

Tauhara, Taupō

From the car park, the first section of trail crosses private land with livestock and machinery having right of way.

After a couple of fence stiles, the path follows bright yellow markers up a steepish grazing hill to the treeline. Then, it becomes a well-defined track that climbs under a canopy of green, with intermittent openings through the bush offering rewarding views to pastoral farmland and beyond to Lake Taupō and township.

The track is well maintained and easy to follow with a fairly steady ascent right to the summit. At times, hands are required to grasp a well-rooted tree trunk to haul up a steeper section or to steady oneself when coming down.

After about 45 minutes, there's a more mature section of the forest full of large and gnarled trees hanging with thick spongy moss and bright green lichen. Around this point, the track verges a small babbling creek for a few minutes before veering into the forest again.

The thick bush gives way suddenly to a clearing and the summit trig station where walkers can enjoy a near 360-degree view over Taupō.

Heading south along a well-worn track for 100m there's a collection of large boulders perched along the ridgeline offering a better view than at the trig.

Wild file

Access From Mountain Road, off SH5 east of the junction with SH1 near Taupō

Grade Easy-moderate

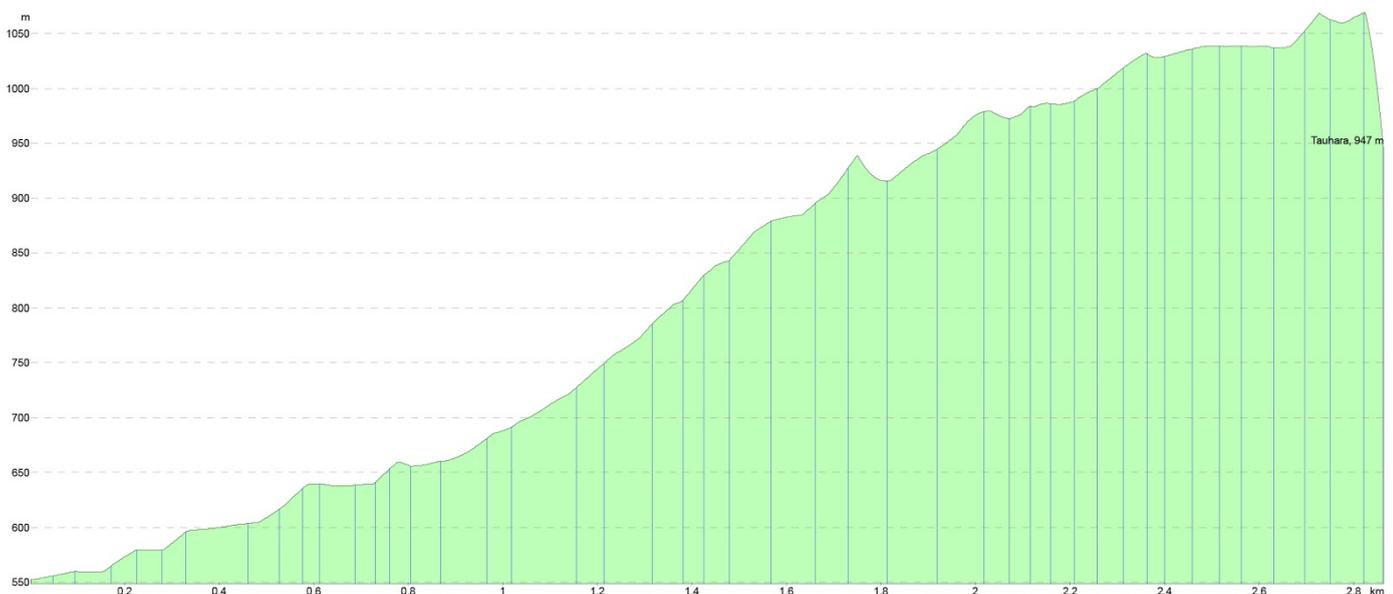
Time 2.5-3hr return

Distance 2.9km

Total ascent 531m

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Elevation Profile



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