

# Surf 2 Geysers Loop

## Section 4

**Start: Paengaroa**

**End: Mount Maunganui 46.6km** flat, one small hill

### **Paengaroa - Maketu - Papamoa - Mount Maunganui**

Continue 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.

**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 Run-away, 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 option.

**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.



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 ) 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 ) ride through the barriers, turning 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  onto **Bell Rd** for 4.2km

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

**Refreshment Option:**

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.

Continue on **Parton Rd** 500m from the Tara Rd/ Parton Rd roundabout below the large yellow Papamoa Village Park sign on your left take the Wairakei Reserve path on your left . The path crosses Longview Drive, across Opal Drive, across Domain Rd on a path that takes you around the back of the Fashion Island shops ( the PaknSave signs on the buildings will be on your right, and the lake on your left) .

Across Gravatt Rd/ Beachwater roundabout , little veer left along the foot path, this reserve path on the other side of the road is hard to spot so keep an eye out for the rubbish bin. Once you have crossed over and right onto the reserve path.

Across Palm Beach Blvd, across Harford Ave with a little left veer , across Evans Rd. The waterways path finishes at Pacific View Rd.  Right into **Pacific View Rd** for 450m

 Left at the roundabout onto **Papamoa Beach Rd** which flows into **Maranui St** for 1.7km

 Right into **Yale St** for 96m

 Left into **Ocean beach Rd** for 3.7km

Take the 2nd left  exit at the roundabout into **Marine Parade** for 3.4km and follow the shoreline back to the Mount Maunganui Viewing Platform opposite Commons Ave.



## Paengaroa / Papamoa / Mount Maunganui

