



Whanganui River Adventures

PIPIRIKI ~ WHANGANUI RIVER



“Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au”
I AM THE RIVER, THE RIVER IS ME

- Jet Boating • Canoeing • The 'Bridge to Nowhere'
- Mountain Biking • Bush Walking • Camping Ground
- 100% Locally Owned & Operated

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Getting Here:



Join us on a tour of a lifetime!

Get off the beaten track and explore the natural & untouched Whanganui River on one of our Jet Boat or Canoe Tours.

Be immersed in our local indigenous Māori & Pre-European culture by local river people - tangata whenua o te awa - for a truly unique experience and memory.

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Jet Boat Tours:

Bridge to Nowhere Tour ⌚ 4.5 Hours

Join Whanganui River Adventures on the “Bridge to Nowhere” tour, departing from Pipiriki, we jetboat upriver for 32kms (55 mins) through fern & flax cloaked gorges, along the way your local driver/guide will stop and share with you historical and scenic points of interests.

After arriving at the Mangapurua Landing, you will be guided on a gentle 40 minute walk to the “Bridge to Nowhere” – a large concrete structure built in 1936 to give early pioneering farmers access to their farms, an area known as “The valley of Abandoned Dreams”, where you will stop for lunch on this historical monument of a bygone era.

What to bring: Lunch, warm jacket and suitable walking footwear.

We provide: tea, coffee and biscuits.

Departs: From Pipiriki, check-in 9.45am.

Manganui O Te Ao Tour ⌚ 45 mins

This stunningly scenic jet boat tour departs from Pipiriki and takes you to the Manganui O Te Ao river flowing on the western slopes of Mt Ruapehu, home to the endangered native blue duck (whio).

Explore the deep ravines covered in mosses and an array of native ferns with the forests reaching for the sky.

Departs: From Pipiriki, time on demand.

Bridge to Nowhere One Day Ride ⌚ 8-10 hours

We can cater for all group sizes where we will pick you up at Kune Shuttles Ohakune and transport you to the Ruatiti Road end where you start your ride. Then Whanganui River Adventures will pick you up at the Mangapurua landing with our Jet Boats and jet boat you 32 km’s back to Pipiriki where Kune Shuttles passenger van will return you back to your accommodation.

Departs: From Kune Shuttles, Ohakune.

Bridge to Nowhere Jet Boat Pickup Only

If you prefer to organise your own road transport or are riding the Mountains to Sea Cycle trail we can pick you up at the Mangapurua (Bridge to Nowhere) Landing and jet boat you back to Pipiriki.

Departs: From Mangapurua Landing.



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“Kia ora - hello”



Nau mai. haere mai koutou nga manuhiri ki te awa o Whanganui - Welcome to all our visitors to the Whanganui River.

Pipiriki is the southern gateway to the Whanganui National Park, it is from here your operator Whanganui River Adventures welcomes you aboard. All tours are small ensuring a memorable experience and can be tailor-made to suit your personalised requirements.

Ken (your local guide & driver, who first started driving commercial jet boats in 1985) and his wife - Josephine (whose family have been on the river for generations and still work and live there today), have extensive local knowledge and stories of their childhood of growing up and living alongside the mystical Whanganui River. Our tour guides will share with you the history and stories of the river stops and of the early settlers in the Mangapurua Valley - the famous Bridge to Nowhere.

Reservations are essential!

To book or for more information contact
Ken & Josephine Haworth - Freephone 0800 862 743
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Jet Boat & Canoe/Kayak Tours

Only available October – April dependant on conditions.
(Please note that age restrictions apply for these tours)



The Onedayer Adventure ⌚ 6-7 Hours

Join Whanganui River Adventures on the “best one day tour” available on the majestic Whanganui River departing from Pipiriki, we jetboat upriver for 32kms (55mins) through fern & flax cloaked gorges, along the way your local driver/guide will stop and share with you historical and scenic points of interest.

After arriving at the Mangapura Landing, you will be guided on a gentle 40 minute walk to the Bridge to Nowhere where you will stop for lunch on this historical monument of a bygone era.

On your return back down the river by jetboat, we will stop 10kms before Pipiriki and after instructions and a demonstration on how to operate your canoe, we will let you paddle yourself back to Pipiriki (2-3hrs) soaking up the afternoon sun and enjoying nature at its best.

What to bring: lunch, water, suitable walking footwear & warm jacket, light clothing for canoeing (no denim trousers), sunglasses, sunscreen/hat.

We provide: Tea, coffee and biscuits.

Departs: From Pipiriki, check-in 9.45am.

Traveller with Little Time ⌚ 3-5 Hours

Your local driver/guide – will jetboat you upriver for 13kms and will give you instructions and a demonstration on how to operate your canoe before you paddle yourself/s back to Pipiriki, exploring and enjoying the native scenery, deep river gorges and some of the more exciting rapids along the way.

What to bring: lunch, water, suitable walking footwear & warm jacket, light clothing for canoeing (no denim trousers), sunglasses, sunscreen/hat.

Departs: From Pipiriki, check-in 9.45am.

The Overnighter ⌚ 2 Days Jet Boat and Canoe Tour

DAY 1: Join Whanganui River Adventures on our daily tour to the BTN. On return back to the river after visiting the “Bridge to Nowhere” your driver/guide will give you instructions and a demonstration on how to paddle your canoe.

From the Mangapurua Landing you paddle 2 hrs (12kms) down to Tieke Kainga/Hut.

DAY 2: From Tieke Kainga/Hut you have a 20km paddle down to Pipiriki. This takes approximately 4-5 hours through some of the best scenery on the Whanganui River, with long sections of water and also some rapids to keep it interesting.

What you need to know: Book your overnight passes at Tieke Kainga/Hut on the DOC Website (booking.doc.govt.nz).

Check in time at our base (Whanganui River Adventures) is at 9am to allow time for packing overnight luggage into water tight barrels.

Minimum number & ages apply. Prior bookings are ESSENTIAL!

Tour available from: October – April and is dependent on weather and river conditions.

What to bring: overnight clothing /sleeping bag & tent, food & cooking utensils.

Departs: From Pipiriki, check-in 9:00am.



Other Tours



Matemateaonga Track Tramp ⌚ 3-4 Days

Take advantage of a 3-4 day tramp along the Matemateaonga Range at your own pace taking into account the magnificent views of Mt Ruapehu in the far distant bush clad hills, farmlands and lowland forests of the Waimarino.

Departs: From Whanganui River end check-in 9am or from Pipiriki, check-in 10am.



Accommodation



Whanganui River Accommodation

Our camping ground is located in Pipiriki Village, the southern gateway to the Whanganui National Park, where you can link up with jetboat and canoe tours or somewhere to camp while driving/cycling through the stunning Whanganui River Road.

We have a secluded setting in Pipiriki where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful bush scenery.

We have:

- Powered sites x4
- Non-powered tent and campervan sites
- Share Cabins - single bed cabins that sleep 4, option of linen supplied
- Communal bathroom, kitchen & lounge area
- Coin operated laundrette
- Camp store / takeaways available
- Dog-friendly campground

Camp facilities are always clean and tidy.



Note: Whanganui River Adventures reserve the right to alter, cancel or amend all tour itineraries due to river or weather conditions.

NOTE: • Raincoats supplied if required • Audited annually by Maritime New Zealand • Department of Conservation Concession Holder
• Secure car parking at our Pipiriki base • Minimum fares apply • All safety approved • Life jackets are supplied • Minimum ages apply