

# Surf 2 Geysers Loop

## Section 4

**Start: Paengaroa**

**End: Mount Maunganui 47.5km 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 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/](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](mailto: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**

*go cycling bop*



## Paengaroa / Maketu / Papamoa / Mount Maunganui continued

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 veering right until you come to the TEL ( Tauranga Eastern Link Highway ) and turn right onto the trail for 2.6km, over the Kaituna bridge continuing on directly ahead until you come to the 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 waybridge for 110m and turning left ( **Henry and Ted’s café option** : after turning left from crossing the water way bridge, 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** ) straight through the round about 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 / Cafe: 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

Otherwise cross Parton Rd into Gordon Spratt Reserve following the path between the skate areas, veering right at the bowling greens and over the bridge then left following the waterway path, across **Longview Drive**, across **Opal Drive**, across **Domain Rd** on a path that takes you around the back of the Fashion Island shops ( PaknSave will be on your right as you go along this path, the lake on your left ) ( **Refreshment options** : at the **Fashion Island Shops** . )



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Across Gravatt Rd/ Beachwater roundabout , little veer left along the foot path, the 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 shore-line back to the Mount Maunganui and viewing Platform opposite Commons Ave.

