

Mangaweka via Purity Hut, Ruahine Forest Park

There's something satisfying about reaching the highest point of a significant land mass, but this often involves several days of time and strenuous effort. Not so in the Ruahines. This impressive range tops out on a broad, flat ridge at 1731m.

While the summit of Mangaweka itself may be underwhelming, the views from it are panoramic – east across the Ruahines and north-west to Mt Ruapehu. The route to Mangaweka is also mostly along moderately inclining ridges. If snow conditions are good, it's an easy snow-plod offering ever-improving views.

The most direct access is across private farmland, then up through bush to six-bunk Purity Hut, situated above the treeline looking out to the volcanoes.

While a trip to Mangaweka can be made in one long day, a night at the hut is a more enjoyable option.

Contact Richard Gorringer (P: 06 382 5856) in advance to secure permission to cross his farm.

Wild File

Access From Mangakukeke Road

Grade Easy-Moderate

Time To Purity Hut, 3-4hr; Hut to Mangaweka return, 5hr

Distance 8.3km to Mangaweka

Accommodation Purity Hut (6 bunks, \$5)

Map BK36

Elevation Profile



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