

# Paparoa Track

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Blackball

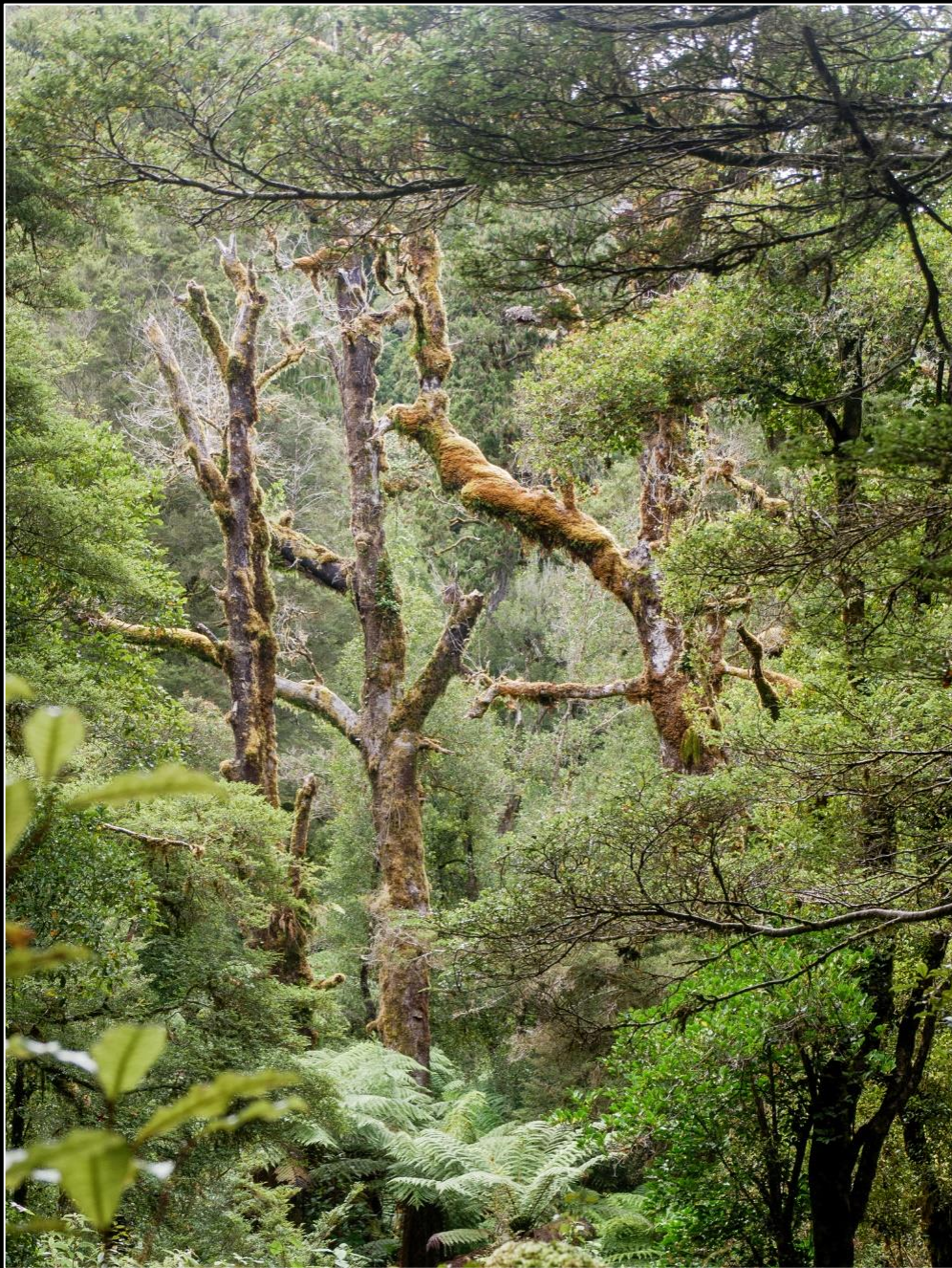
**AXIS OF EVIL  
EMPIRE OF POISON  
NZ GOVT. - D.O.C. -  
FOREST & BIRD  
ARE ECO-TERRORISTS  
BAN AERIAL 1080**





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*Brachyglottis elaeagnifolia*





Croesus Top Hut







*Dracophyllum traversii*



Ces Clark Hut



Croesus tops



*Blechnum novae-zelandiae* & *Astelia nervosa*





*Celmisia discolor* & *Pentachondra pumila*



Looking south from Croesus



Looking north from Croesus. This is where we'll be going tomorrow.



The Grey Valley



Next day we see  
nothing,  
on the way to ...





Moonlight Tops Hut







*Phormium cookianum* & *Macrolearia colensoi*









*Celmisia spectabilis*





An inside afternoon

Creating the track wasn't easy. Three survey teams, each with a surveyor and a track builder, made 72 trips over eight months to establish a general route. They spent hours poring over topographical maps, studying and walking the terrain with a GPS and leaving a trail of blue marking tape along the chosen feasible route. The teams camped in the scrub and contended with swathes of jacket-tearing vegetation and every bit of weather that the Paparoas could throw at them.

DOC hired Hamish Seaton as the track 'set-out consultant', responsible for deciding the track's final alignment. He brought with him a big reputation, having planned out the popular Old Ghost Road Track further north. As Mark Nelson, DOC's Paparoa Track project manager, said:

**'Hamish had an innate ability to look at a section of virgin bush and see the finished track three-dimensionally in his head. He could then relate that vision to the construction crews in a way they could easily understand.'**



Evening excitement, clearing cloud







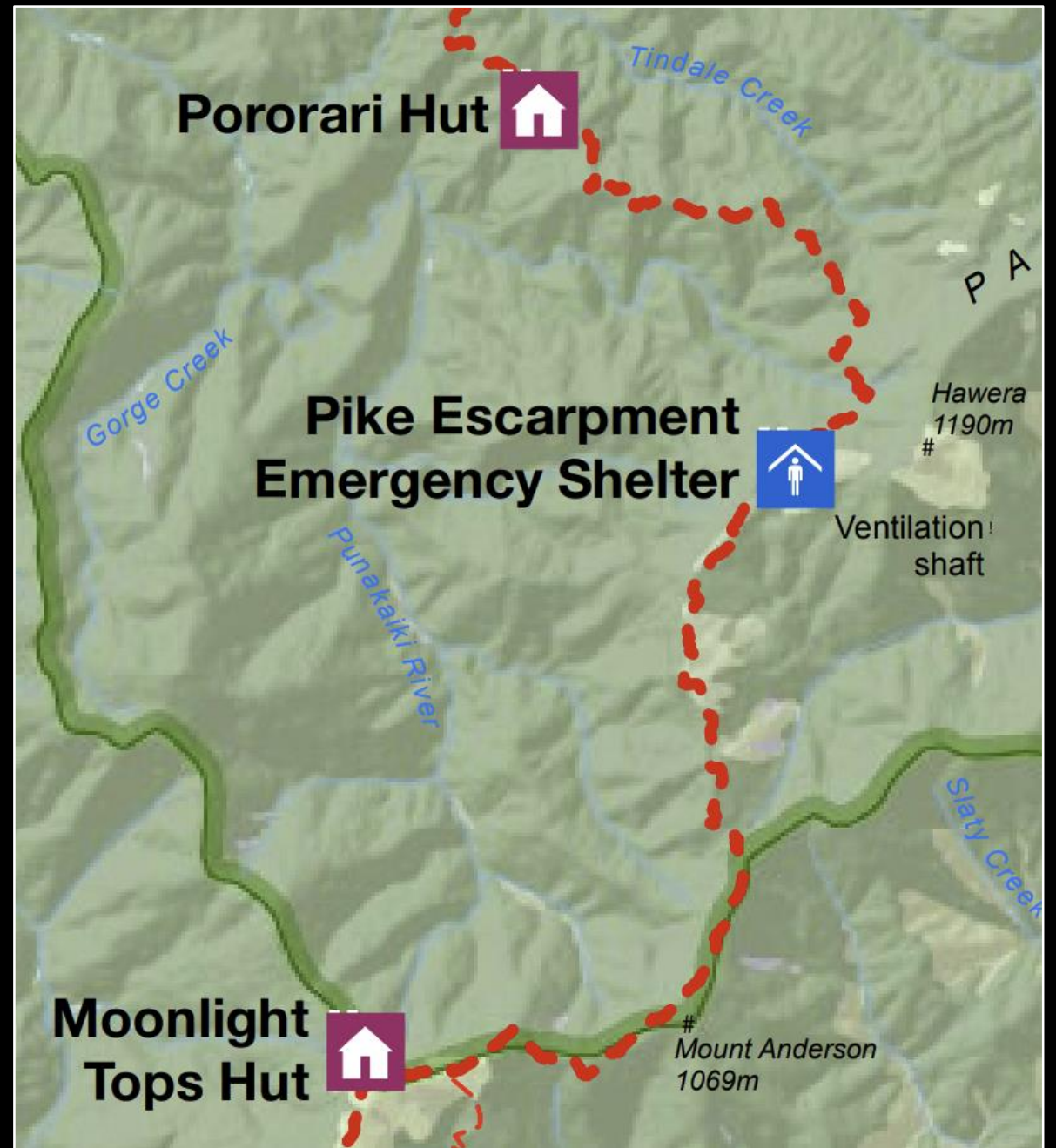




Tomorrow we'll walk along the escarpment, seeing very little.



The view from the emergency shelter











Pororari Hut



*Blechnum discolor*  
& *Parablechnum novae-zelandiae*















Clearing sky on the last day









































*Pseudowintera colorata* & *Dawsonia superba*



Pororari River







*Nertera depressa*













*Mniodendron comatum*



*Cardiomannes reniforme*



*Rhopalostylis sapida*









The end of a great walk!

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