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**About this ride:** This loop can be started anywhere, scroll down the information to find your starting point if it is not Mount Maunganui. From the sea to the Geyser City of Rotorua. The loop has been divided into Sections to give you start/ stop options and an indication of kilometres. The Sections are linked from City to town to village to settlement so you have refreshment/ accommodation options.

**Bike type:** A wider tyre is recommended

**Section One: Mount Maunganui to Paengaroa**

**Section Two: Paengaroa to Rotorua**

**Section three: Rotorua to Paengaroa**

**Section Four: Paengaroa to the Mount Maunganui**

**Section One: Mount Maunganui to Paengaroa 43.9km Flat 27.2m**

Mount Maunganui / Tauranga / Matapihi / Bayfair / Paengaroa

**Section Two: Paengaroa to Rotorua 59.3km 36.84 miles**

Paengaroa / Otaramarae / Okere Falls 30.9km Undulating

Okere Falls / Hamurana / Rotorua 28km One hill, slightly undulating

**Section Three : Rotorua to Paengaroa 83.6km 51.94 miles**

flat to undulating, some hills.

Rotorua / Tikitere / Lake Rotoiti / Lake Rotoehu / Rotoehu / Pongakawa / Paengaroa

**Section Four: Paengaroa to Mount Maunganui 47.5km 29.5 miles**

Paengaroa / Maketu / Papamoa / Mount Maunganui



## **Section One    Start: Mount Maunganui** **End: Paengaroa**

**43.9km flat**

### **Mount Maunganui - Tauranga - Matapihi - Bayfair - Papamoa - Paengaroa**

A great starting point and photo opportunity is the Midway viewing platform opposite Commons Ave, on **Marine Parade** (with a toilet below it, and drinking water fountain near the footpath) You have all day to explore this section and maybe take the side options. Ride back towards the Mount ( hill ) Mauao ( plenty of cafes below the accommodation towers here ) following the road for 350 m flowing left into **Adams Ave** for 280m , past the Hot Pools on your right and the Copenhagen Ice Cream shop on your left.

Left into **The Mall** ( Harbour side ) for 1km which flows -

Left into **Salisbury Ave** then half way along this road on your right ride to the left of the Spongedrop building, straight through Coronation Park which comes out on **Nikau Cres**, ride 170m straight ahead on the shared path on the right hand side of this one way road.

Left onto **Rata St** away from the Port for 120m.

Right into busy **Totara St** ( **take care** ) on the **cycle path** ( traffic coming towards you ) for 2.6km, along the road cycle path past **My Ride** Cycle shop ( fabulous wall art on the **My Ride** wall by the Vet sign ) continue past Dominion Salt on your left. At the second set of lights is a major intersection with **Hewletts Rd**, you need to be on the right hand side of the road with the traffic coming towards you. The safest option is to get up onto the footpath at the Seeka entrance way and ride along the footpath to the lights with Ultimate Motor Group on your left and behind you, and cross the road as a pedestrian, at the lights, so you end up on the right hand side of Totara St onto a shared walk/ cycle path ( on Hewletts Rd with the traffic coming towards you ) which will take you up over the Harbour Bridge. It is worth taking a moment at the top of the bridge to enjoy the view, of the Mount, Harbour, Marina, Port and Tauranga.

**Optional side trip: Refreshment and special interest:** As you come off the harbour bridge turn right down **Mirrielees Rd** at the lights. Left into **Cross Rd**, over the railway line and left again into the next Road, sign posted Otumoetai with a bike picture, to 58 Cross Rd, ( whole one way trip 0.6km ). Ride through the Marine Park car park to the boat ramp. Ride up and over the bridge on your right that takes you over the **Fort Nautilus Dry Stack** waterway to the **Nautilus Restaurant & Espresso Bar Tauranga**. There is a bike parking area and outdoor space and tables for you to enjoy refreshments here and or walk back to the gate left of the bridge ( or through the restaurant ) to the most interesting Fort Nautilus Dry Stack, a three boat high storage area. ( the only other one of these in New Zealand is in Auckland ) All the more interesting if they are taking a boat in or out by a fork lift arrangement into the waterway while you are there ! [www.fortnautilus.co.nz](http://www.fortnautilus.co.nz)

The ride / walk path continues past the Nautilus Restaurant a perfect stepping stone to some of Tauranga's Cycle / walk trails Go to [www.bop.org](http://www.bop.org) to view more options. This is especially close to the 9 km loop Waikareao Estuary loop.



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And / or Alternatively carry on down **Cross Rd** ( not turning left to the Restaurant after the rail way line) which flows into **Keith Allen Drive** for 1.3km one way from the harbour bridge , and down to the **Tauranga Marina** to enjoy a little boat watching. The **Marina Café** is also here, toilets also. Retrace your path

Once over the Tauranga Harbour bridge, immediately turn right onto a cycle path that will take you back the way you came but at ground level, signed posted Cycle Mount Maunganui. Veering right this will take you under the bridge you have just ridden over. Head towards the white building which is the Trinity Wharf Hotel and ride on the path at the front of their foundation pillars which will take you out onto the cycle path on **Dive Cres.**

Continue left along this path ( don't cross over the railway line.) just past Bobby's Fish shop ride onto the footpath and foreshore path and park straight ahead of you.

Proceed ahead, **watching out for two sets of low bollards in the middle of the path**, half way along you will come across the Hairy Maclary bronze sculptures from famed children's book author Lynley Dodd. Proceed ahead, when you get to a small white building turn right and you will see a small fountain near the rail way line, cross the rail way line **carefully** here. This is down town Tauranga. There are plenty of eating places along the Strand. Left down the **Strand Rd** at the roundabout, heading towards the railway bridge, ride up and over this ( sign posted Bayfair ) and onto the **Matapihi** causeway & shared path for 5.4km. Enjoying views of the harbour as you go. Passing Omanu Golf course on your left. After the railway line head left towards the traffic lights to cross Maunganui Rd towards the Bayfair shopping centre.

Turn right in the Bayfair car park and follow the outer edge of parked cars, cross over two entry exit ways ( staying in the car park area ), riding straight ahead on the footpath when the underground car park is on your left turn right into the traffic lights area, and ride straight through the traffic lights across **Girven Rd**, ( or after crossing at the traffic lights **walk** your bike towards Bayfair, follow the painted ground signs saying Girven Rd. ) into **Gloucester Rd** for 1.8km

Left into **Hibiscus Ave** for 450m. Right into Grenada St or 1.5km

Left into **Pacific View Rd** at the roundabout for 250 m

Right onto the **Te Ara O Wairakei Stormwater Reserve path**. ( this is just after Reef Ave, slightly obscured by a rubbish bin, trees & electrical box's ) James Henry Ave is on your left. **Mind the bollards as you enter and exit the reserve paths.**

Carry on the Reserve path for 2.57km, crossing over **Evans Rd** and **Hartford Ave** ( a little down on your left the reserve path continues.) cross over **Palm Beach Blvd** continue on the reserve, until you pop out at the Fashion Island shopping centre (There are refreshment options here. ) on **Gravatt Rd** and the Beachwater roundabout.

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As you popped out of the reserve track onto Gravatt Rd, ride left along the foot path past the Beachwater roundabout and cross the road and ride through the white bollards under the Norfolk Pine, there is a path around the back of the Fashion Island shopping centre, with a lake on your right, which takes you out onto Domain Rd, cross **Domain Rd** at the lights and continue on the reserve track.

Carry on the reserve track, crossing **Opal Drive**, and **Longview Drive**. Just before you come out onto Parton Rd take the trail exit on your right signed **Alice Lane**, ride over the bridge, continue straight on with the bowling green and tennis courts on your right for 240m Left into **Alice Lane** for 750m

Right into the **Parton Rd** road cycle lane for 130m ( you are now heading in the direction of the Papamoa Hills. ( from here you can see the front of the hills are contoured with the remnants of ancient Maori fortifications ) Turn Left at the roundabout on **Te Okuroa Drive** for 1.8km following the shared concrete path and then the cycle lane. Optional side trip below can be taken at the Roundabout.

**Optional Side trip :** Right at the Te Okuroa Drive / Parton Rd/ Tara Rd roundabout, ride 1km on Tara Rd ( shared path on the right hand side of the road ) on your right at 112 is **Pacifica Home and Garden Centre**, a lovely gift shop, garden centre and café which is well used to cyclists. There is a cycle rack left of the main door by some outdoor tables. Coming out of the garden centre turn left into Tara Rd, back the way you came , ride directly through the roundabout onto Te Okuroa Drive for 1.8km

At the end of **Te Okuroa Drive** riding right through the bollards on your right onto the wetlands gravel road / path, coming out at the small lakes and turning left onto the TEL ( Tauranga Eastern Link ) shared sealed pathway, riding for 6.8km, Right at the end of the path into **Te Tumu Rd** for 0.7km. Right again at the T intersection into **Maketu Rd** for 0.3km on the share path. Left over the railway line onto the concrete path to Paengaroa ( sign posted Rotorua) crossing carefully when you come to the roundabout at the start of the TEL Motorway. Stick to the path ( crossing anticlockwise as soon as you reach the road in the direction of the Maori carvings. ) Continue behind the carvings on the concrete path to Paengaroa. Also in Paengaroa: The Trading Post French Bistro café, Fush and Chups Takeaways, Paengaroa Country Store, Gull Petrol Station, The Bridal House by Corina Snow and Silkwood and Comvita.

**Accommodation Option: Junction Motel:** [www.junctionmotel.co.nz](http://www.junctionmotel.co.nz) 246 SHW 33 Paengaroa. 07 5331023 [junctionmotel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:junctionmotel@xtra.co.nz), where there is secure bike storage and space to leave your car while you are away riding the trail. Either turn onto the SHW 33 ( Gull is on this Rd ) turning left and you will find the Junction Motel on your right (350m) or carry on Old Coach Rd, through the village past Paengaroa Hall and right down Sunset Drive opposite Paengaroa School and left on SHW 33 and the Junction Motel will be on your right. (700m– a less busy option )

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