

# Whitecliffs Walkway

North Taranaki



## Walking options from Pukearuhe

Whitecliffs Walkway passes through private land. Please respect the landowners' property by keeping to the walkway, using the stiles and not disturbing livestock. The walkway is closed from 1 July to 30 September because of lambing on the private farmland.

Whitecliffs Walkway begins at the Pukearuhe boat ramp which is at the end of Pukearuhe Road, north of Urenui. Please park to allow access to the ramp and farm property.

This walkway uses the Kapuni to Auckland gas pipeline route (14 km, 5 hr) from Pukearuhe to Tongaporutu (option 1). It crosses open farmland (privately owned) to Mt Davidson and then Ngati Tama private land. The walkway follows the pipeline route along the ridge tops before descending to the Wai Pingao Stream. Here you can divert from the track and return to Pukearuhe (option 2) by following the stream to the coast and walking south along the beach (6.5 km, 4 hr).

The walkway continues to the Parininihi trig high point and then descends to the junction of the Mt Messenger Track. From this junction you are able to take the Mt. Messenger Track (option 3) to State Highway 3 (11km, 7 hr).

The walkway now descends to private farmland, following Clifton Road to the sealed road at Tongaporutu.

**WARNING:** Access to the coast via the Te Horo tunnel is closed due to tunnel instability. Loops including this route are no longer open. The tunnel is closed for repair until further notice..

Return transport needs to be arranged for options 1 and 3.

**Warning:** Beach access is only available at low tide. Stay safe and check the tide times if you plan a beach walk. You need to reach Pukearuhe no later than two hours after low tide.



Looking north from the Whitecliffs Walkway.  
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