

Reference Project

Bridge Construction

Heaphy River - Suspension Bridge Construction

Location	Heaphy River Kahurangi National Park
Date	2012
Client	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atahai

Abseil Access won the contract for the construction of the new bridge crossing the Heaphy River near the Lewis Hut on the Heaphy Track – one of the Great Walks.

The old bridge was washed away in flood and in order to achieve re-construction prior to the summer season Department of Conservation tendered out the super-structure construction only. With 150m of deck, the new bridge is one of the longest suspended decks in New Zealand.

The main cables are supported by 11m high timber pole towers. The deck spans the riverbank flood zones as well as arching upwards mid-span to allow for high water clearance.

25 tons of timber and stainless steel components were preprepared and flown into the site from Karamea. The five-man team completed construction in 14 days, well ahead of the projected timeframe.

