



**geysers 2 surf**

# Geysers 2 Surf **122.3km**

**Start: Rotorua**

**End: Mount Maunganui**

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.

Directional changes are noted with - 

**Section One : Rotorua to Paengaroa**

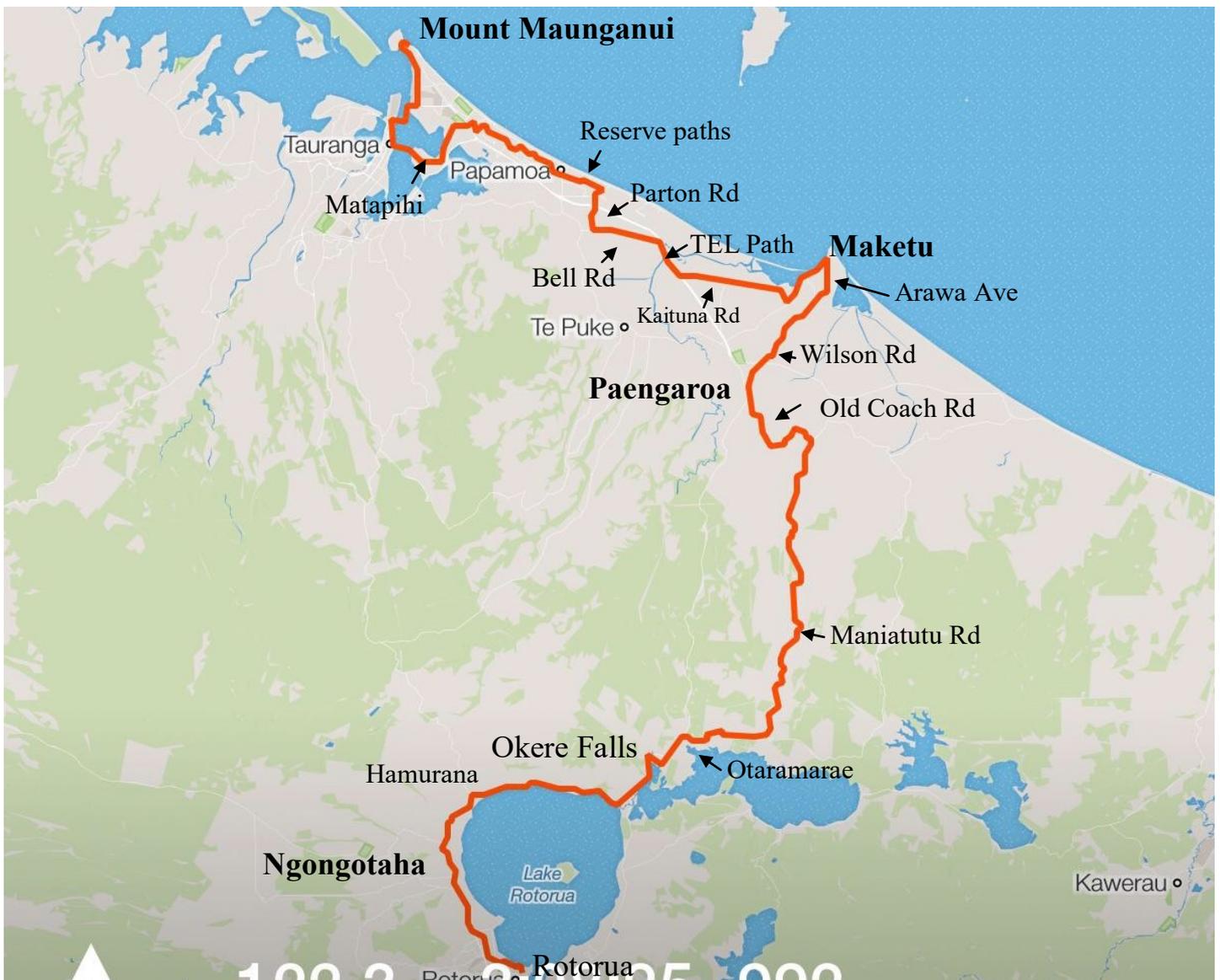
**65.6 km undulating**

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

**Section Two : Paengaroa to Mount Maunganui**

**56.7 km flat**

Paengaroa - Maketu - Papamoia - Bayfair - Matapihi - Tauranga - Mount



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Starts in Rotorua finishes at Mount Maunganui

Section One Starts: Rotorua  
Ends: Paengaroa 65.2km

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

You can put together as many sections as you wish, depending on your fitness and 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. There is no accommodation after Okere Falls until you reach Paengaroa.

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](http://www.rotorua.com/visit/accommodation) You may wish to linger through this first part taking in the many activities.

A fabulous starting photo opportunity is the Government Gardens in Oruawhata Drive / Queens Drive. Rotorua. Continue on Oruawhata Drive in a northerly direction with your back towards the Museum ( if you come up to the Polynesian pools, turn about, that is south ) Oruawhata Drive flows into Lakefront Drive, ride through several roundabouts, 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 ) 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 with a little veer left ( at your 11 o'clock ) at the roundabout keeping the old railway line on your right at this point. Follow this path until you ride over the little bridge onto Neil Rd for 350m.

 Left into Isobel St for 51m

 Right into Logan St for 200m

 Left Fenruss St for 210m

 Right Kingdom Drive for 190m

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### Section One Rotorua to Okere Falls continued

🚲 Left into Kawaha Point Rd for 200m, where you will come out at the Traffic Lights with very busy Fairy Springs Rd, this does seem a bit of a windy fiddle to this point, but it gives the safest least traffic option. Again you need to be on the right hand side of Kawaha 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.

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,** ( check out the Rotorua Activities page )

**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 Essence 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](http://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](http://www.vrrotorua.co.nz), [reservations@vrhotels.co.nz](mailto: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. Go to the Rotorua Accommodation page.

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## Section One Rotorua to Okere Falls continued

The Okere Falls café is a very popular refreshment option. Okere Falls is your last accommodation stop before Paengaroa 37.2km away.



### 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. Visit the Rotorua activities page for details.

**Scenic Option** : 180m on your left  from the Café is Trout Pool Rd, ride down here for 1/2 a km, on your right you will find a parking area to the very pretty Okere Falls Scenic Reserve. Suggest you lock your bikes up to the Reserve sign or a tree and enjoy the 1.2km walk, 30 minutes walk one way, where you can observe the rafters/ kayakers and waterfalls on the river. ( **mind slippery spray laden steps** ) and return back up this road.

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.** )

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.

Retracing your path back up Otaramarae Rd

 Right into undulating Maniatutu Rd for 26.9km through Cattle and Sheep farming country followed by Dairy Farms and Kiwifruit and Avocado orchards (visits to any of these can be arranged in advance )

 Left into undulating Old Coach Rd, at the T intersection for **9.3k** until you arrive at Paengaroa (Okere Falls to Paengaroa is **37.2 km** )

In Paengaroa Village you will find **Comvita**, a great stop, open 8.30-5.00pm Health store, café, on site guided bee tours & videos, health and beauty treatment room. **The Funky Lizard Café/ Gallery/ Gifts, The Trading Post Bistro & Pizzeria, Fush and Chups Takeaway shop, Paengaroa Country Store, Golliwogs Bakery & Lunch bar, Gull Petrol Station, Aerius Helicopters ( scenic tours ), Te Puke Golf Club, O'Hara Games Estate ( 540 SHW 33, [www.outdoorsnz.com](http://www.outdoorsnz.com) )**

**If you wish to make this your night stop:**

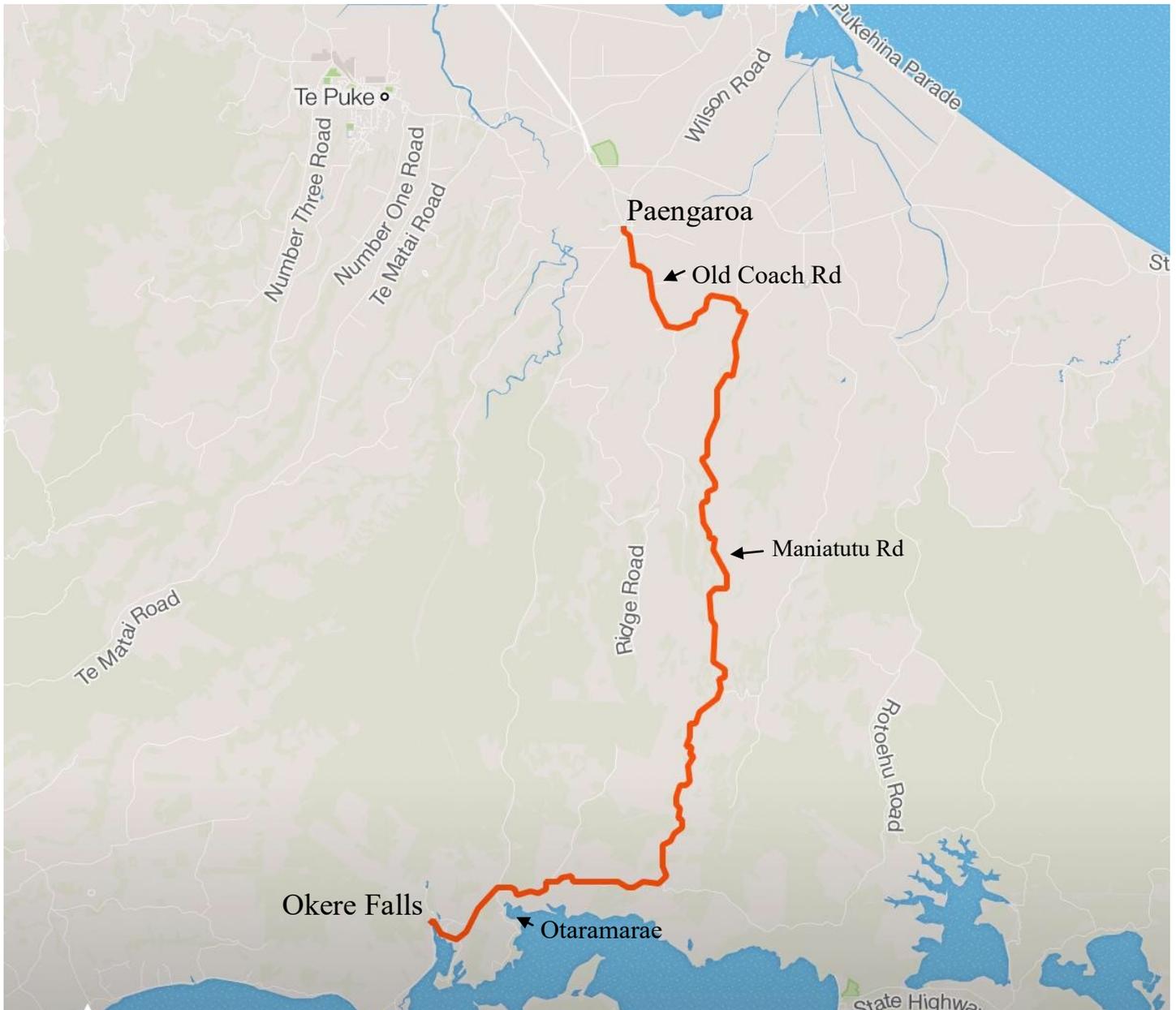
**Accommodation: Junction Motel:** [www.junctionmotel.co.nz](http://www.junctionmotel.co.nz) 246 SHW 33 Paengaroa. 07 5331023 where there is secure bike storage and room for your car while you ride the trail. Opposite Paengaroa School ( which you passed as you rode into Paengaroa Village ) turn left  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)

Or **Croeso Hafod**, 1351 Wilson Rd South, Paengaroa. 07 5331086 [croesoihafod.co.nz](http://croesoihafod.co.nz) Riding straight through Paengaroa which flows into Wilson Rd South for 1.1km, with a 2 acre garden.

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**Section one : Okere Falls to Paengaroa 37.2km**



## Section Two

**Starts: Paengaroa**

**Ends: Mount Maunganui**

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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 posted 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.

Accommodation option: (**Maketu Hilltop Holiday Park**, 195 Arawa Ave, [www.maketuholidaypark.co.nz](http://www.maketuholidaypark.co.nz). stay@maketuholidaypark.co.nz. 07 5332222 )

**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, opposite Williams Cres to admire the **spectacular** view.

🚲 Right into Williams Cres ( **do not get to much speed up for your next right turning into Town Point Rd at the T intersection**)

🚲 Right into Town Point Rd 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 and down the hill, you come to **Historic Maketu, Maketu Surf Club, Maketu Beachside Cafe and Holiday Park.**

[www.maketu.nz/](http://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](http://www.maketuholidaypark.co.nz) 2 Townpoint Rd, 07 5332165 email: stay@maketubeach.com) A refreshment / accommodation option,

From the Arawa Ave turn off to Maketu beach is **3.5km.**

**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 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

 Right into Kaituna Rd, ( 2.7km from Maketu to this turn off ) another 2.7km 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 km, here you will be riding beside the motorway through Dairy Farming Country. Once you cross the Kaituna River Bridge ( stopping to admire the Maori Carvings ) turn right  down the other side and immediately right  again and under the bridge onto Bell Rd. ( 22.2km from here to Mount)

 Right into Parton Rd and through the roundabout.

Optional side trip : At the Tara Rd/ Parton Rd Roundabout turn left,  1km flat ride, each way, down Tara Rd to **Pacifica Home and Garden**, 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 afterwards.

Ride down Parton Rd, just before you come to the Papamoa Village Park sign on your left take the **Wairakei Reserve path** on your left.  Across Longview Drive, across Opal Drive, across Domain Rd, that takes you around the back of the Fashion Island shops, with the Pak n save building on your right and lake on your left. ( Coffee options: Esquire Café, ( there is a toilet behind this café ) 42 Gravatt Rd, or Gana Café 26 Gravatt Rd at the Fashion Island Shops.

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 end of the Reserve path section ( James Henry Ave is opposite )

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### Section Two Paengaroa - Mount Maunganui

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Right into Grenada St at the roundabout for **2.6km**

🚲 Left into Monwai St for **550m**

🚲 Right into Gloucester Rd for **550m** crossing directly over Girven Rd at the Traffic Lights, into the Bayfair Shopping Centre. As you approach the undercover parking area, turn left 🚲 at this T intersection, staying in the Bayfair outdoor car parking area, crossing over the entry exit way and follow the parked cars on the outside edge of the car park.

🚲 Left directly opposite the trolley return stand on your right and large Bayfair sign on your left is the underpass that will take you under Maunganui Rd, **carefully** over the railway line and follow the concrete ride/walk path for **5.4km** to Matapihi, This route gives you fabulous views of Tauranga Harbour.

At the bottom of the hill turn 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.

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.

You will come out at Dive Cres, stay on the shore line side of the road along the footpath then the cycle/ walk path.

Ahead of you is a white building, Trinity Wharf Hotel Tauranga, take the path right 🚲 just in front of its foundation pillars and under the Tauranga Harbour Bridge, veer left 🚲 then left 🚲 immediately at the lights to take you up and over the bridge on the bike/walk 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 Totaroa St at the 2nd set of lights, onto the road cycle lane for **2.6km**, this is a very busy road so extreme care must be taken.

Passing Avantiplus Bicycle Shop and Dominion Salt on your right.

🚲 Left onto Rata St at the T intersection for **120m**.

🚲 Right into Nikau Cres, ride **170m** and straight ahead and across Coronation Park which will bring you out between Spongedrop, the toilets and the Police Station onto Salsbury 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** past 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 !

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