



Section 2 Start: Paengaroa 37.2 km Undulating, some small hills

End: Rotorua



Riding out of The Junction Motel turning left  into SHW 33 back towards Paengaroa (this is a busy highway so take care)


 Right into Sunset Drive


 Right again into Old Coach Rd at the school (you might like to stop at Paengaroa for coffee or food to take with you in which case you will turn left at the school and into the village and then retrace your path)


Continuing along **Old Coach Rd**. Today's ride is mainly undulating through Kiwifruit and Avocado orchards, dairy farms in the first half of the ride and sheep and cattle in the second half (visits to any of these can be arranged well in advance)


Follow Old Coach Rd, for **3.7km**

 Right into **Roydon Downs Rd** for **6.8km**,  left into **Ridge Rd** with a steady climb to start, for 6.6km until you reach the parking area and the start of the Ridge Rd reserve. Ride through the 2km Kaikokopu Trail coming out onto Lichenstein Rd for 6.6km.

 Right into Maniatutu Rd for 2.2km. From here you get magnificent views south to the Rotorua hills and Tarawera to the left, and Papamaoa Hills to the right.

Optional Side trip: If you wish to take a rest & (toilet stop next to the playground) by Lake Rotoiti, turn left  down Otaramarae Rd for 400m and you will come to the lake.

Retracing your path back up Otaramarae Rd and turn  left onto **SHW 33**, you will be briefly **1.1km** on a busy road, with a good verge, **take care**.


 Left down **Okere Rd** for 1.9km, follow this road to the end. Okere Falls is where **Rafting** and **sledging** down the **Kaituna river** starts. Also Glow Worm Cave Kayak Tours. At the end of the no exit Okere Rd take the path immediately on your left which will lead you over a small foot bridge and the start of the Kaituna River. (**mind this tree sheltered path may be slippery**)

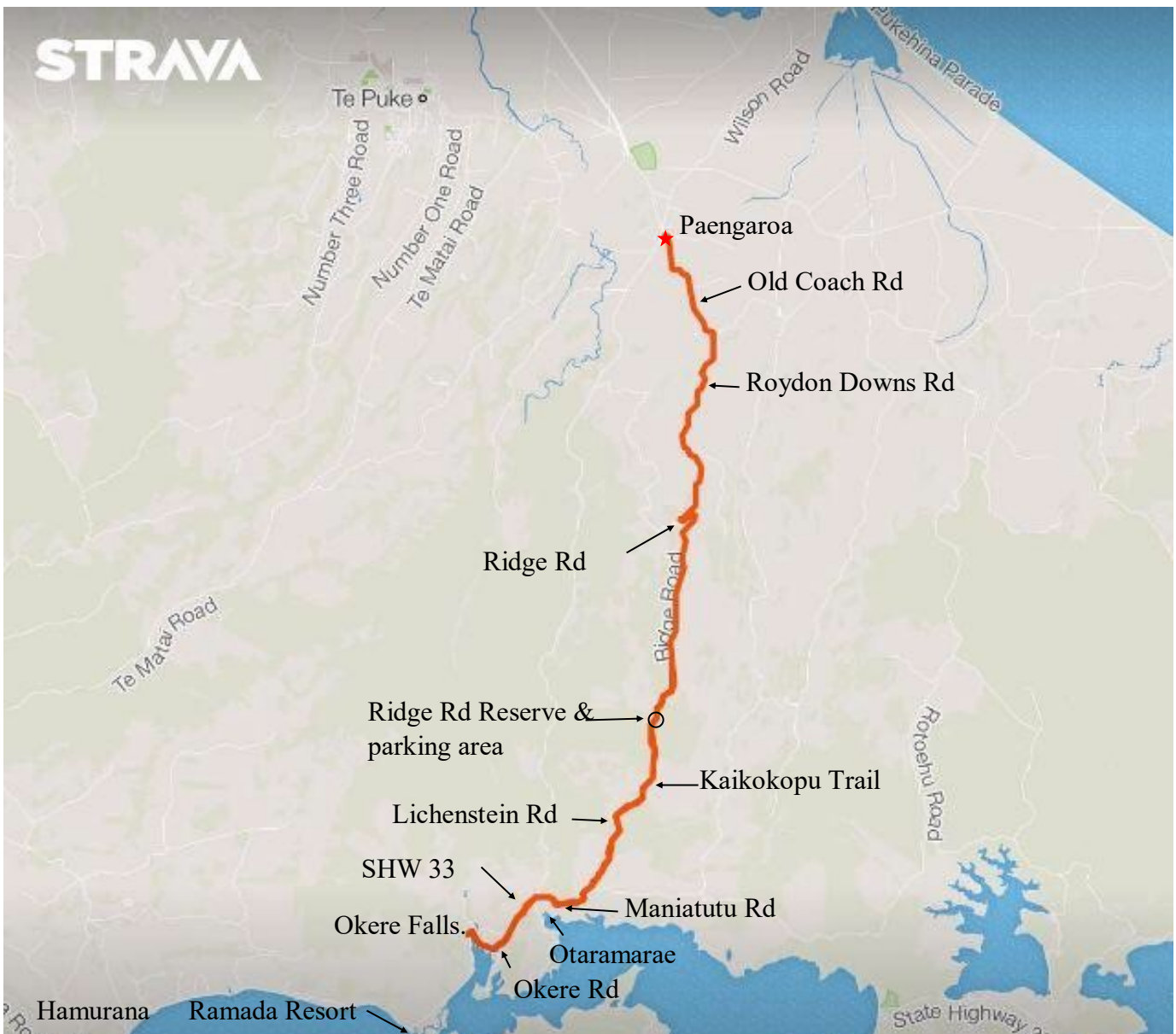
Optional Side Trip : Ride left to the very popular Okere Falls Café. Be careful in this area as it is often busy with rafters & kayakers. Lock your bike up at Okere Falls Café. Walk back down the road to Trout Pool Rd (opposite the little bridge you crossed.), 0.3km down the road on your right you will 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 walk, where you can observe the rafters/ kayakers and waterfalls on the river. (**mind slippery spray laden steps**) Return to the Okere Falls Café for refreshments.

There are several B & B's at Okere Falls if you wish to make this your night stop. Or travel 3.8km further on for more accommodation options.



Section 2 Paengaroa to Okere Falls continued

More accommodation options just beyond Okere Falls: Continuing past the café, beside Lake Rotoiti, on a slightly busier road for 3.8km with good verges and turning **right**  into **Hamurana Rd** you will come to - **Ramada Resort Rotorua Marama** which is on your left, 1420 Hamurana Rd, Mourea 07 3624120, www.ramada.com Depending on how far you want to ride and what activities you want to do, this is a very good night stop. There is also accommodation at Okawa Bay , instead of turning right into Hamurana Rd, carry on for 1km to V R Rotorua Lake Resort on your left, and retrace your track the next morning to Hamurana Rd. (Ramada Resort to the Rotorua main waterfront is 22.8km if you wish to carry on) www.rotorua.com/visit/accommodation




Section 2 continued:

Start: Okere Falls

End: Rotorua

28 km approx.


From Okere Falls, 3.8 km flat riding turning  right into **Hamurana Rd**, past Ramada Resort. One hill to start then flat with a couple of very minor hills. Many of Rotorua's attractions and activities are around this side of the lake. This ride is a very scenic route around the North Western side of Lake Rotorua.

Ramada Resort to Ngongotaha 15.2km 54 mins.





Ngongotaha to Rotorua Lake front Reserve 7.6km

Continue along Hamurana Rd to Ngongotaha. The first 2km of this very scenic route is narrow so take care.

There are many shops in the little village of Ngongotaha also Dynasty Café on your right 125 Ngongotaha Rd with plenty of space to park your bikes and excellent food.

Optional side trip : To visit the Agrodome (show times 9.30am, 11.00am & 2.30pm) & Agroventures ride to the end of the Ngongotaha village and turn  right down Western Rd, riding 1.7km, then retrace your peddles. *




And / or

Optional Side trip: For Paradise Valley Springs, continue through Ngongotaha right at the roundabout into SHW 5 then left  into Paradise Valley Rd (Western Rd turn off to Paradise Valley Springs Rd turn off is 2km). Riding up Paradise Valley Rd for 8.8km until you come to the Park. Exit the park by turning right  onto Paradise Valley Rd, left  onto Clayton Rd, straight ahead into Lake Rd at a big intersection,  left at the roundabout into Lakefront Rd, you will come to the lake front reserve (10.1km from Paradise Valley Springs to Lake front) Ibis or Novotel Hotel are very close to the Lake Front Reserve

And / or

Continue on from the village of Ngongotaha, on **Ngongotaha Rd**, once you reach the roundabout the concrete foot path on your left is also a shared walk / cycle way. (**be mindful of cars exiting drive ways**)

Further on you will come across **Adventure Playground** and **Dirt Bike Tours, Canopy Tours** (on your left), **Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife park** and **Skyline Rotorua Gondola** on your right.




At the second set of traffic lights, just past the Skyline Rotorua Gondola intersection turn left  into **Kawaha Point Rd** for 500m.  Right on to the riding trail (also on your left) this is just before Matthew Place on your right. Follow the riding trail until you come out beside Railway Rd, * turning left  at the roundabout onto Lake Rd on a very nice concrete bike /walk path. **Mind the road /drive way exits as you ride along here.**


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Section 2 Okere Falls to Rotorua

And / or

If you do not wish to see any of the activities and want a direct route to Rotorua, Turn  left down **Tau Rd** in Ngongotaha,  right into a car park area, at the back of this is a walk/ ride path, veer left over a bridge, it will come out at Railway Rd. *  Left into Lake Rd at the round about.

 Left at the traffic lights into Lake Front Rd, as you get to the top of this road, look down on your left into the car park for lake views and the Te Papaouru Marae and Saint Faith's Anglican Church. It is worth riding into the car park for a better view.

 Left at the roundabout into Lakefront Rd, you will come to the beautiful **Lake Front Reserve**. You may wish to carry on Lakefront Rd which flows into Oruawhata Drive to the beautiful Government Gardens. Overlooking the Lake Front Reserve are the Ibis or Novotel accommodation, which have secure bike storage. If the weather is not nice you can dine in or easily walk to the nearby restaurants and shops from here if you don't have an accompanying car. Many of the Rotorua activities have a pick up drop of service. The accommodation choice is entirely yours. You may wish to go to the **Rotorua Activities** page to decide on what you might like to see and do and how much time / days you will need to allow.

