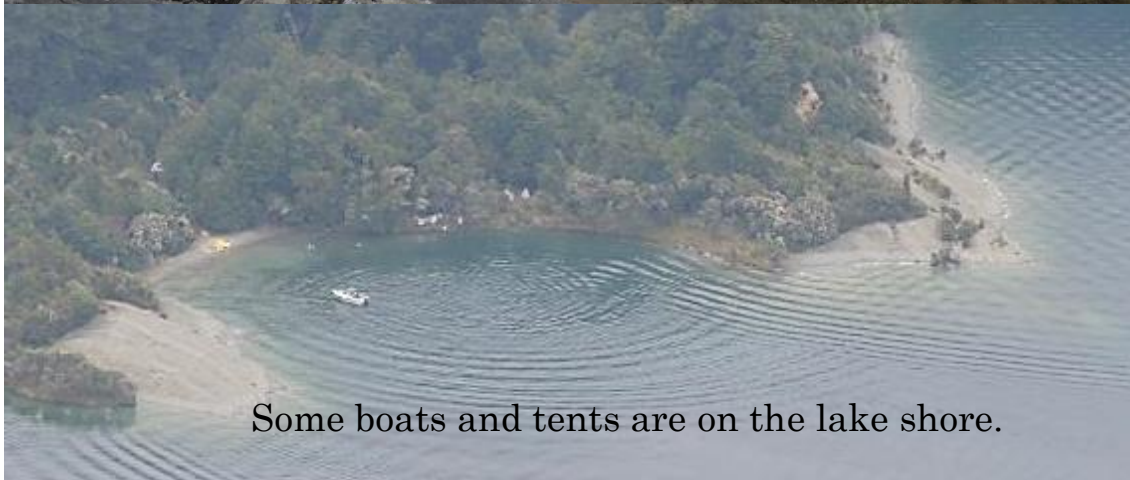
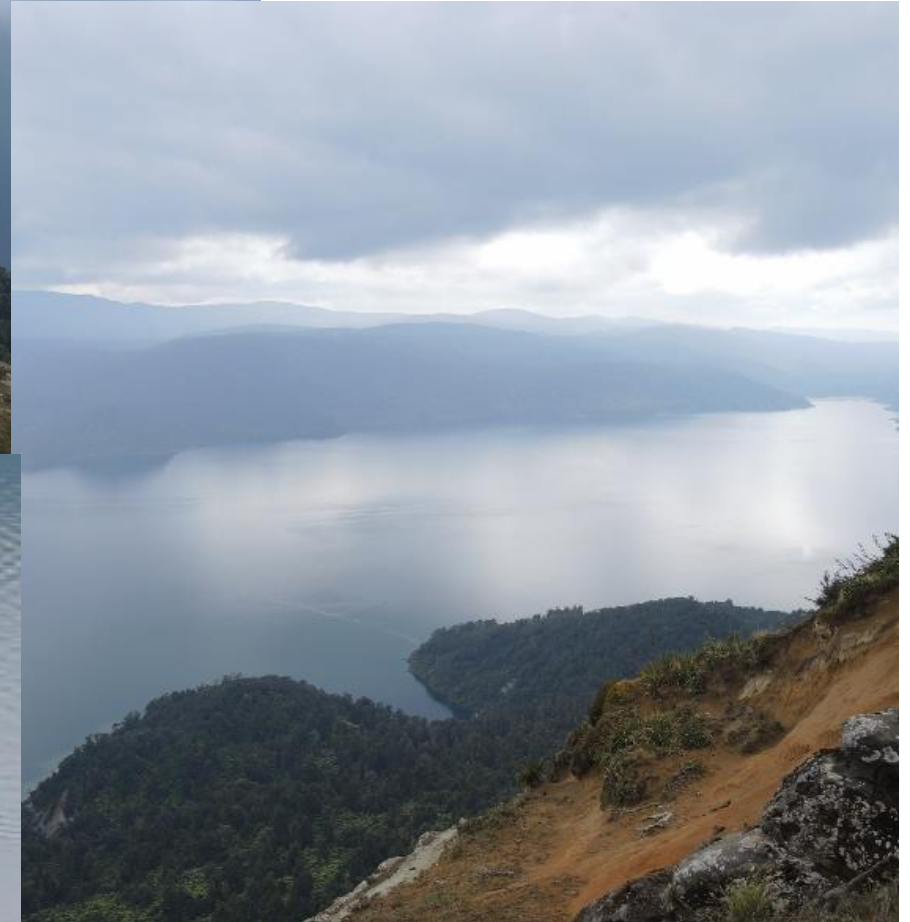


The track is muddy and slippery. An orange triangle marker shows that you are on the track.





Bald Knob (1,161m) is the best view point of this Track. You can see the panorama of Lake Waikaremoana. Unfortunately, the day was cloudy and it was partly rainy. We hope to visit again to see the scenery of this lake on a clear day.



Some boats and tents are on the lake shore.



PANEKIRI HUT

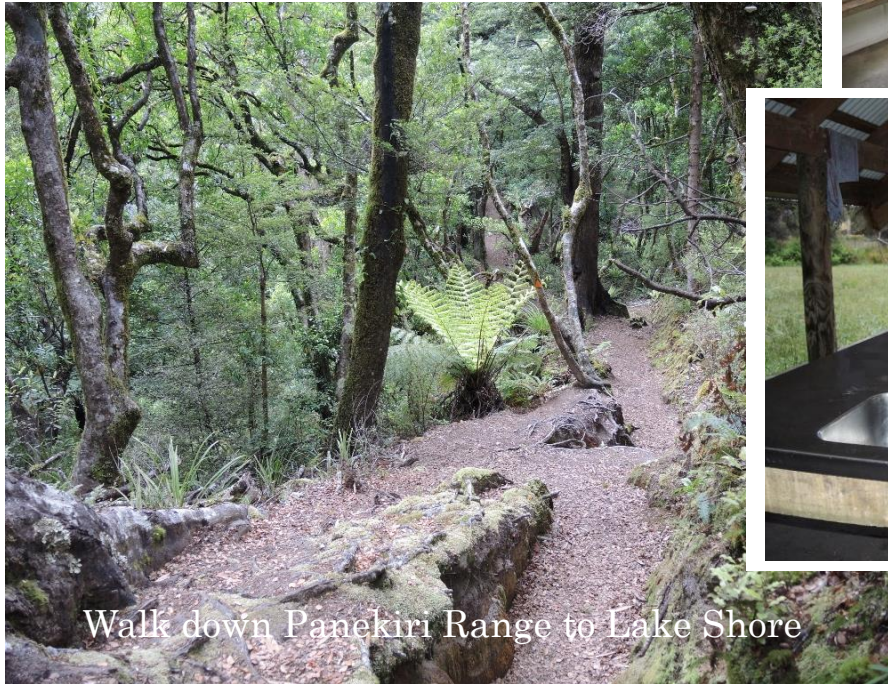


↑ Clean Kitchen

↑ Bedroom



← A wood stove in living space



Walk down Panekiri Range to Lake Shore



Kitchen Shelter



KOROKORO CAMPGROUND

A Walk along the lake shore



The second and third days were rainy. We walked in the deep forest along the lake shore. Sometimes we could see Lake Waikaremoana.

In the morning of the third day, a water taxi came to the pick-up point. Then, we went back to Onepoto Trailhead by water taxi.



Aniwaniwa Visitor Center

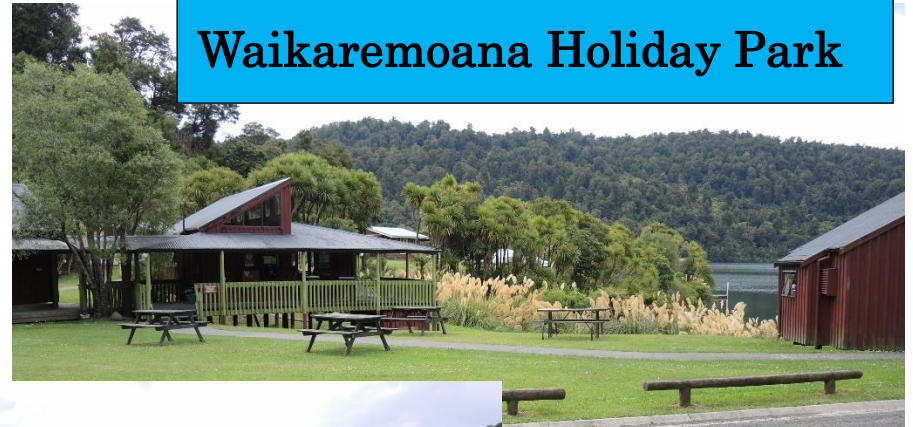


We got topographic map and informations here.

Visit DOC website for details.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/east-coast/te-urewera-lake-waikaremoana-great-walk/>

Waikaremoana Holiday Park



This Motor Camp is the only accommodation in Lake Waikaremoana. We stayed here before we hiked and after the hike.



HAMILTON



Hamilton Lake



Parking lots are beside the room

Hygate Motor Lodge, Hamilton

This is a small nice Hotel in Hamilton, and it is clean and has good facilities.



Kitchenette