

Waipoua Lodge

Aranga, Northland

Award-winning Bed & Breakfast

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Nestled on a ridge overlooking the vast Waipoua Forest, where iconic kauri trees have been living for over 3,000 years, Waipoua Lodge offers luxury accommodation in an original kauri homestead surrounded by native forest and pasture stretching as far as the eye can see.

As well as award-winning hospitality, the purpose of a stay at the lodge is to experience the Waipoua Forest. A forest where only native bird song breaks a deafening silence whilst you stand in awe, surrounded by trees that have been living here since bronze age man.

Your experience will be enhanced with authentic stories, memorabilia and history of the mighty kauri and the early pioneers who fought the odds to live in this challenging environment 100 years ago. At Waipoua Lodge you can have the same authentic experience, but today delivered in the comfort of a New Zealand luxury 5-star accommodation.



With only four luxury guest suites (The Stables, Calf Pen, Woolshed & Tack Room) we offer somewhere very special to relax and unwind whilst indulging yourself in some delicious cuisine, personal and warm hospitality, plus of course spectacular scenery of the unspoilt natural ancient Kauri Coast environment.



Directions

1.5 kms south of the Waipoua Forest on State Highway 12
45 kms north of Dargaville on State Highway 12

Nearest roads: Waipoua Settlement Road (250m to the north) and Marlborough Road (1.1km to the south)

There are two options of which route to take from Auckland which gets very congested during rush hour (7.00 to 9.30 am and 3.00 to 6.30 pm):

From Auckland

Option 1: State Highway 1 northbound which will take you through Auckland city and any rush hour traffic;

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Option 2: State Highway 16 westbound which is more scenic and whilst longer can be faster during rush hour traffic. This route joins back into State Highway 1 at Wellsford.

Toll Road – State Highway 1

If you decide to take State Highway 1 you will encounter a toll road. Tolls can be paid and selected service stations and online.

Whichever direction you decide to take they both will join together at Wellsford and follow SH1 north to Brynderwyn where you will turn left onto SH12. There is a large new orange 'Kauri Coast' sign 500m before the turning. Follow SH12 all the way to Dargaville where you will cross the river and reach a T junction. Turn left and follow the road through Dargaville until you cross another small bridge and the river is on your left. You will then have a sharp right turn signposted Waipoua Forest (Corner Store on junction). Turn right and you will find the lodge, on the right, **exactly 45kms from this turning** – there is a Kauri Gum Store opposite. If you reach the start of the Waipoua Forest you have gone a little too far.

Recommendations

Heritage Attractions, Museums, Gardens, Scenic Attractions, Climbing, Golf, Horse Treks, Walking/Trekking

Activities in this area

- [Wildlife Cruises](#)