

Biggs Tops camping, Kahurangi National Park

Biggs Tops offers magnificent views, because it sits right at the southern end of the Luna Ridge system, offering unimpeded views from the north-east to the south-west.

The site offers excellent camping, beside a little tarn nestled in a hollow at 1320m.

The quickest way to reach Biggs Tops is via the Wangapeka Track, first tracing the Wangapeka River from Rolling River car park to Stone Hut, a nice spot to stay the night. Then there's an hour or so climbing through beech forest to Wangapeka Saddle.

From the saddle, you can walk a side trip up the Matiri Tops Route and on to the exposed Nugget Knob (1502m) which offers panoramic views to Mts Patriarch, Owen and Kendall.

From Wangapeka Saddle, the Biggs Topps route branches off the Wangapeka Track and climbs a spur to the north, through beech and an impressive grove of grass trees (*Dracophyllum*). Above the tree line, the poled route traverses beneath Pt1457 and Pt14114 until it reaches a small saddle at 1300m. The best camping spot is beside a small tarn to the east of the saddle. To the north, the route soon begins its relentless descent back down to Karamea River.

The tarn, sitting in open rolling tussock land, offered a few suitable tent sites.

From here, you can continue north to Trevor Carter Hut, some 800m below Biggs Tops beside Karamea River. From the hut, you have the option of walking out to the West Coast via the Taipo River, or circling back along the Lost Valley Track via Helicopter Flat Hut to rejoin the Wangapeka Track.

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Access Rolling River car park on Wangapeka River Road

Grade Moderate

Time Car park to Stone Hut, 6-8hr; Hut to Biggs Tops, 2-4hr

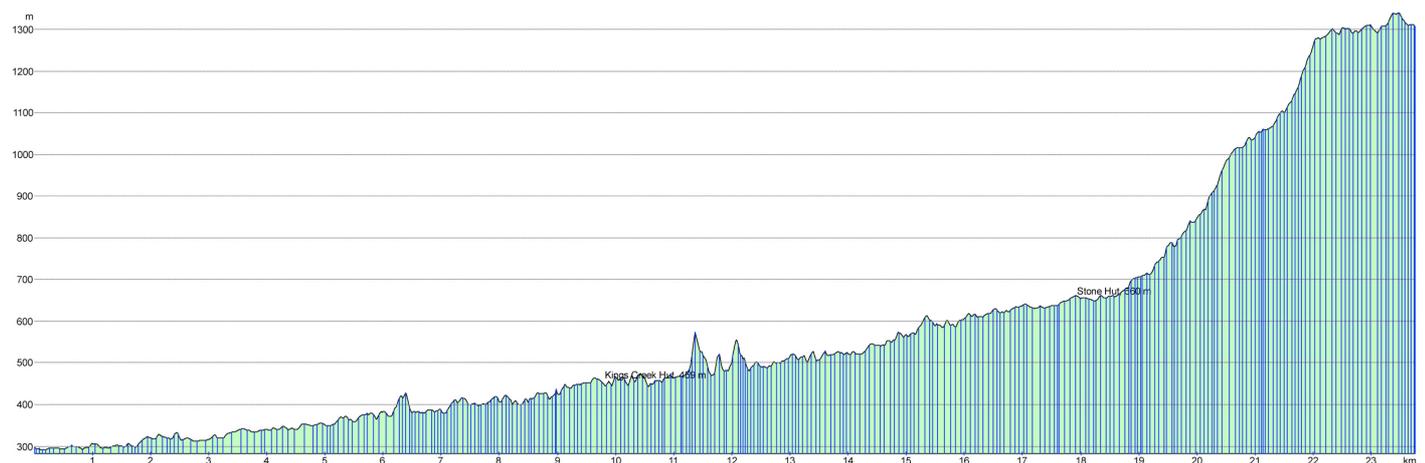
Distance 23.8km

Total ascent 1938m

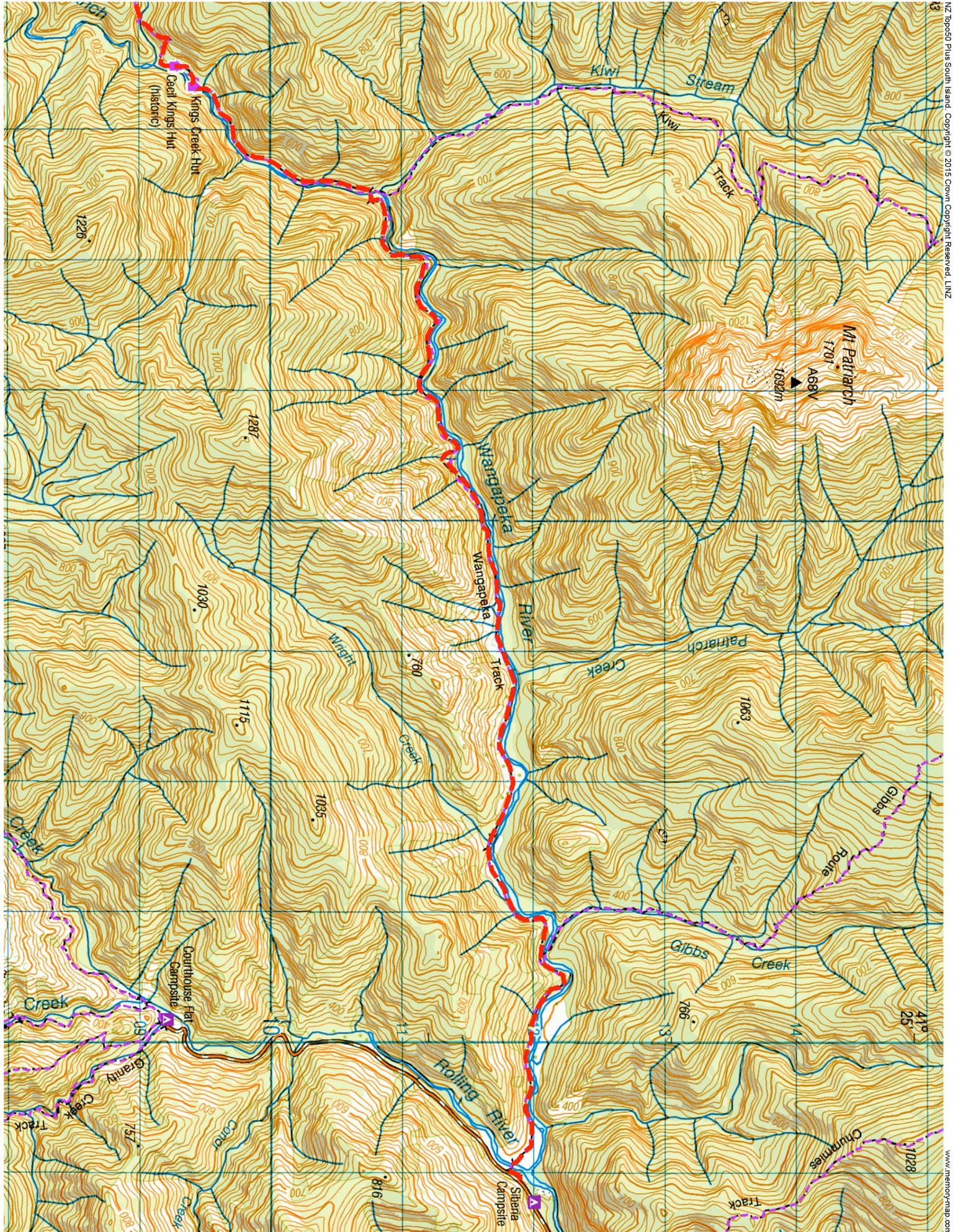
Accommodation Stone Hut (\$5, 10 bunks);

Map BQ24, BQ23

Elevation Profile



Biggs Tops camping, Kahurangi National Park. Map 1



Biggs Tops camping, Kahurangi National Park. Map 2

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