

Cape Reinga to Bluff

on foot or by bike?

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Te Araroa (2017) and Tour Aotearoa (2020)

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

History of two TAs



2011



2016

Te Ika a Maui



Te Wai Pounamu



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!