



Te Araroa (2017) and Tour Aotearoa (2020)

- History
- Routes and overlaps
- My journeys
- Highlights
- Future issues

History of two TAs





2011 2016



Karamea Bight Te Wai Pounamu Clarence River New Zealand Waiau River Conway River Tasman Sea aramakau Riv Hurungi River Wilberforce River Pegasus Bay Christchurch Clyde River Lyttelton Harbour Rangitata River Cass River akala River Lake Tekapo Pacific Ocean Orari River Godley/River Takapo River Pareora River Lake Benmore Hakataramea River Rees River Waitaki River Lake Wakatipu ake Manapouri Dunedin Oreti River Clutha River Invercargill

My journeys – the facts

Te Araroa 2017

- Five months
- Bluff to Ship Cove (NOBO)
- Cape Reinga to Auckland (SOBO)
- WINTER
- Auckland to Wellington (SOBO)
- with Alastair
- mostly camping and huts
- lots of cooking
- 12 Kg base weight

Tour Aotearoa 2020

- 35 days
- Cape Reinga to Maruia
- LOCKDOWN
- Maruia to Bluff

- mostly solo
- mostly Airbnb and backpackers
- almost zero cooking
- 10 Kg in panniers







My walking journey – the feelings







My cycling journey — the feelings













The future?

- Management of numbers post-Covid
- Tourism in The Anthropocene
- Safety on/crossing roads
- Condition of trail
- Private land (Te Araroa)
- Priorities for DoC and Waka Kotahi
- Walking Access Commission's remit



Walk or Bike?
Just do it!