Urchin, Kaimanawa Forest Park

Wild file
Access: From Kaimanawa Rd off SH1, past the Pillars of Hercules car park
Grade: Moderate
Length: 4.15km
Time: 2hr
Topo50 Map: BH35

Description
For easily accessible views of Ruapehu, you can't beat a trip to the summit of Urchin in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. The well-defined track leads up through beech forest before entering the sub-alpine zone and the barren tops. A weathered trig station marks the 1392m summit. Urchin can also be used as a starting point for a multi-day trip up the nearby Waipakihi River.

Elevation Profile

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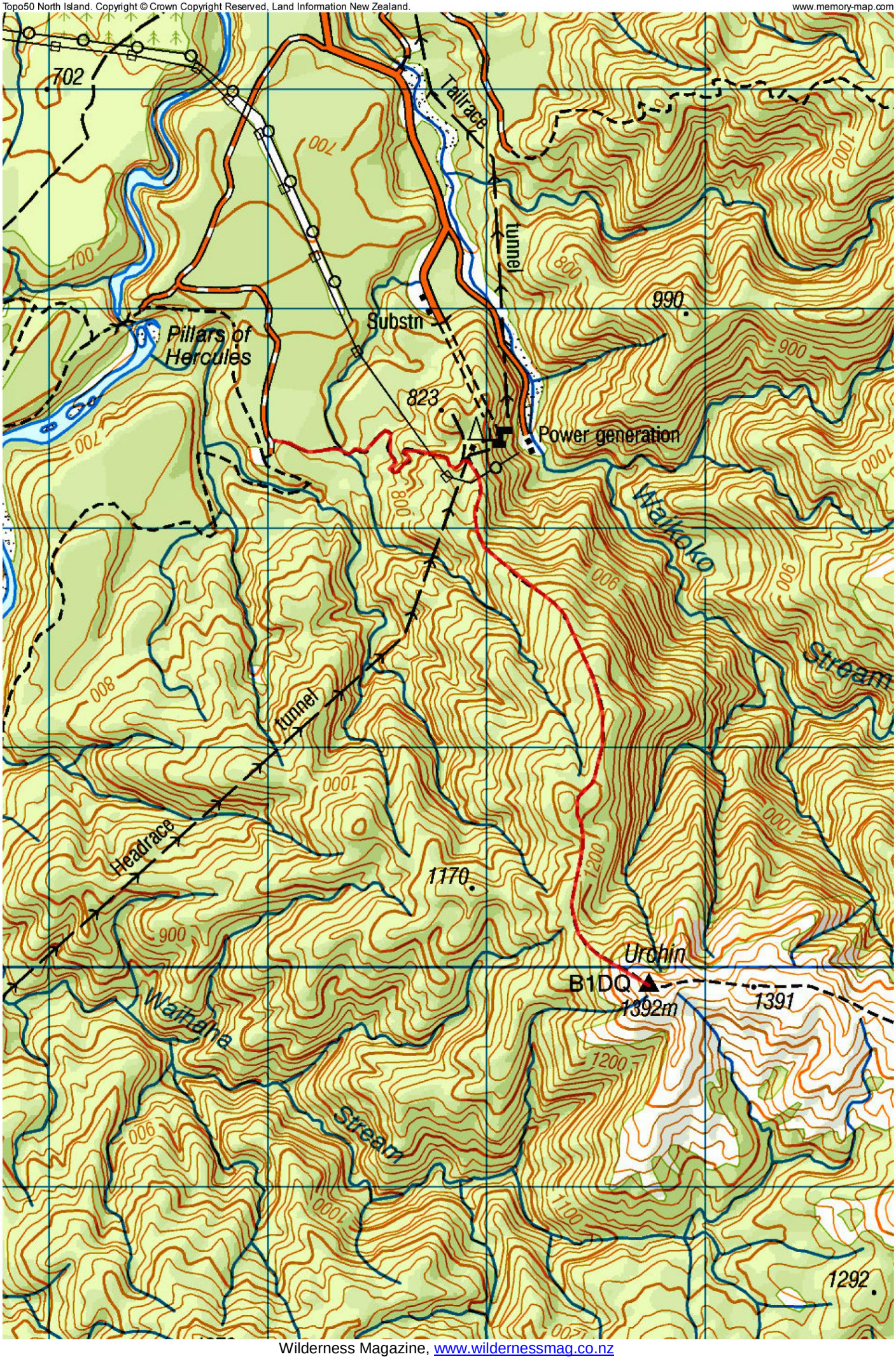
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