

## Easy to become separated in Urewera bush

A FATHER and his teenager daughter have been happily reunited after becoming separated for a night while out hunting in Te Urewera.

The Auckland pair, aged 44 and 14, became separated on Sunday in Te Totara.

The teenager tried walking back to Te Totara Hut, where they were based, but overshot the track and

ended up at the Central Waiau Hut some five hours later.

Fortunately, a school group was staying at the hut and a member was able to put out a call to police via mountain radio, at 9pm. The girl was looked after overnight by the group.

Police constable and Wairoa Search and Rescue

co-ordinator Tony Maultsaid said two volunteers were flown up to Te Totara at 5.30am yesterday morning.

They were briefed to go to the hut first where the father was located safe and well.

The man was picked up and taken to be re-united with his daughter. The pair were then flown out together later that morning.