



Dartmoor – Puketapu Loop

Description: Make sure that your battery is charged up for this on-road, stunning views, super loop ride via Dartmoor Road and Apley Road. This will test your skills changing gears to take in the ups and downs of the hill climbs. Very rewarding. A great ride to do in spring and autumn.

To see: Farmland, orchards, vineyards, views of hills and ranges, Dartmoor Valley, Puketapu Valley.

Distance 27 kms.

Cafés: Puketapu Hotel

Public toilets: Puketapu Reserve, Dartmoor Road.

Picnic Area: Puketapu Reserve, Dartmoor Road.

Parking: Opposite Puketapu Hotel

Start: Puketapu Hotel.

Route:

Puketapu-Dartmoor Rd

Turn right > into Apley Rd

Turn right > at the T-junction into Puketitiri Rd

Turn right > into Puketapu Rd - Puketapu Hotel

This route includes moderate to short steep sections which start mid-way along Apley Rd and top out along Puketitiri Rd. Similar to the Tukituki Loop and not as steep as Te Mata Peak and definitely not as steep as Bluff Hill! The downhill section down Puketitiri Rd is ace.

Safety Considerations - fast-moving local traffic and large trucks, consider keeping left and in single file. The roads have a mixture of wide shoulders and zero/narrow shoulders.

Alternative Start: Locals may wish to start the ride at Pettigrew Green Arena to Puketapu along the riverbank. This will add 17 kms to the ride.

Route plan by Charlie Davey @ E-bike Social Riders Hawkes Bay

Safety advice: Cross the expressway and main roads at the designated cycle crossings where available.

When you are riding on a shared path, take care for people walking or running. Keep to the left, ring your bell and slow down when you pass.

