



## PUPU HYDRO WALK - TAKAKA

Driving Distance: 15 min.  
Estimated Walk Time: 1.5 hrs.

- Difficulty: Easy/**Moderate**/Challenging  
Highlights: Great views of Golden Bay. Interesting historical and still working hydro scheme.  
Cautions: Keep to established track.  
Bring: Sensible shoes, hat, sunglasses, water, snack.  
Directions: Turn L out of Ratanui on Abel Tasman Dr. Follow for 8 kms to the roundabout at Fonterra Dairy Factory. Continue straight through the roundabout onto Meihana St which will end at the Takaka-Collingwood Highway. Bear R on the Highway and drive for 3kms, crossing the Takaka River and turning L on Pupu Valley Rd. Follow Pupu Valley Rd past Pupu Springs (soon becoming unpaved) to the carpark for the Pupu Hydro Walk.



**Route description:** This is a loop walk, and best done counterclockwise. The walk starts with a steady climb through the bush, gaining elevation until you reach the hydro works. Boardwalks follow the water races across the hillside until you reach a 4 wheel drive track for the descent back to your car.

