

## Puhoi Track, Auckland

### WILD FILE

**Access** Puhoi Domain, Ahuroa Road, Puhoi

**Grade** Easy

**Time** 1.5-2hr each way

**Map** AZ31

### Description

Just 50km north of Auckland lies the small historic village of Puhoi on the banks of the scenic Puhoi River. In the weekends the kayak trip to Wenderholm is popular as is the lovely old Victorian pub, which makes a fitting end to an attractive short tramp.

The 5km (one way) Puhoi Track forms part of the Te Araroa Trail and can be walked in either direction taking around 1.5-2hr each way making a return hike achievable for most walkers.

Park at the Puhoi Domain and climb through pretty bush up a formed track to gain a ridge above farmland with extensive views down the valley. The track has been gravelled and fences are crossed via sturdy stiles. There are extensive stretches of beautiful native bush: mature puriri dripping with epiphytes, punga ferns, lush nikau, totara, rimu and kauri.

The track then enters an area of pine trees with an attractive understorey of regenerating natives and soft pine needles underfoot. Another stretch of native bush gives way to a second section of pines and occasional views down the valley towards the cheese factory.

The Puhoi River is crossed on a swing-bridge after which you find yourselves at the northern end of the track at Remiger Road.

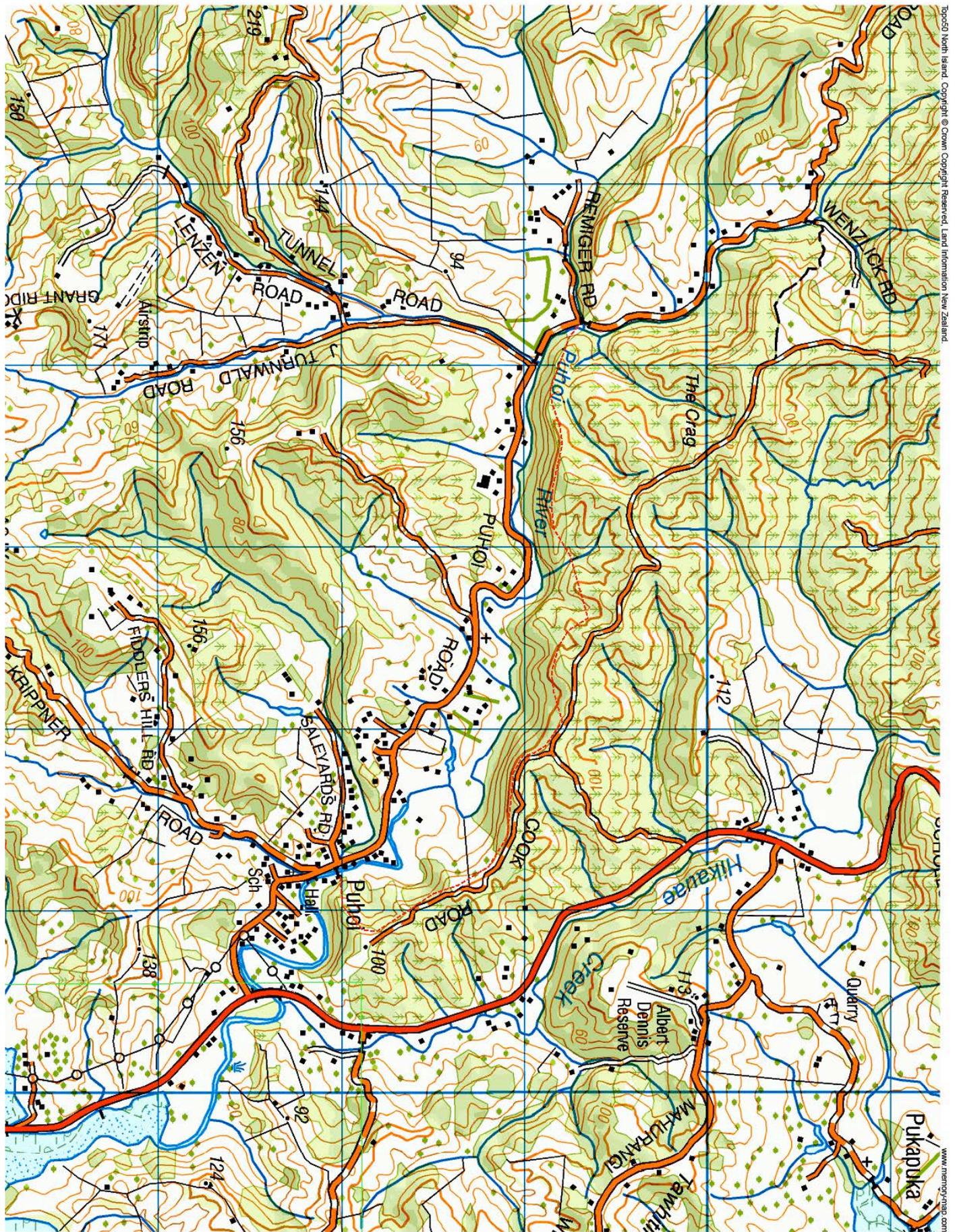
Retrace your route back to Puhoi. On reaching the farmland close to Puhoi village, descend via the lookout point and loop track which is a little steeper and muddier than the main route.

### Elevation Profile



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