

WHANGANUI JOURNEY

WHANGANUI NATIONAL PARK
1:50,000 MAP AND RIVER GUIDE

- 145 km and 203 rapids of grade 1 and 2 canoeing
- Award-winning relief mapping
- Printed on waterproof, durable, environmentally sustainable Rockstock paper

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RIVER NOTES: (guide times are approximate only)

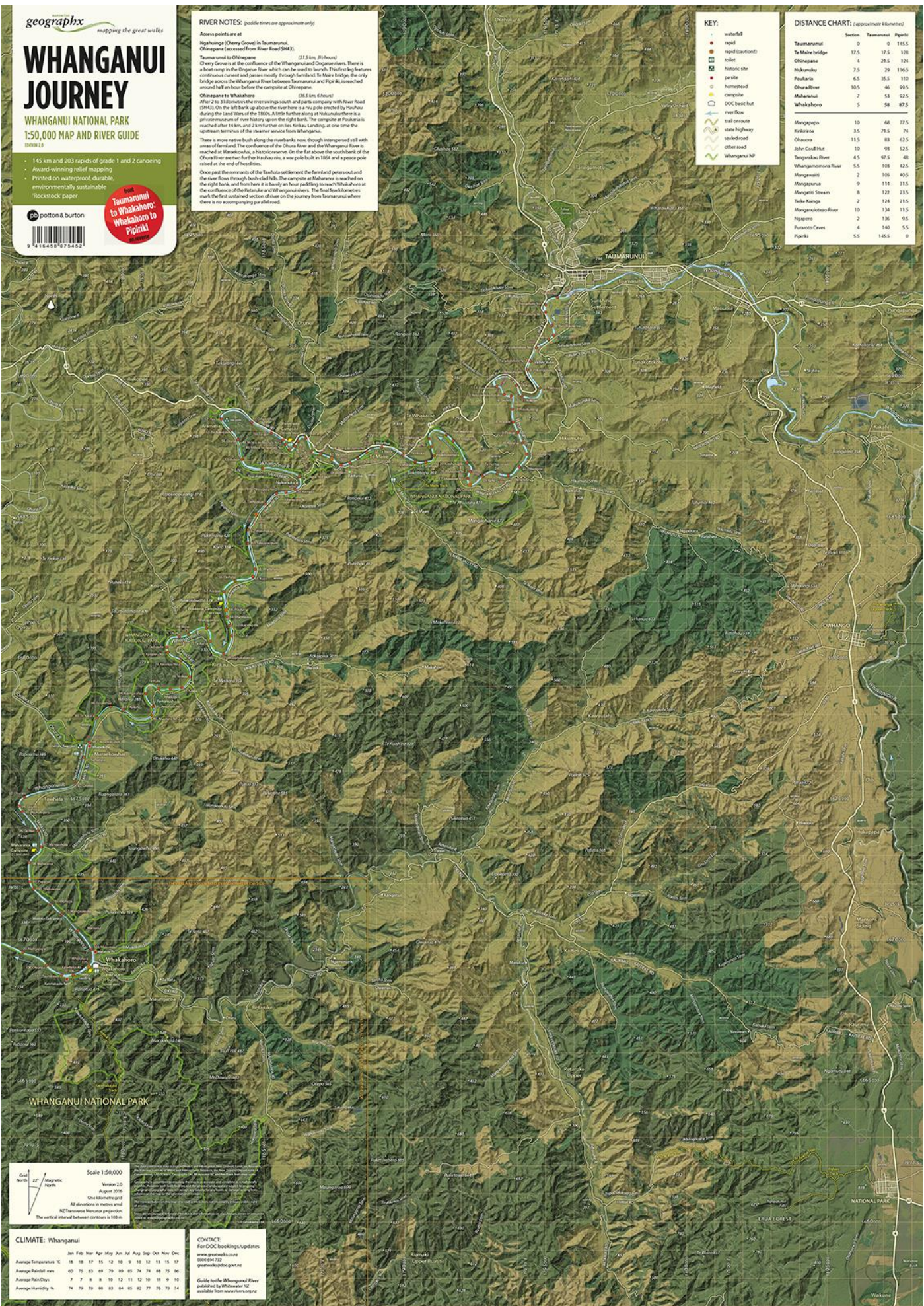
Access points are at
 Ngahungu (Cherry Grove) in Taumārūnui.
 Ohingapane (accessed from River Road 5443).
 (27.5 km, 70 hours)
 Cherry Grove is at the confluence of the Whanganui and Ongarue rivers. There is a boat ramp on the Ongarue River which can be used to launch. The first leg follows continuous current and passes mostly through fernland. To shore bridge, the only bridge across the Whanganui River between Taumārūnui and Pipiriki, is reached around half an hour before the campsite at Ohingapane.
 Ohingapane to Whakāhoro (36.5 km, 6 hours)
 After 2 to 3 kilometres the river swings south and parts company with River Road (5443). On the left bank up above the river here is a rope gully erected by the NZDF during the Land Wars of the 1860s. A little further along at Nukunuku there is a private museum of river history up on the right bank. The campsite at Teakahu is reached after 14 km, and 2 km further on lies Kōwhiri Landing, at one time the upstream terminus of the steamer service from Whanganui.
 There is more native bush along the riverbanks now, though interspersed with areas of fernland. The confluence of the Ohura River and the Whanganui River is reached at Mōrekehu, a historic crossing. On the flat above the south bank of the Ohura River are two further Māori hāhāris, a war pole built in 1864 and a peace pole raised at the end of hostilities.
 Once past the remnants of the Tāwhata settlement the fernland peters out and the river flows through bush-clad hills. The campsite at Mahanui is reached on the right bank, and from here it is a fairly on-hour paddling to reach Whakāhoro at the confluence of the Retarua and Whanganui rivers. The final few kilometres mark the first contained section of river on the journey from Taumārūnui where there is no accompanying parallel road.

KEY:

- waterfall
- rapid
- rapid (location)
- boat
- historic site
- pa site
- homestead
- campsite
- DOC basic hut
- river flow
- main road
- state highway
- sealed road
- other road
- Whanganui NP

DISTANCE CHART: (approximate kilometres)

Section	Taumārūnui	Pipiriki
Taumārūnui	0	0
Te Māra bridge	17.5	17.5
Ohingapane	4	21.5
Nukunuku	7.5	29
Teakahu	6.5	35.5
Ohura River	10.5	46
Mahanui	7	53
Whakāhoro	5	58
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Mangerehō	10	68
Kōwhiri	3.5	71.5
Ohaura	11.5	83
John Gould Hut	10	93
Tanganui River	4.5	97.5
Whanganui River	5.5	103
Mangerehō	2	105
Mangapū	9	114
Mangerehō Stream	8	122
Taka Kanga	2	124
Manganui River	10	134
Ngāporo	2	136
Pūmātao Cairn	4	140
Pipiriki	5.5	145.5



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Scale 1:50,000
 Version 2.0
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 One kilometre grid
 All elevations in metres and
 NZ Transverse Mercator projection
 The vertical interval between contours is 100 m

CLIMATE: Whanganui

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature °C	18	18	17	15	12	10	9	10	12	13	13	17
Average Rainfall mm	60	75	63	68	79	89	85	74	74	88	75	86
Average Rain Days	7	7	8	8	10	11	12	10	11	9	9	10
Average Humidity %	74	79	78	80	83	84	83	82	77	76	73	74

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