

## Crosbies Hut via Te Puru Track, Coromandel Forest Park

Starting at 448m, the first section of the Te Puru Track promises the least uphill, making it a worthwhile contender for an overnight mission. Parking is limited, so it's advised to arrive early or arrange to be dropped off.

From the access point at the summit of the Tapu-Coroglen Road, the track follows a rolling ridge through native bush, gradually gaining in elevation. It gets quite rocky and rooty underfoot, with some muddy sections. And, while it's well maintained, walkers should watch for the orange track markers. The track is overgrown in places, and there are various smaller hunting-tracks branching off into the bush.

The track continues along the undulating ridgeline, offering occasional glimpses of the bush-clad hills of Coromandel Forest Park.

After two to three hours there's a junction which links Te Puru with the Crosbies Main Range Tramping Track. At 690m, this is at the highest point. From here, it's an easy 60min meander through a relatively flat section of scrubby vegetation before a final short climb to the hut.

Crosbies Hut sits in an elevated clearing at 620m. There are panoramic views north towards Maumaupaki and Mercury Bay, east towards Table Mountain, and west towards the Firth of Thames.

### Wild File

**Access** Across the road from the carpark at the summit of Tapu-Coroglen Road, Coromandel

**Grade** Easy-Moderate

**Time** 3.5 to 4hr to hut

**Distance** 9.04km to hut

**Total ascent** 635m

**Accommodation** Crosbies Hut (\$15, 10 bunks)

**Topo50 map** BB35

### Elevation



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