

## RAWHITI CAVE

Driving Distance from Ratanui: 15 min.

Estimated Walk Time: 1 1/2 hrs.

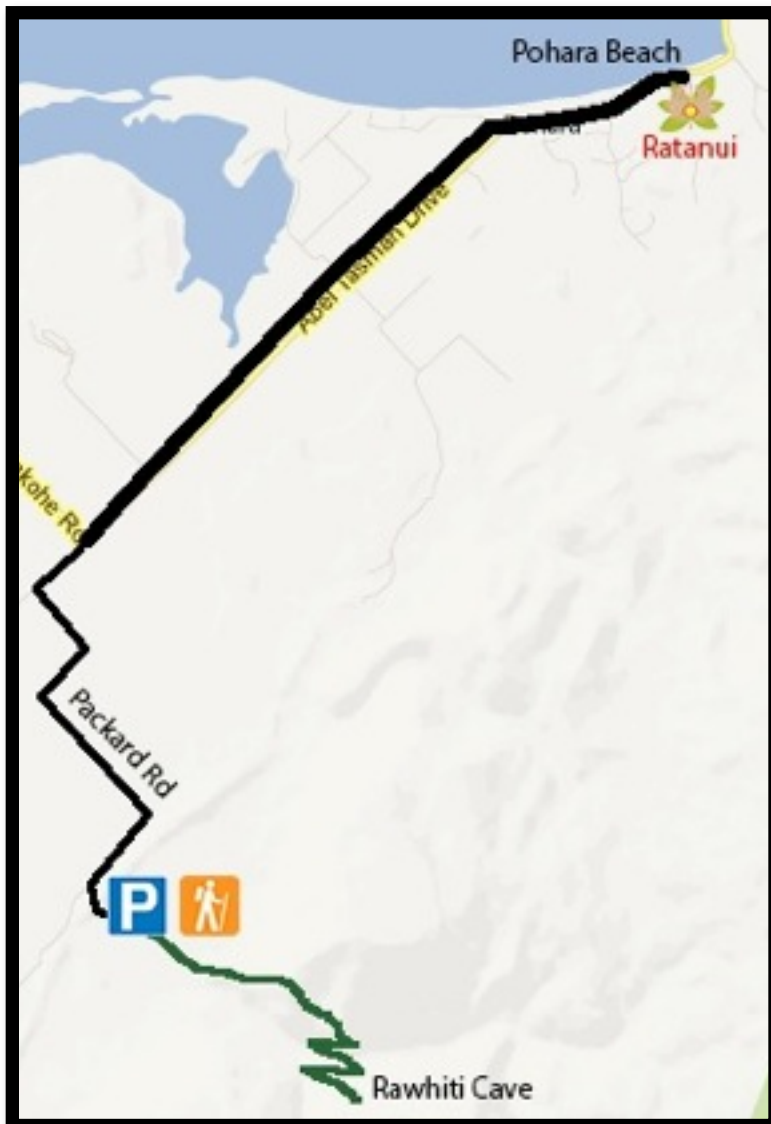
Difficulty: Easy/**Moderate**/Challenging

Highlights: A switchback climb to a gaping cave mouth filled with stalagmites and stalagmites.

Cautions: The track is steep with many switchbacks. Cave mouth is wet and slippery.

Bring: Sensible shoes. Water.

Directions: Turn L out of Ratanui on Abel Tasman Dr. Drive for 4km. Turn L on Glenview Rd (will feel as though you are going straight at the Motupipi butcher). Follow Glenview Rd for .4km and Turn L on Packards Rd. Follow Packards Rd for approximately 2.5km and see the sign for Rawhiti Cave. Park in the paddock and leave gates as you found them.



**Route description:** The walk begins on a 4-wheel drive track bordering a usually dry creekbed. The route then begins to climb steeply with several switchbacks up the side of a narrow valley. Don't worry, it may seem that you will never get to the cave, but just when you are out of breath and don't want to climb anymore, the cave mouth will appear before you. DOC has built a viewing platform at the entrance of the cave. Caution should be exercised if exploring outside of the viewing platform area.