



One Day Mountain Biking Options

1 Dayer 75km biking \$120.00

Leave your car safely parked at Raetihi Holiday Park  
Bike 40km to start of track  
Bike 35km track  
Jet boat you and your bike from Mangapurua Landing to Pipiriki  
Shuttle bus from Pipiriki to Raetihi Holiday Park

1 Dayer 35km biking \$150.00

Leave your car safely parked at Raetihi Holiday Park  
Shuttle bus you and your bike to start of track  
Bike 35km track  
Jet boat you and your bike from Mangapurua Landing to Pipiriki  
Shuttle bus from Pipiriki to Raetihi Holiday Park

Jet Boat pickup only - transport you and your bike from Mangapurua Landing to Pipiriki \$95.00

Minimum numbers apply and group discounts are available

Optional Extras

Accommodation at the Raetihi Holiday Park both before and after your ride \$10 - \$35 pp cabins, caravans, tent sites  
Shuttle bus pick up from your accommodation in Raetihi, Ohakune or National Park

For more information or to make a booking contact us today!

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# Mountain Biking

## the Bridge to Nowhere / Mangapurua Track



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Mountain Biking the Mangapurua / Bridge to Nowhere Track

Location: Whanganui National Park

Grade: Level 2-3

If you only have the chance to do one adventure ride this year, this is the North Island's best. Quote by Jonathan Kennett

This trip has been developed and packaged by Bridge to Nowhere with track information provided by the Kennett Brothers.

Starting Out

This is a really big day so best to start early around 8.00 am. From Raetihi Holiday Park cycle 40km down a back country road to the start of the track. The first half to the Ruatiti Domain is mostly downhill-fast fun on a sealed road. Then the road narrows and breaks into gravel. Allow yourself 1.5 - 2 hours to reach the signpost start of "Mangapurua Road". Alternatively for a shorter ride, Bridge to Nowhere Tours can drop you and your bike off at the start of the Track.

Mangapurua Track

All going well, and depending on your biking ability, it should take you about 4-6 hours to ride the next 35km along the Mangapurua Track to the Bridge to Nowhere. From the start of the track head left through a gate and cruise up a well graded 4 km climb. Look over your shoulder at the second gate – the views are stunning on a clear day! This is the one big climb of the day but it's a piece of cake really. After an hour you will reach a letterbox and see a "National Park" sign ahead. The track is a paper road so it's OK to continue riding.

About 2km from the letterbox, you will reach a Y-intersection and you must go left. Continue rolling along the ridge and you'll soon reach a sign posted walking track on your left that goes up to the Mangapurua Trig.

Prepare for the technical downhill into the valley. Make sure you veer right at the "Stafford" sign. Half an hour after that sign you will reach a large clearing in the valley that is a good place for a rest and regroup. From this point on it is all basically flat riding to the river. You will pass sites of abandoned farms that are signposted with the names of the original settlers. These names also serve as an indication of where you are on the track map that we supply you, and how much further you have to ride!



The Bridge itself quite aptly appears out of nowhere. There is a lookout track 100 metres on from the bridge and then toilets a few hundred metres on past that. The ride down to the Mangapurua Landing and the Whanganui River takes about 15 minutes.

The Lodge and River

From the Mangapurua Landing catch the Bridge to Nowhere jet boat. You and your bikes will be transported down to the Bridge to Nowhere Lodge where you can take a hearty meal. This is not shower, followed by a hearty meal. This is the only accommodation of its kind inside the Whanganui River National Park and is a licensed, privately owned operation.

The next morning you can choose to jet boat back to Pipiriki or paddle down the river in a canoe. The later takes about 3 - 4 hours from the Lodge depending on how you decide to pace your journey and is classed as easy. Which ever option you choose your bikes are jet boated out. You can then either ride or catch a shuttle bus back to your cars at Raetihi Holiday Park.

**If there is one trip you should do, then this is it!**  
Bridge to Nowhere Lodge and Tours is a family run business offering you and your group a friendly relaxed trip. We've developed a two day package so that all your transportation and accommodation needs are looked after. Alternatively we are able to offer you a transport only option for those wanting to complete the adventure as a day-trip.

**For more information or to book a trip, contact us today:**

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Popular Overnight Mountain Bike Packages at Bridge to Nowhere Lodge

Mangapurua Trail two-day package

Fully Catered

Prices start from \$270.00 per person (twin share)

Includes:

- Car storage at Raetihi Holiday Park
- Map of Mangapurua Track
- Transport of overnight bag to BTN Lodge
- Jet boat from Mangapurua Landing to BTN Lodge
- Full dinner, bed breakfast at BTN Lodge
- Jet boat from BTN Lodge to Pipiriki
- Transport of bikes to Pipiriki
- Shuttle bus from Pipiriki to RHP

Mangapurua Trail two-day package

Self Catering

Prices start from \$175.00 per person (twin share)

Includes:

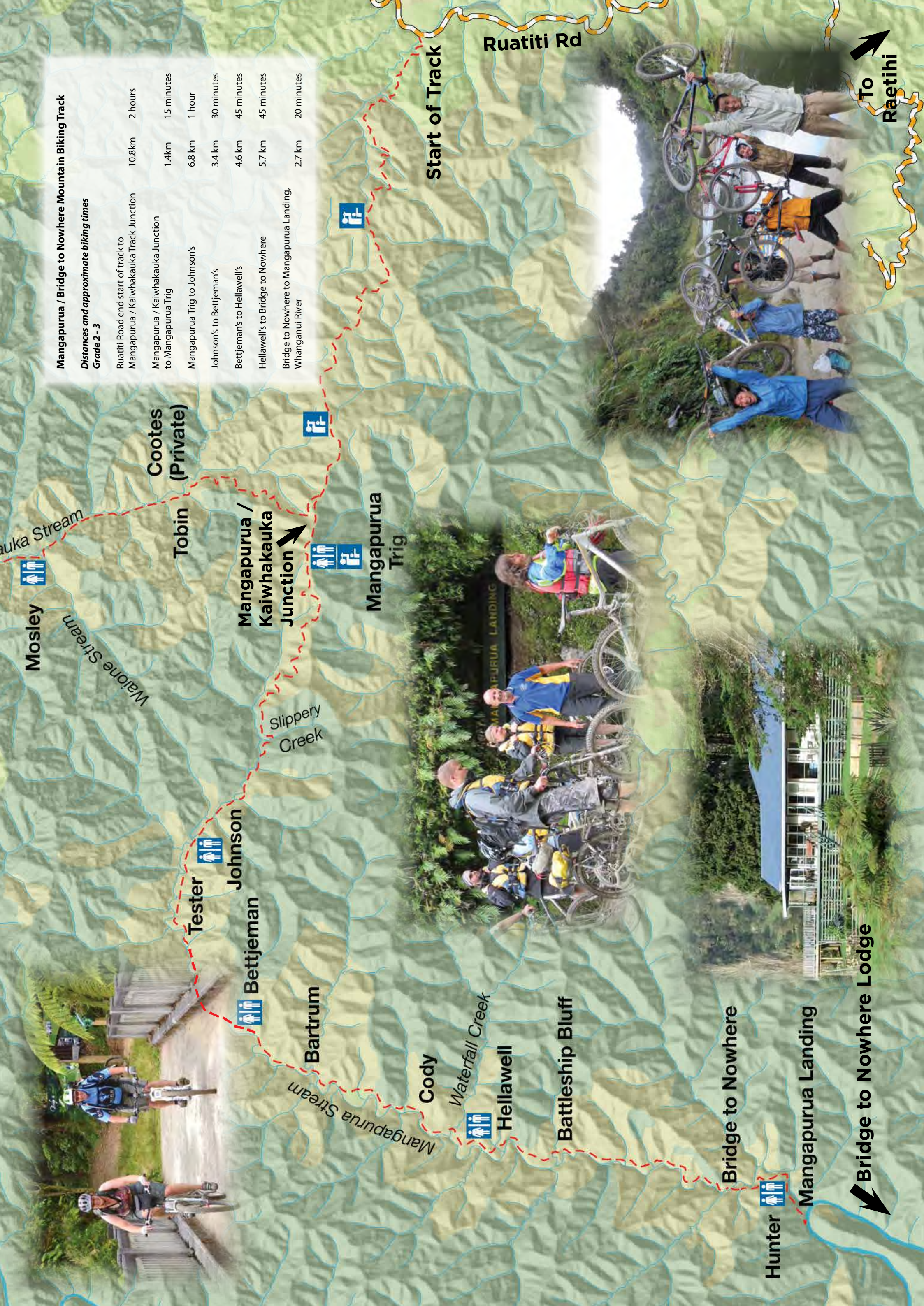
- Car storage at Raetihi Holiday Park
- Map of Mangapurua Track
- Transport of overnight bag to BTN Lodge
- Jet boat from Mangapurua Landing to BTN Lodge
- Self catering accommodation at BTN Lodge (bring your own food and sleeping bag)
- Jet boat from BTN Lodge to Pipiriki
- Transport of bikes to Pipiriki
- Shuttle bus from Pipiriki to RHP

Optional Extras

- Accommodation at Raetihi Holiday Park
- Shuttle bus from RHP to start of track
- Pick up from your accommodation in Raetihi, Ohakune or National Park
- Canoe hire from Mangapurua Landing to BTN Lodge
- Canoe hire from BTN Lodge to Pipiriki

Minimum numbers apply  
Group discounts available





**Mangapurua / Bridge to Nowhere Mountain Biking Track**

**Distances and approximate biking times**  
*Grade 2 - 3*

Ruatiti Road end start of track to Mangapurua / Kaiwhakauka Track Junction	10.8km	2 hours
Mangapurua / Kaiwhakauka Junction to Mangapurua Trig	1.4km	15 minutes
Mangapurua Trig to Johnson's	6.8 km	1 hour
Johnson's to Bettjeman's	3.4 km	30 minutes
Bettjeman's to Hellawell's	4.6 km	45 minutes
Hellawell's to Bridge to Nowhere	5.7 km	45 minutes
Bridge to Nowhere to Mangapurua Landing, Whanganui River	2.7 km	20 minutes

**Start of Track**

**Ruatiti Rd**

**To Raetihi**

**Bridge to Nowhere Lodge**