



## **Waipoua Forest, Kauri Coast, Northland, New Zealand**

The lodge is 47km north of Dargaville, on State Highway 12, only 2km from the Southern entrance to Waipoua Forest in Northland New Zealand. We are on the Twin Coast Highway Discovery. This is a circular route from Auckland, going around Northland, including the Bay of Islands, so if your accommodations are fully booked in one area, you can change them to drive the other way around.

We are 1½ hours from the Bay of Islands, 40 minutes from Hokianga Harbour and Dargaville, and 3½ hours north of Auckland International Airport on main roads. We are 3km from the sea, 2km from Waipoua forest, 15km from Trounson Kauri Park and 40km north of Kai Iwi Lakes.

### **Travelling from Auckland - 3 hours**

Travel State Highway 1 north to the Brynderwyn Hills turnoff, which is 10 mins north of the town of Kaiwaka (1hr and 30mins from Auckland). Follow the "Twin Coast Discovery" signs on State Highway 12, which lead through Dargaville township (one more hour). In Dargaville continue on State Highway 12 along the river, turn north off the river toward the Waipoua Forest and drive 30 minutes to the lodge. The lodge is 47kms from Dargaville. We are on the main SH12 highway on the right hand side and we have sign posts 3 km before the lodge. There is also a kauri gift shop opposite the lodge. Please note, if you get to the forest you have just driven 2km too far - turn around.

### **Travelling from the Bay Of Islands – 1 hour and 50 mins**

Travel through to the beautiful Hokianga Harbour to the towns of Opononi/Omapere on State Highway 12. Continue on SH12 through the beautiful Waipoua Forest (we are about 50 mins from Omapere). We are two kilometres south of the forest on State Highway 12 on the left hand side with sign posts 300m before the lodge and a kauri gift shop opposite us on the right hand side.

### **Arriving By Air**

We have a helipad on site at the lodge. Helicopter travel may be arranged through **HeleTranz**, Heleflight or Advanced Air.

The nearest airports are Whangarei (1hr 15mins) and Kerikeri (2hrs). You can rent a hire car at these airports.

### **Petrol**

Please remember, when you travel through Dargaville or Opononi, to fill your petrol tank before driving through to stay with us, as there is only one small gas station which is open limited hours near the forest. It is beautiful and remote here.

### **About New Zealand Roads**

New Zealand roads are not autobahns that you can travel on at great speed. Our country is diverse and our roads wind through this beautiful country. Therefore the travelling times on many of our New Zealand roads can often be slower than overseas visitors expect, when comparing similar distances to your own country.

### **Please Bring**

- Good shoes for walking
- A rain jacket. New Zealand is clean & green and it rains to keep it that way. Summer evenings can also be cool, so bring a warm jersey.
- Swim suit & sun tan lotion for the Kai Iwi Lakes, the garden jacuzzi and the water hole.
- Casual, comfortable clothing. New Zealand is a very relaxed country and certainly Waipoua Lodge is somewhere to slow down, relax and enjoy.



## Kauri Coast Map

