

Great Northern Tour Notes 2020

02/08/2020

Day 1 Tuesday 10/11/2020

Drive: Home to Tauranga

Cycle part of the Te Ara Ahi Trail (16kms) Rotourua CBD to The Redwood Mountain Bike Park
Return

<https://nzcycletrail.com/find-your-ride/22-great-rides/te-ara-ahi/>

Accommodation Tauranga.

Travel Kms 300kms

Day 2 Wednesday 11/11/2020

Drive – Motel to the Start

Cycle Papamoa – Tauranga – Mt Maunganui – Papamoa. (42 kms)

<https://www.boptrails.org/papamoa-to-mount?fbclid=IwAR3RnwZLq2vjkpWxVoNFDKfb6quYATbyV5dFT8RQ2HKDt6YC4sPAuP-d5Rs>

Accommodation – Tauranga

Day 3 Thursday 12/11/2020

Drive: Tauranga to Paeroa

Travel Kms 80 kms

Cycle ; Paeroa to Waihi Return (24 kms)

<https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/choose-your-ride/paeroa-to-waihi>

Accommodation – Paeroa (pedlars ?)

Day 4 Friday 13/11/2020

Drive: Paeroa to Auckland

Travel Kms 125 Kms

Cycle: Cambridge to Lake Karapiro Return (16 Kms)

<https://www.cambridge.co.nz/things-to-do/cambridge-to-karapiro-te-awa-walkcycle-way/>

Accommodation: Auckland

Day 5 Saturday 14/11/2020

Ride 1 Saturday 14/11/2020 Hotel to Henderson Falls Restaurant / Café 22 Alderman Drive, Henderson. A point to point ride with optional extensions.

Surrey Hotel to the NW Shared pathway via the Mountain View Rd underpass — North West Shared Pathway towards Henderson. Te Atatu Peninsula Diversion – (12 kms return), Return to the North West shared Pathway. Shared pathway to Henderson to The Falls Café Restaurant 22 Alderman Drive. Optional Extension Continue along the shared pathway through the Shona Reserve to South Kensington Way (10 kms return)

Return via same route minus Te Atatu Peninsula diversion.

Coffee Stop Falls Restaurant TBC

Estimated Distance including all options: 45 – 50 kms.

Day 6 Sunday 15/11/2020

Ride 2 Sunday 15/11/2020 Hotel – Mangere –A point to point ride along the shared pathways.

Hotel to Mangere Return

Surrey Hotel to the NW Shared pathway via the Mountain View Rd underpass — North West Shared Pathway towards Henderson – Left to the shared pathway alongside the Great North Rd – Left to Oakley Creek Reserve Shared Pathway – Orpheus Dr – Old Mangere Bridge - Right to kiwi Esplanade – Watercare Coastal Walkway . Circumnavigate the pond and return via the same route.

Option on the homeward leg of turning right after the Old Mangere Bridge and riding to Waikaraka Park or beyond. U turn to original route.

Coffee Stops Mangere Bridge Town Centre.

Est Distance 40 kms.

Day 7 Monday 16/11/2020

Ride3. Monday 16/11/2020 Hotel – Viaduct – St Helier’s – Return via St Marys Bay and Coss Bay Reserve. Shared pathways and some quiet streets.

Outward

Surrey Hotel to the NW Shared pathway via the Mountain View Rd underpass - NW shared pathway to Auckland CBD includes short section of a quiet street – Follow the shared pathway to the Pink Light Pathway Ride the Pink Pathway and U turn back to NW Shared Pathway – Ride under the Grafton Bridge on the shared pathway to Quay St - Right to St Heliers. Potential to extend the ride beyond St Heliers via Cliff d for views over the harbour. Coffee at La Vista 477 Tamaki Drive comes recommended.

Inward

St Heliers back along the shared pathway to the Viaduct – shared pathway to St Marys Bay and under the Auckland Harbour Bridge (Constructed by Dorman Long Middlesbrough) – Curran St – Right Sarfield St – Left to Wallace St – Right to Argyle St – Right to Herne Bay Rd - - Left to Marine Parade – Continue to Jervois Rd – Right to West End Rd – Left to Cox Bay Reserve Shared Pathway to Williamson Ave – Left to Great North Rd - Surrey Hotel.

Estimated Total Ride Distance: 40 kms.

Day 8 Tuesday 17/11/2020

Drive: Auckland to Kaikohe

Travel Kms: 260 Kms

Cycle: Matakana Cycle Trail.

<https://at.govt.nz/media/1975389/i002978-summer-cycling-matakana.pdf>

Accommodation: Kaikohe

Day 9 Wednesday 18/11/2020

Cycle Twin Coast Trail

<https://www.twincoastcycletrail.kiwi.nz/>

Day 10 Thursday 19/11/2020

Cycle: Twin Coast Trail

<https://www.twincoastcycletrail.kiwi.nz/>

Accommodation: Kaikohe

Day 11 Friday 20/11/2020

Free Day or split the drive to Hamilton

Day 12 Saturday 21/11/2020

Drive Kaikohe to Hamilton

Travel Kms 360 Kms

Accommodation: Hamilton

Day 13 Sunday 22/11/2020

Cycle: Hamilton Te Awa River Ride – Ngaruwharia to Hamilton Gardens Return 50 kms

<https://www.te-awa.org.nz/itineraries/nga-gardens/>

Accommodation: Hamilton

Day 14 Monday 20/11/2020

Drive: Hamilton to Home 300 Kms

Accommodation	
TAURANGA/PAPAMOA In 10th Out 12th Nov 2 nights Blue Haven Motel 10 Tweed Street Mt Maunganui Cooking facilities	Queen & twin studios \$170 p.n Singles \$150 p.n. Lock up garage, handy restaurants & supermarket, off street parking
PAEROA In 12th Nov Out 13 th Nov 1 night Pedlars Motel 2 Arney St Paeroa	2 bdrm unit \$199 Twin studio \$145 p.n Queen studio \$145 p.n Lock up garage, handy restaurants and bike trail, Off street parking
AUCKLAND In 13 th Nov Out 17 th Nov 4 nights SURREY HOTEL 465 Gt North <Road Grey Lynn Cooking facilities: Microwave, E frypan	All rooms have a Queen & Single Very close to bike trail and quiet road to access it, restaurant on site, request gd floor with parking outside Close to supermarket
KAIKOHE In 17 th Nov Out 20 th Nov 3 nights Twin Coast Adventures 30 Raihara Street Have their own shuttles so will do pick up for us. Bike parking on site Handy shops, restaurants	Queens: \$110 p.n Toaster, electric jug, fridge no cooking facilities: 2 bdrm unit \$165 p.n Cooking facilities NB: Only 3 Queens available, upgrades to 2 bdrm available
20 November Spare day	
HAMILTON In 21 Nov Out 23 Nov 2 nights Camelot on Ulster 231 Ulster Street Parking outside units	All units \$170 p.n apart from 1x1bdrm \$210 p.n Close to supermarket and restaurants. Bikes can be stored in rooms kitchenettes