

Introduction

The Moanui–Koranga–Tawa Loop is ideal for a day tramp or overnight stay, and is a great area to hunt and fish. This tramp, just 1–2 hr from Gisborne or Opotiki, can be tackled as a loop in either direction, or as two separate return trips to Tawa or Koranga Forks huts.

Getting there and back

To get to Waioeka Conservation Area from Gisborne or Opotiki, take the narrow metal road (Moanui Road) to the start of the track. Both Tawa and Koranga Forks huts are warm, with heating and mattresses. A day trip to Koranga Forks Hut and back to the road end takes from 6 to 8 hr with stops.



About this track

The multi-day loop trip starts at the end of Moanui Road. Make sure the river level is low before attempting the entire trip. The section between Koranga Forks and Tawa huts is mainly alongside the riverbed with multiple river crossings. You (and your family) should have reasonable fitness for this track. Tracks are well marked but some terrain is quite steep – you should be fully equipped and have significant backcountry experience. Follow marker poles in farmland sections. This area is popular with hunters.

Track classification:  Advanced Tramping Track

Challenging day or multi-day tramping/hiking. Suitable for people with moderate to high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience; navigation and survival skills required.



1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable ground
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimise the effects of fire
6. Respect wildlife and farm animals
7. Be considerate of others



Enjoy the outdoors safely

Safety: Remember, **safety is your responsibility**. Tell a friend or relative your plans, and fill in the Intentions Book in each hut you visit.

Pack to the conditions: Be prepared for all types of weather and conditions. Have strong comfortable shoes (or boots if tramping) and suitable clothing and equipment, eg raincoat, warm clothes, hat and sunscreen. Carry a first-aid kit, food and drink.

Dogs are only permitted with a DOC permit, and an avian aversion certificate. Contact the DOC office below, or visit www.doc.govt.nz.

Hunting: A hunting permit is required, which you can obtain at any DOC office or online at www.doc.govt.nz.

No hunting on private land. See the map for tracks crossing private land. Follow the Firearms Code and note:

- hunting on public conservation land is not permitted during the hours of darkness (30 min after sunset to 30 min before sunrise)
- load firearms only when ready to fire – never in or within 500 m of any hut
- respect other users of the backcountry – do not discharge firearms near tracks, campsites, road ends or any other public place
- when you get into camp, remove and store your firearm's bolt and ammunition separately to your firearm.



For further information visit www.doc.govt.nz, or contact:

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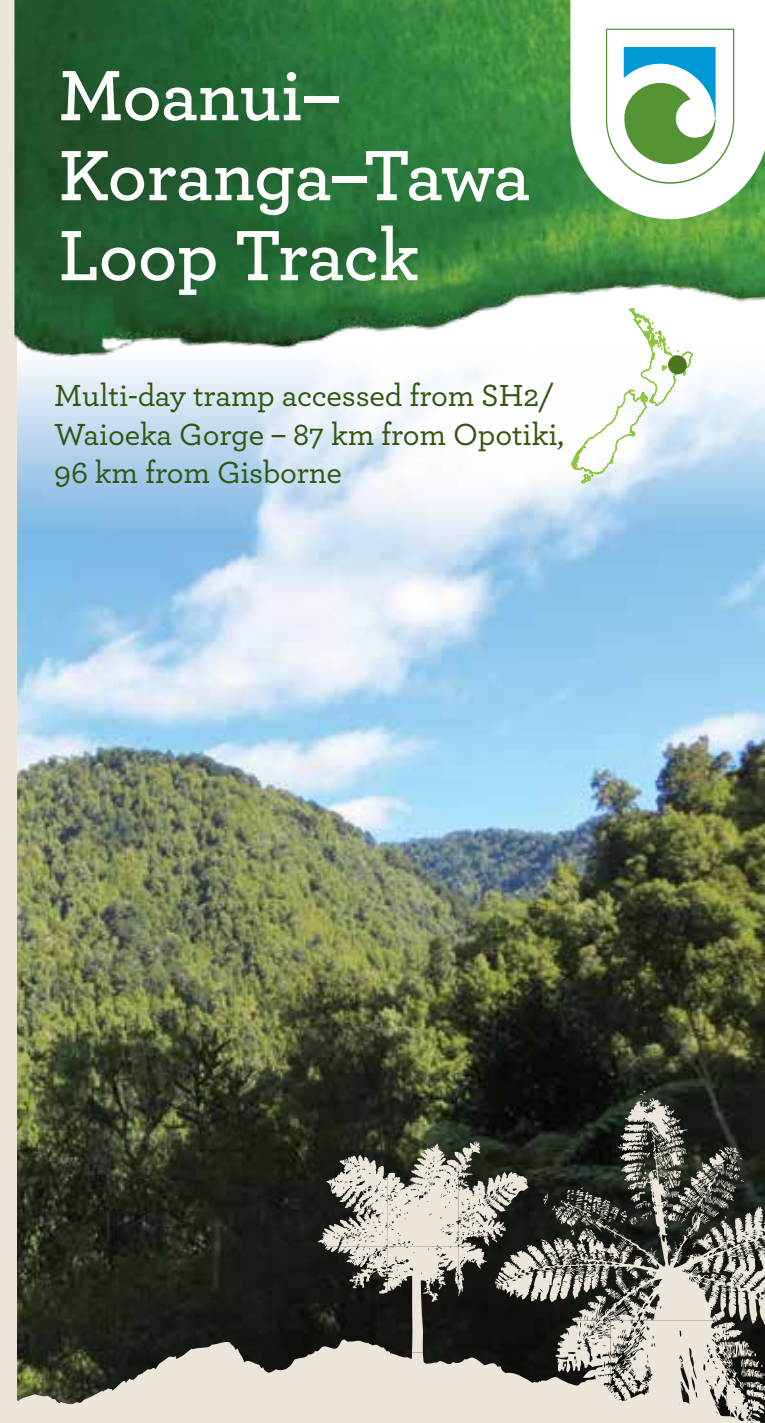
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Multi-day tramp accessed from SH2/
Waioeka Gorge – 87 km from Opotiki,
96 km from Gisborne



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Moanui Road to Koranga Forks Hut

Time: 2-3 hr, 8 km

The track to Koranga Forks Hut (6 bunks, Standard) runs beside the Koranga River. The hut sits in the fork of the Koranga and Kahunui streams. A swing bridge crosses Koranga River 5 min from the hut.

Koranga Forks Hut to Tawa Hut

Time: 3-4 hr, 10 km

This trip follows the Kahunui Stream bed.

Most of the track is in the river; a large orange track marker on the true right indicates the exit onto the benched track. From here it takes about 30



DOC staff working on Koranga Forks Hut

min to reach Tawa Hut (6 bunks, Standard).



Do not attempt the route between these huts if the river is high.

Tawa Hut to Moanui Road

Time: 4-5 hr, 9 km

The benched track starts at the hut. It continues upstream beside Kahunui Stream and into Kahuiti Stream. This well-formed benched track continues through the bush to farmland. A steep descent through the farmland (known as 'the burn' if you're going up) takes you back to the Koranga River and Moanui swing bridge. The track then takes 30 min to the Moanui Road end and car park.

Getting there: Halfway between Opotiki and Gisborne on SH2, turn into Te Wera Road at the Motu River bridge, then right into Moanui Road, a gravel road with narrow sections.

Alternative side-trips:

- Tawa Hut to Kahunui Hut (6 bunks, Standard) approx. 3 hr. Mainly easy river-walking to historic Kahunui Hut.
- Tawa Hut to Makakoere Hut (4 bunks, Standard) also takes about 3 hr. Walk on open riverside flats to reach Makakoere Hut in Urewera.



Hut grades:



Standard huts have mattresses, water supply and toilets. Wood heaters are provided at huts below the bushline.

Hut fees: Adult \$5.00 per night, Youth (11-17 yr) \$2.50 per night, Children (0-10 yr) free.

Hut locations:

Koranga Forks Hut: NZTopo50 map sheet: BF41 Grid/NZTM2000 coordinates: E1974394, N5741351

Tawa Hut: Grid/NZTM2000 coordinates: E1972096, N5737343

Booking not required – first come, first served.

At Kahunui Stream



Historic Kahunui Hut