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## BRIDGE TO NOWHERE WHANGANUI RIVER LODGE & TOURS



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JET BOAT TOURS

101 MUST-DO'S  
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## The Best “One Day River Adventure” Available

### Bridge To Nowhere Tour with “Canoe Return” option

**Time: 4 – 4 ½ hours**

Join Joe, Ben or Kelly (your driver - guide) on one of our “Bridge to Nowhere” jet boat tours.

Travel 30km (1 hour) upstream into the middle reaches of the Whanganui River. Pristine native bush cloaks the banks and you will see deep gorges covered with ferns, caves, rapids and other unique and amazing scenery.

See the world famous Drop Scene, the Dress Circle and the ancient pegs used by the river boat crew to help them negotiate these waters over 100 years ago. Continuing on deeper into this wilderness area you'll arrive at the Mangapurua Landing.

Your walk to the Bridge to Nowhere begins here. The easy walk follows the old road and takes approximately 40 minutes. Continue on through the bush until you arrive at the historic “Bridge to Nowhere” - gateway to the “Valley of Abandoned Dreams.”

Bring a picnic lunch to have at the Bridge, enjoy tales of the historic Mangapurua Valley and its pioneering people. A return

walk to the boat and trip back down river to Pipiriki completes this unique experience.

#### Tour Information

Tours depart daily from our base in Pipiriki  
Check in time 10.30 am or as advised  
Parking available at our base  
Audited annually by Maritime NZ

GIFT VOUCHERS  
AVAILABLE

#### What to bring

Picnic lunch, drink, suitable footwear, warm jacket  
Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen

#### Canoe Return Option Total 6 – 7 hours

After enjoying your walk from the Bridge to Nowhere we return to the jet boat and travel back down river to where your canoe or kayak awaits.

After instructions on how to operate your canoe you can paddle the last 10 km of your journey down the river to Pipiriki. This is one of the most scenic parts of the river full of mystery with side streams and caves to explore.

The paddling is classed as easy and takes 1 – 2 hours paddling time. Package includes tea/coffee, canoe and paddle hire, lifejacket, bailer, storage barrel and points of interest map. Please don't wear jeans for canoeing.



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Note:  
Audited annually by Maritime NZ  
NZ Adventure Activities certified - canoeing.  
Minimum fares apply  
All tours subject to weather and river conditions

- “Mountain to Sea” Cycle Trail
- Mangapurua Track
- John Coull Hut
- Matemateaonga Track
- Tieke Marae
- Whakahoro

destinations including:  
We can provide all your jet boat transfers to and from all river  
**River Taxi Service**  
We can organise all your vehicle and jet boat transfers.

Look on our website for 1 and 2 day tramping and camping packages.  
There are four Doc huts and freshwater available on this track.  
Whanganui National Park wilderness region.

River end. Using an old Maori trail, you penetrate deep into the Stratford and the Bridge to Nowhere Lodge at the Whanganui. This track can be walked in either direction between Kōhe Saddle, Time 3 - 4 days 42 km

Mangapurua Track  
Time 2 - 3 days 11 + hours 35.4 km  
This track starts from Ruatiti - Raetihi. You walk down into the Mangapurua Valley carry on over the Bridge to Nowhere and down to the Whanganui River where our BTN jet boat awaits you. There are no Doc huts on this walkway.

### Tramping / Hiking



## Welcome

Joe and Mandy would like to welcome you to Bridge to Nowhere Lodge and Tours. If you are looking for the ultimate NZ wilderness experience, you have come to the right place. Explore the Whanganui National Park with us. With 5 generations and a lifetime of living, working and playing in the park our family has an extensive knowledge of the river, tracks and their secrets.

We offer jet boat tours to the Bridge to Nowhere, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking and tramping.

Extend your trip by staying at our exclusive Bridge to Nowhere Lodge. We offer fully catered or self catering accommodation and a licensed bar. It is the only accommodation of its kind in the area; there are no roads to the Lodge. Access is only by our BTN jet boat or canoe!

If you would prefer being closer to nature stay at our campground. We have new cabins, tent sites, hot showers and a huge camp kitchen.

“Let us show you our world”



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Canoe and Kayak Adventures

If you would like to spend more time exploring the Whanganui River we can jet boat you into the most scenic areas of the Whanganui National Park. You can then canoe or kayak yourself back.

Explore One-Day 6-7 hours

Come with us on our jet boat tour to the Bridge to Nowhere. Enjoy your 40 minute bush walk to the Bridge. Your guide will share stories of the river and of years gone by. Returning to the jet boat, you will cruise back down the river towards Pipiriki to where your canoe awaits. After instructions, you board your canoe and paddle the last 1 or 2 hours back to Pipiriki.

Nature Lovers Cruise 4+ hours canoeing

For those with less time the half day trip will suit you. Jet boat up river for 21km (½ hour) and canoe yourself back to Pipiriki, exploring side streams and gorge areas as you go.

Express 2+ hours canoeing

For those of you with very little time who would still like to see the best of everything. Jet boat 20 minutes up river and canoe back.

Stay and Play Packages - two days/one night

Fully Catered

Starting from Pipiriki jet up the Whanganui River, then enjoy the bush walk to the Bridge to Nowhere. Return to the river and board your canoe for a 1 ½ hour journey to the Bridge to Nowhere Lodge. Spend the night at the Lodge and enjoy a generous buffet meal and breakfast the next morning. Return to Pipiriki in your canoe a 21km, 4+ hour journey.

Self Catered

This option has exactly the same activities as above. The difference is the accommodation in this package is in our bunk rooms and you will need to bring your sleeping bag and provide and cook your own food.

Backpacker Special

Again start your day with the Bridge to Nowhere Tour including the bush walk. Jet boat down to Bridge to Nowhere Campground. Stay the night in one of our cabins or bring your tent. Spend the next day canoeing the 21km back to Pipiriki.

For more details and other variations have a look at our website: [www.bridgetonowhere.co.nz](http://www.bridgetonowhere.co.nz)

Transport can be arranged from Raetihi, Ohakune, National Park and Wanganui.

Bridge to Nowhere Lodge

The Lodge is a unique place located deep in the Whanganui National Park wilderness region. It is the only accommodation of its kind in the area. There is no road access to the Lodge. Options for getting to the Lodge include our BTN jet boat, canoe, mountain biking, tramping or helicopter.

BTN Lodge facilities include:

- Comfortable double / twin accommodation
- Family and bunkrooms available sleep 5/6
- Delicious meals presented as a generous buffet
- Licensed bar serving New Zealand wines and beers
- Magnificent bush and river views

Guests are welcome to explore our property, a mix of bush and farmland with both domestic and native animals. Discover our glow worms, listen to Kiwis calling or capture the magic from the comfort of the balcony.

The Lodge is especially suitable for mountain bikers, trampers, backpackers and canoeists and anyone who would like a well deserved hot shower and comfortable bed.

Bridge to Nowhere Lodge Retreat

Your Bridge to Nowhere Tour can be extended to include an overnight stay at the Bridge to Nowhere Lodge. Includes Bridge to Nowhere Tour and jet boat transfers from Pipiriki and return, dinner, accommodation and breakfast.

Lodge Fully Catered

Suitable for those travellers who want to be completely looked after. We provide accommodation, dinner and breakfast.

Lodge Self Catering

You bring your own sleeping bag and food and we provide bunk or family room accommodation, as well as use of the Lodge's facilities including fully equipped kitchen, lounge, bar and dining room.

“Arrive as Strangers, Leave as Friends”

Mountain Biking “Mountains to Sea” Cycle Trail

Bridge to Nowhere / Mangapurua Track

“If you only have the chance to do one adventure ride this year, this is the North Island’s best”. quote by Jonathan Kennett

Bridge to Nowhere Lodge and Tours offer you complete transport and accommodation packages for this section of the “Mountains to Sea” cycle trail. Starting from Raetihi - Ruatiti Valley, follow an old settlers road that was developed from 1918-1935. You travel through what is now abandoned farmlands, historic sites and across the world famous Bridge to Nowhere. Carry on down to the Whanganui River to be met by our BTN jet boat.

Options include:

- . Safe parking for your vehicle at Raetihi Holiday Park
- . Shuttle service from Raetihi or Ohakune to start of track
- . Shuttle of overnight gear from Raetihi to Lodge
- . Jet boat transfer Mangapurua to BTN Lodge or Pipiriki
- . Accommodation at BTN Lodge or Campground.
- . Canoe or kayak hire from BTN Lodge to Pipiriki
- . Jet boat transfers for your bikes and packs
- . Shuttle bus from Pipiriki back to Raetihi or Ohakune

We also have jet boat and accommodation options that are ideal for others that do not wish to do the ride but don’t want to miss out on the fun!  
The Lodge is situated 9km below the Mangapurua Landing. All packages and prices are available on our web site.

