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115.7km 71.89miles approx

Start: Rotorua

End: Mount Maunganui

About this ride: This route gives a diverse interesting range of terrain and vistas. It has been divided up into two sections to give you some km and start / stop options.

Bike Type: A wider tyre required

Section One : Rotorua to Paengaroa 59.3 km undulating, small hills.

Rotorua - Ngongotaha - Hamurana - Okere Falls - Otaramarae - Paengaroa

Section Two : Paengaroa to Mount Maunganui 58 km flat 1 hill

Paengaroa - Maketu - Papamoa - Bayfair - Mataphi - Tauranga - Mount



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You can put together as many sections as you wish, depending on your fitness, accommodation and activity stops.

First Part : Rotorua to Okere Falls 28km

This very scenic route is around the western & northern side of Lake Rotorua. Mainly flat with a two very minor hills and one a bit bigger. Many of Rotorua's attractions and activities are on this side of the lake so you may wish to do some on this day. Rotorua is very fortunate to have a wide range of accommodation including some exquisite Boutique Luxury lodges, to find what accommodation suits your needs: www.rotorua.com/visit/accommodation You may wish to linger through this first part taking in the many activities.

Scenic Option Starting point: From the lake front reserve ride along Lakefront Drive and the lake in an anticlockwise direction, (on the road) flowing into Oruawhata Drive which will take you into Queens Drive *(go back to this point when you have finished exploring the beautiful Government Gardens - and magnificent building that is the Rotorua Museum, formally the Bath House, & Café. (www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz))*Riding down Queens Drive, towards the back of the Rotorua Museum, with the Energy Events Centre on your right, you will come to an intersection with Hatupatu Dr, directly behind this road sign and the Government Gardens sign is the path you want to take onto a boardwalk, - turning right onto it (mind your tyres as you ride onto this boardwalk as the wooden slates are wide) Keep on this path past the Polynesian Spa following along the lake side edge of the car park. When you come out at the T intersection with Eurera St & Amohau St (Accommodation facility Sudima Lake Rotorua will be in front of you) left into a bike / walk path. Following the **bike signs**, veering left, along this interesting path through the **Sulphur flats (always stay on the path - this is a geothermal area !)** you will come out onto SHW 30 (at the traffic lights.) 5.1km Return the way you have come. This is well worth the effort to enjoy this extraordinary scenery.

Oruawhata Drive flows into **Lakefront Drive**, ride through several roundabouts in a clockwise direction around the lake, until you get to the roundabout on **Lake Rd** that takes you right up a small hill, and take the third exit on your right (Lake Rd also goes left at the roundabout. - You want to go right) for 800m This is a very busy road so take care, At the traffic lights on **Ranolf St** and **Lake Rd**, get off onto the pavement on your left and cross as a pedestrian to the other side of the road, so now instead of being on the left hand side of the road **with** the flow of traffic you will be on the right hand side, **against** the traffic. On this side of the road you will be on a fabulous new walk/ bike concrete Path. (**be careful of entry and exit ways along this path**)

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Section One Rotorua to Okere Falls continued

This is still **Lake Rd** which veered right where you crossed at the lights. You will ride along here for 850 m before you turn right into a bike/ walking path beside **Railway Rd**, keep going straight ahead until you get to **Kawaha Point Rd**. The path does continue on all the way to Ngongotaha, but if you would like to ride by some of Rotorua's attractions turn left at Kawaha Point Rd.

Left into **Kawaha Point Rd** for 500m, where you will come out at the Traffic Lights with very busy **Fairy Springs Rd**. Again you need to be on the right hand side of Kawaka Point Rd with the traffic coming towards you. Either cross at the lights as a pedestrian or if the way is clear, cross before you get to the lights. You are going to ride right onto **Fairy Springs Rd** on the shared bike/ cycle path, with the traffic coming towards you. It is not a wide path so take care and also be mindful of cars exiting driveways. You are now heading towards Ngongotaha with the flow of traffic coming towards you. This bike / walk path is shared until you get to the next Roundabout. Then you will have to cross the road carefully and ride **with** the traffic for 950m until you reach the Ngongotaha Village.

Government Gardens to Ngongotaha which is 8.9km.

There are many activities on this route: **Skyline Rotorua Gondola, Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park, Dirt Bike Tours, Canopy Tours, Adventure Playground,**

Optional side Trip: Just as you ride into Ngongotaha over a bridge turn left down Western Rd for 1.7km for the Agrodome (show times 9.30, 11.00am, 2.30pm) and Agroventures.

Ngongotaha also has Dynasty Café on your left, 125 Ngongotaha Rd. With plenty of outside space to park your bikes.

Ngongotaha to Okere Falls is 19.2km.

Continue through Ngongotaha on **Hamurana Rd** around the Western side of Lake Rotorua until you come to the Ramada Resort on your right. Some areas of the road on the Northern end of the lake are very picturesque but narrow so take care.

Ramada Resort: 1420 Hamurana Rd, Mourea 07 3624120, www.ramada.com Depending on how far you want to ride and if this is your night stop or maybe just a refreshment stop.

Otherwise continue on turning left onto **SHW 33** until you get to **Okere Falls** 3.8km away

There is also accommodation at Okawa Bay, Mourea. Turning right into SHW 33, carry on for 1km to **V R Rotorua Lake Resort**, 366 SHW 33, Mourea. +647 3624599.

www.vrrotorua.co.nz, reservations@vrhotels.co.nz and retrace your track the next morning for 4 km, continuing past the Hamurana Rd turn off, until you get to **Okere Falls**

There are several B & B's at Okere Falls if you wish to make this your night stop.



Section One Rotorua to Okere Falls continued

The Okere Falls café is a very popular refreshment option.



Section One continued Okere Falls to Paengaroa

Okere Falls is where **Rafting** and **sledging** down the **Kaituna river** starts. Also Glow Worm Cave Kayak Tours.

Scenic Option : Lock your bikes up at the Okere Falls café. Walk 180m on your left from the Café is Trout Pool Rd, walk down here for 0.3 km, on your right you will find a parking area to the very pretty Okere Falls Scenic Reserve. Enjoy the 1.2km walk , 30 minutes walk one way, or even a short way through the bush, where you can observe the rafters/ kayakers and waterfalls on the river. (**mind slippery spray laden steps**) and return back up this road.

To continue on: Immediately **opposite** Trout Pool Rd is a car park (often filled with Kayakers cars) cross carefully over to this car park and then across a small foot bridge to the other side of the Kaituna River. Follow the path up the rise (**mind this tree sheltered path is not slippery**) and you come out on **Okere Rd**, ride 1.9km on this road.

Right into **SHW 33**, ride **carefully** along this busy road with a wide verge for 1.1km turning very carefully right into **Maniatutu Rd** (**tricky corner so take care, there is a turning lane, maybe gather yourselves at the edge of the road before riding into the turning lane when the way is clear.**)

Optional side trip: If you wish to take a spell & (toilet stop -next to the playground) by Lake Rotoiti, turn right down Otaramarae Rd for **400m** and you will come to the lake. Re-tracing your path back up Otaramarae Rd

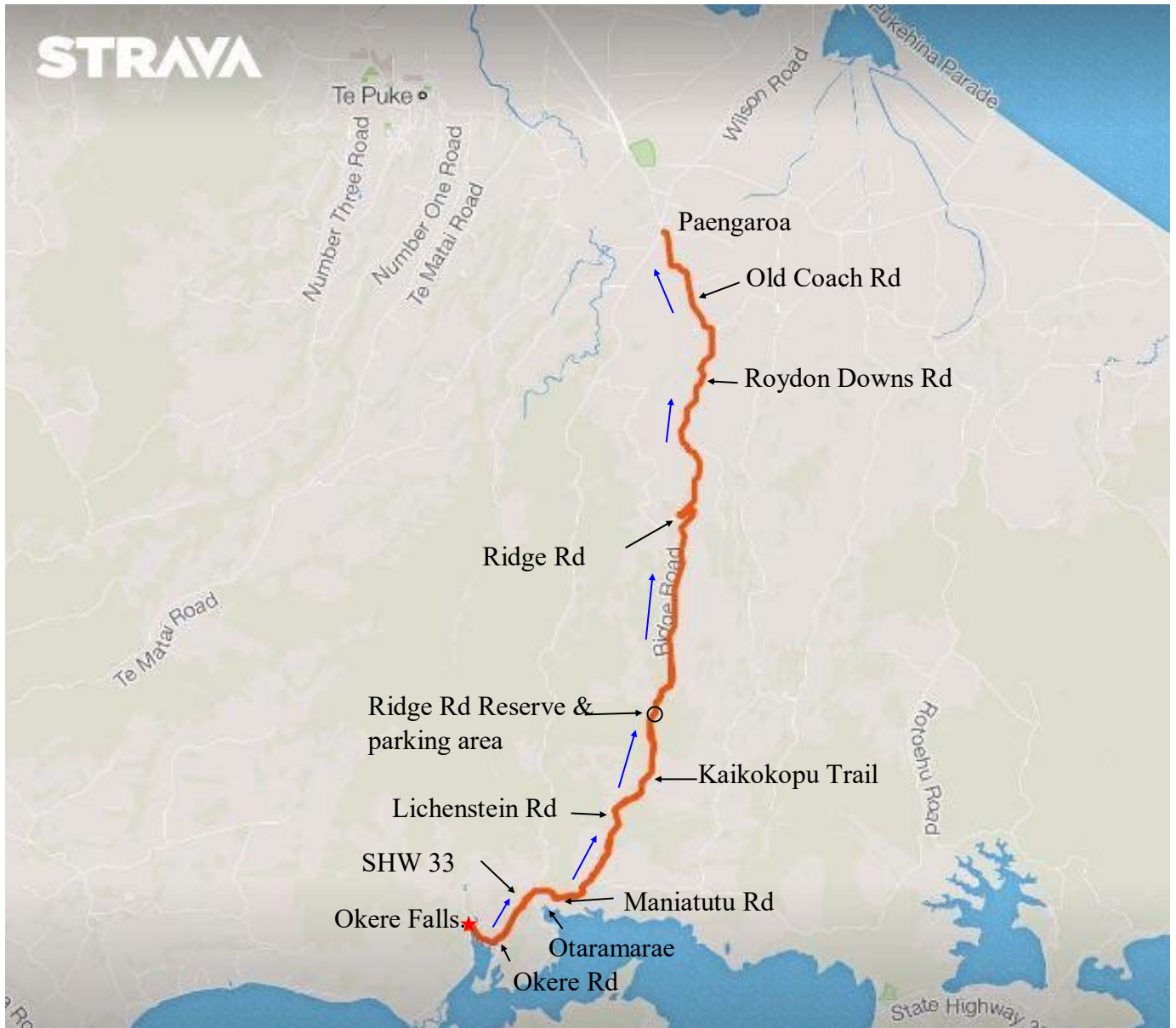
Ride into undulating **Maniatutu Rd** for **2.2km** Left into **Lichenstein Rd** for **6.6km** and into the **Ridge Rd Reserve - Kaikokopu Trail** - for **2km** through pines then native trees, coming out onto **Ridge Rd** for 6.6km, Right into **Roydon Downs Rd** for 6.8km Left into undulating **Old Coach Rd** at the T intersection for **3.7km** until you arrive at Paengaroa

If you wish to make this your night stop:

Accommodation: Junction Motel: www.junctionmotel.co.nz 246 SHW 33 Paengaroa. 07 5331023 where there is secure bike storage and room for your car while you ride the trail. Opposite Paengaroa School (which you passed as your rode into Paengaroa Village) turn left down Sunset Drive and left at the T intersection on SHW 33 and the Junction Motel will be on your right. (700m– a less busy option than SHW 33)



Section one : Okere Falls to Paengaroa **30.9km**



Section Two

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Retrace your path back to Paengaroa Village,

Left out of the Junction Motel, right into Sunset Drive, left into Old Coach Rd, follow Old Coach Rd through Paengaroa Village with Comvita on your left, for **2.6 km** on Wilson Rd **South**. Across SHW 2 with a little veer to the right onto **Wilson Rd North** (sign post-ed Maketu), for **4.7km**

Right into **Arawa Ave** for your one small hill.

From the top of Arawa Ave you get magnificent views east along the coast and also of the whole hinterland, Papamoa Hills, and coast to the West to Mount Maunganui.

Optional side trip : 1.6km along Arawa Ave on your right is Bledisloe Park Ave, it is worth a small 210m detour or full 1.3km one way down Bledisloe Park Ave to Little Waihi. Seeing the East Coast towards Whakatane, Pukehina Beach and Estuary just below you, Whale Island, active Volcanic White Island and on a clear day down to Cape Runaway, or all the way to the bottom of this hill through the park & white barrier arm on your left to the beach, this hill has a surprisingly friendly gradient to return up.)

Continue along Arawa Ave.

Stop on your veer left into **Rauporoa Rd**, opposite **Williams Cres** to admire the **spectacular** view. Right into **Williams Cres** for 300m(**do not get to much speed up down hill for your next right turning into Town Point Rd at the T intersection !**)

Right into **Town Point Rd** for 300m to the end, from here you get a good view of Plate Island on your right, on the left, low Motiti Island and behind that Mayor Island. Also the Mount and Coromandel peninsular. Cycle back along Town Point Rd for 1.1km, down the hill, you come to Historic **Maketu, Maketu Surf Club, Maketu Beachside Cafe and Holiday Park.**

www.maketu.nz/ Click on 'This is Maketu' then 'Our History '

Maketu Beachside Café and Restaurant. There is also accommodation right beside the café (**Maketu Holiday Park:** www.maketuholidaypark.co.nz 2 Townpoint Rd, 07 5332165 email: stay@maketubeach.com) A refreshment

Paengaroa to Maketu a total of 10.7 km + 2.6 for Little Waihi 13.3km

Take the time to read the excellent information boards throughout Maketu.

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Continue past the Surf Club riding along the side of the Estuary for 400m turning right at the playground car park. Through the car park along the path and into the next car park
Left into **Park Rd**

Right at the roundabout (third exit) into **Maketu Rd** for 2km

Right into **Kaituna Rd**, (2.7km from Maketu to this turn off) takes you to Ford Rd on your right

Optional side trip : a side trip if you wish, turning right down Ford Rd, 1.7km one way – commonly called ‘The Cut’ where a White Heron can sometimes be seen, plentiful bird life and plenty of anglers fish and whitebaiters congregate where the Kaituna River meets the sea with a fabulous view down the coast to the Mount.)

Otherwise proceed straight ahead until you come to the TEL (Tauranga Eastern Link Highway) and turn right onto the trail for 2.6 km, turn off on your right into the wetland area, ride between the white bollards. Ride around the lake following the signs, this brings you out (left) onto **Te Okuroa Drive**, turn right at the 1st Round about into **Stevenson Drive** for 450m, Left at the roundabout into **The Boulevard** for 450 m , Right into **Harding Drive** for 500m. Left at the end onto a trail crossing over the water way for 110m and turning left (Henry and Ted’s café option : after turning left from crossing the water way, ride along the path for 300m taking the third path on your right, turning right off the path into Sarah Place for 210 m. Left into Wairakei Ave for 86m, Right into Turutu Lane (car park) and you will see Henry and Ted’s café (5 Golden Sands Drive) on your left or Rise Artisan Bakery at 4 Golden Sands Rd opposite Henry and Ted’s Café.

Otherwise continue straight along the waterway - Te Ara O Wairakei Storm Water Reserve - for 1.9km crossing over Golden Sands Drive and Palm Springs Blvd. right into **Mandalay Key** turn right as you come out of the path for 80m, Left into **Santa Cruz** for 180m riding through a shared path just before you get to house 75 on your left. This brings you out onto **Simpson Rd** for 500m, Opposite Kirkpatrick Rd take the grass reserve path on your left. Please respect this access way owned by Nga Potiki. This comes out into **Hou Hou Cres** for 170m Right into (**Kopukairoa Blvd** which flows into **Ashley Place**) for 200m. Taking the dirt path between the avenue of trees on your right, flowing left on to a sealed path which comes out at **Parton Rd**

Optional side trip: Pacifica Home and Garden Centre: Left at Parton Rd for 350m, at the Tara Rd/ Parton Rd / Te Okuroa Drive roundabout turn right, if you cross the road there is a wide concrete shared path, through the next round about, a total of 1km flat ride, each way, down Tara Rd to Pacifica Home and Garden Centre (112 Tara Rd) on your right for refreshments. Bike parking left of the main door by some outdoor tables. A lovely café / garden centre and gift shop. Retrace your path back to Parton Rd



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Otherwise cross **Parton Rd** into Gordon Spratt Reserve following the path between the skate areas, veering right at the bowls greens and over the bridge then left following the waterway path, across **Longview Drive**, across **Opal Drive**, across **Domain Rd** and that takes you around the back of the Fashion Island shops. Refreshment options at the Fashion Island shopping Centre.

Across **Gravatt Rd** / Beachwater roundabout, little veer left on the footpath, look out for the rubbish bin at the start of this path, the reserve path is not immediately visible, right into the Reserve path, across **Palm Beach Blvd**, across **Harford Ave** with a little left veer, across Evans Rd. Left into **Pacific View Rd.** (the off road reserve path finishes here)

(James Henry Ave is opposite) Right into **Grenada St** at the roundabout for **1.5km**

Left into **Hibiscus Ave** for **450m**

Right into **Gloucester Rd** for **1.8km** crossing directly over **Girven Rd** at the Traffic Lights, into the Bayfair Shopping Centre. Under the undercover parking area, or along the footpath turn left at this T intersection, staying in the Bayfair outdoor car parking area, crossing over 2x the entry exit way and follow the parked cars on the outside edge of the car park. Left over the walk / ride ramp to the traffic lights on your left, over **Maunganui Rd** as directed (road works here), **carefully** over the railway line and follow the concrete shared path for **5.4km** to Matapihi, This route gives you fabulous views of Tauranga Harbour.

At the bottom of the hill veer right which will take you over the causeway rail bridge to Tauranga. Right as you come off the bridge at the other side. Change sides of the road just before the roundabout onto the footpath by the fountain and cross **carefully** over the railway line. This area is downtown Tauranga, with lots of eating places along the Strand.

Proceed ahead, veering left, along the waters edge **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. Well worth a stop here, toilets also in this area. You will come out at **Dive Cres**, stay on the shore line side of the road along the footpath which then then becomes a new shared path.

Ahead of you is a white building, Trinity Wharf Hotel Tauranga, (Halo Restaurant) take the path right just in front of its foundation pillars and under the Tauranga Harbour Bridge, veer left and stop at the traffic lights.

Optional side trip: Refreshment and special interest: At the traffic lights turn right down Mirrielees Rd. 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.****



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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

The ride / walk path continues past the Nautilus Restaurant a perfect stepping stone to some of Tauranga's cycle routes. (www.gocyclingbop.co.nz) This is especially close to the 9 km Waikareao Estuary loop. 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. Refreshments and toilets are here. This side trip is all flat. Retrace your path

Retrace your path to the bridge. left at the lights to take you up and over the bridge on the shared path. It is worth taking the time to stop at the top of the bridge to enjoy the view of the Harbour, Marina & Mount. Continue on this safe path. Left (**carefully**) into **Totara St** at the 2nd set of lights, crossing the road onto the bike path so you have the Totara traffic coming towards you, for **2.6km**, passing Dominion Salt on your right and My Ride Bicycle Shop (37 Totara St) (on the Mount side wall of the bike shop is an excellent piece of art work, well worth stopping at) Continue following the bike path then left onto **Rata St** at the T intersection for **120m**. Right into **Nikau Cres** ride 170 and straight ahead and across Coronation Park which will bring you out between Spongedrop, and the toilets onto **Salisbury Ave** which you will turn left onto. This veers right into **The Mall** (the Harbour side for 1km) Veering right again at the base of the Mount into **Adams Ave** for **280m** passed the Hot Pools on your left and the Copenhagen Ice Cream shop on your right. Veering right again onto **Marine Parade** (the surf side) for **350m** to the viewing platform opposite Commons Ave. Your finishing Point ! A perfect photo opportunity spot. There are many accommodation and café businesses here under the towers.



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