

Paengaroa to Papamoa return (+ via Maketu)

- Approx:** 38.5 km Paengaroa directly to Pacifica Home and Garden Centre and return 1 hr 39 minutes
44.5 km Paengaroa directly to Henry and Ted's café and return 2 hours 25 minutes
50km Paengaroa to Pacifica Home and Garden centre via Maketu on the way, returning along the TEL
56.64 km Paengaroa to Henry and Ted's via Maketu on the way, returning along the TEL 2 hours 33 ride time

Time: As above

About this ride:

Area – Paengaroa, Papamoa (+ Maketu option)

This is a flat ride, on concrete paths, sealed road or sealed off road paths, passing through Kiwifruit orchards, Avocado Orchards, Dairy farms and Papamoa houses. (Historic Maketu – www.maketu.nz/ click on ' this is Maketu ' then ' Our History ') if you wish to go that way with one hill) There are several cafes at Paengaroa including a café at Comvita Also toilets at the playground of Eastern Districts playing fields, Paengaroa Domain just south of the Gull Service station on SHW 33. Also a café at Maketu.

Bike Type: Road bikes.

Park and Start:

Paengaroa (just south of Te Puke) A good parking area is outside Paengaroa Community Hall on 4 Old Coach Road.

Directions: Paengaroa to Pacifica Home and Garden Centre returning the same way →

With your back towards Paengaora Community Hall ride left out of the car park towards the village shops, turning left onto the concrete path beside the stage wagon, Comvita will now be on your right. Continue along this Paengaroa concrete path crossing left carefully at the round about. (when you have completed this the TEL motorway will be on your right) Continue along the path, riding right across the railway line into Maketu Rd for 0.3km staying on the concrete path. Turn Left into Te Tumu Rd for 0.7km turning left onto the TEL ride/ walk path, ride straight ahead for 6 km to the Kaituna bridge. Once you cross the Kaituna River Bridge turn right down the other side (can have loose metal on this corner) and right again and under the bridge onto **Bell Rd** for 4.2km

Right into **Parton Rd** to the roundabout for 2.2km

At the Parton Rd/ Tara Road roundabout turn left down Tara Rd for 1km, (if you cross the road there is a wide concrete path) and through another round about, **Pacifica Home and Garden Centre**, (on your right) for refreshments. There is bike parking left of the main door by some outside tables. A lovely garden shop, café and gift ware.

Return back the way you have ridden to Paengaroa 38.5km Km return and approx. 1hr 39 ride time.

Paengaroa to Henry and Ted's Café and returning back the same way: →

★ For a longer ride 44.5km, 2 hr 15 minutes ride time – As above but don't turn down Tara Rd, Ride straight through the Parton Rd / Tara Rd roundabout for 950m along the road cycle lane turning right into Simpson Rd for 1 km. At the end of no exit Simpson Rd ride through the path onto Santa Cruz Rd for 550m.

Right into **Palm Springs Blvd** for 180m.

Left into **Palazzo Drive** for 550m

Right into **Calypso Drive** for 58m

Left into **Wairakei Ave** for 550m.

Left into **Golden Sands Drive** at the roundabout for 100m.

Henry and Teds Café is on the right opposite Four Square.

On the return journey, return the way you have come on but this time ride straight through the round about on **Golden Sands Drive** for 270m. Cross the road at Golden Sands School and just past this is a gravel path on your right. Ride along the waterway crossing over Palm Springs Blvd. Just before you reach the end of the path is a concrete path on your right which will take you out on to **Mandalay Key** turning right for 80m, left into **Santa Cruz** for 180m to the path that you rode in on from **Simpson Rd**. Left onto **Parton Rd** returning back the way you rode in. A total of 44.5km return and approx. 2 hours 15mins ride time.

Directions to Paengaroa to Pacifica via Maketu →

It is always best to ride to Maketu first, the one hill of the ride has a kinder gradient and the views out to the coast are magnificent.

With your back to Paengaroa Community hall, ride left into Old Coach Rd towards Paengaroa Village shops 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.

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 (sign posted Newdicks Beach) 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**.

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

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**, 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, (sign posted Bell Rd) 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** for 4.2km

Right into **Parton Rd** to the roundabout for 2.2km. You get a good view of the Papamoa hills and the terraced remains of the maori fortifications.

At the Tara Rd/ Parton Rd Roundabout turn left, if you cross the road there is a wide concrete bike / walk path, through the next round about, a total of 1km flat ride, each way, down Tara Rd to Pacifica Home and Garden Centre, 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.

If you wish to ride further to Henry and Ted’s cafe follow the instructions at the  above 

Paengaroa to Papamoa (Pacifica Home and Garden Centre) or Papamoa East
Henry and Ted's Café. Via Maketu (or not)

