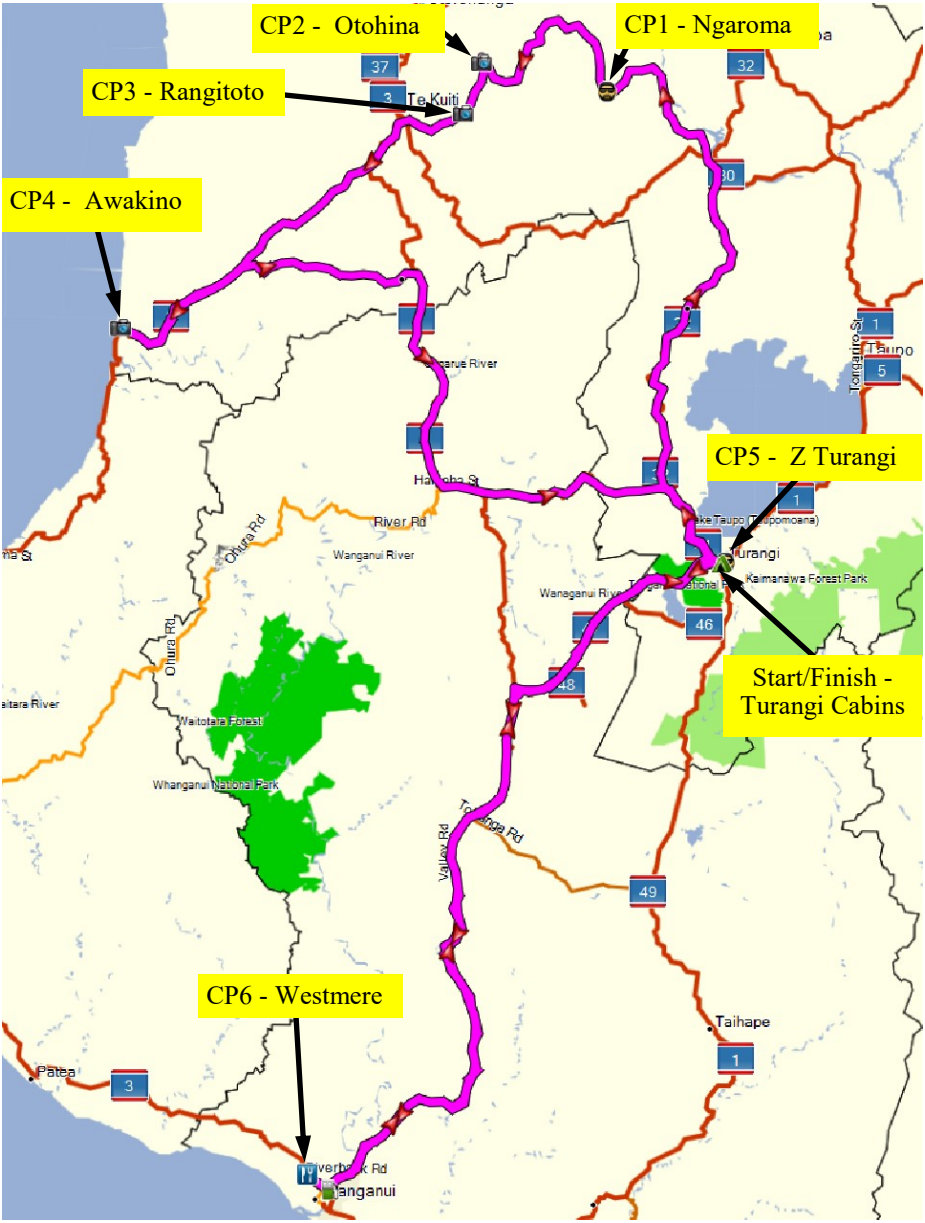
NZ Distance Riders Rider' Guide



2017 NI800 Route

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Start & Finish

CP00 - Photograph your odometer before and after the ride

NGAROMA

Prior to leaving Turangi, Take a digital photo of your odometer.

Start Times: 1000 1003 1006 1009 1012

Depart Turangi Cabins and turn right on Ohuanga Rd, then right on SH41, continue to Kuratau Junction and turn right onto the Western Lake Rd (SH32), take it to Whakamaru and turn left on Whakamaru Rd. Take Whakamaru Rd and continue on Waipapa Rd past Waipapa Damn and turn left onto Wairehi Rd taking that to Ngaroma Hall.

Take a digital photo of your bike with the Ngaroma Hall in the background.

129 km Total – 129 km

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
GAS Whakamaru

CP Co-ordinates: S38 17.935 E175 34.221

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NGAROMA

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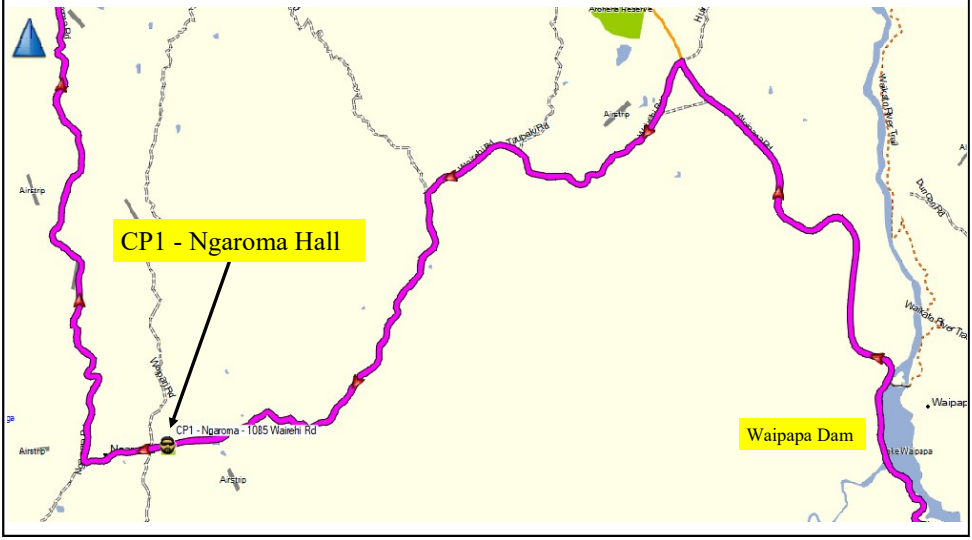
Take a photo of your bike with the hall in the background.



OTOHINA

Continue on Wairehi Rd and onto Ngaroma Rd then onto Wharepuhunga Rd. Turn left on Mangatutu Rd and take that to Maihihi Rd, turning left and taking that to the T-intersection at Tauraroa Valley Rd and turn right. Go on Tauraroa Valley Rd swinging right to continue on Otewa Rd. Take Otewa Rd to Barber Rd, turn left and go 3.9Km to the Otohina Sign. (This is just off the right at the entrance to a driveway).

NB. This CP isn't well positioned and easily missed, and take care as you have to cross the road and onto a gritty driveway.

53 km Total – 182 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Otohina sign

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Nil

CP Co-ordinates: S38 15.470 E175 19.536

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OTOHINA

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Otohina sign.

RANGITOTO

Continue on the Barber Rd, turn left on Rangitoto Rd and go 3.4km to the Hall

11km Total – 193 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the hall

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Nil

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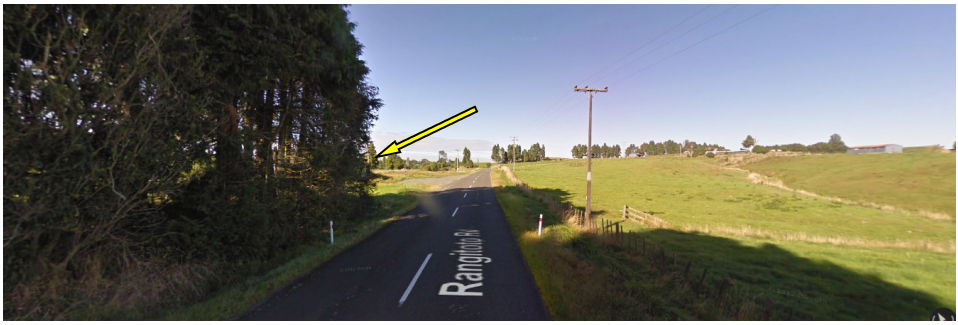
RANGITOTO



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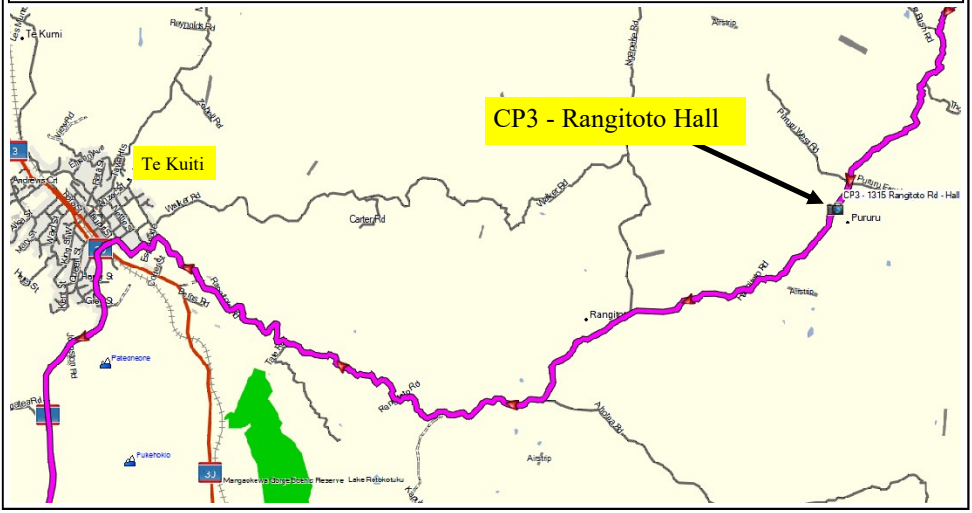
Take a photo of your bike in front of the hall.



AWAKINO

Stay on Rangitoto Rd and take it to Te Kuiti, turning left on The Esplanade, turn left again to stay on the Esplanade, turn left onto Lawrence St and continue out of town on SH3, through Piopio and the Awakino Gorge to the Awakino Pub.

88 km Total – 281 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Awakino Pub.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Te Kuiti*
Pio Pio
Awakino

CP Co-ordinates: S38 39.172 E174 37.772

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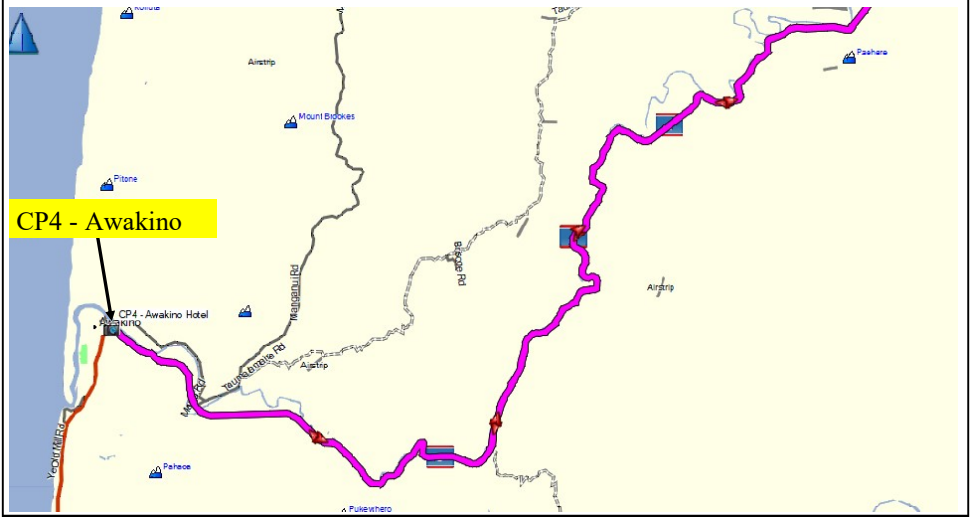
AWAKINO

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Awakino Pub.



Z TURANGI

Return on SH3 through the Awakino Gorge, turn right on Totoro Rd and take that via Aria, turning left onto Ohura Rd, right onto Mokauiti Rd, continuing on Ramaroa Rd to SH4. Turn right on SH4, take that through Taumarunui then turn left on SH41 and take that back to Z Turangi .

NB. There are roadworks on Totoro Rd. They aren't bad but if you can't handle the ~~truth~~ route, you can deviate via Piopio or add the extra 20km by staying on SH's 3 & 4.

There is also some bad slumping on SH41 as you rise out of Mananui ….TAKE CARE!!!

180 km

Total – 461 km

Take a digital photo of your bike on the forecourt of Z Turangi.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Awakino
Taumarunui* (various)

CP Co-ordinates: S38 59.430 E175 48.625

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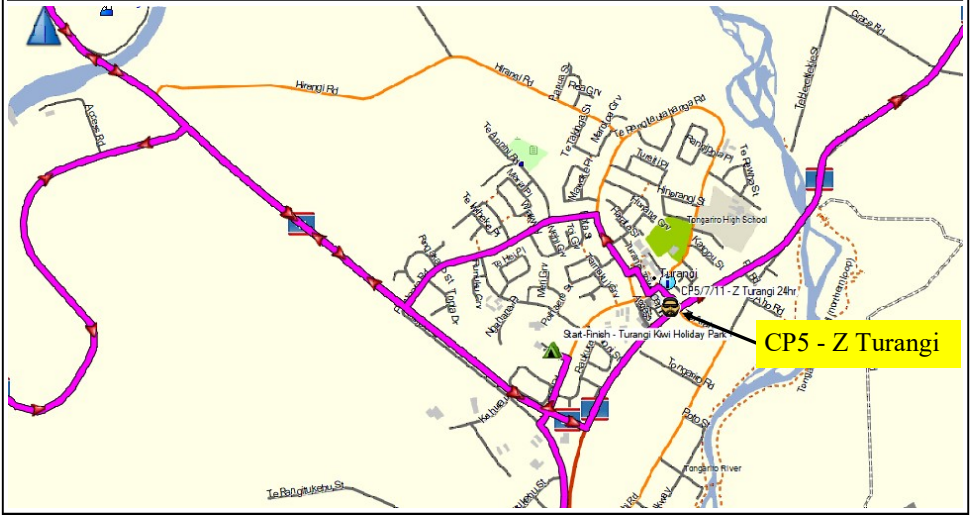
Z TURANGI

NOTES.

Take a photo of your bike on the forecourt of Z Turangi.



WESTMERE

Head back to SH41, turning right and take that to the Ponanga Saddle Rd (by the bridge before Tokaanu), turning left and take that (SH47) to National Park, turn left onto SH4 and go via Rataehi and the Paraparas to Whanganui. Turn right at the BP and go over the Dublin St Bridge, turn right onto Somme Parade, then left on Halswell St, take that up onto the St Johns Hill to SH3 and turn right. Take SH3 to the sweeping right-hander just out of town and pull into the Caltex and café.

NB. There is a small section of roadworks on the Paras!

175 km Total – 636 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Pukeko's Nest Café.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
G.A.S. National Park
Caltex Raetihi
Whanganui* (various)

CP Co-ordinates: S39 53.810 E170 00.557

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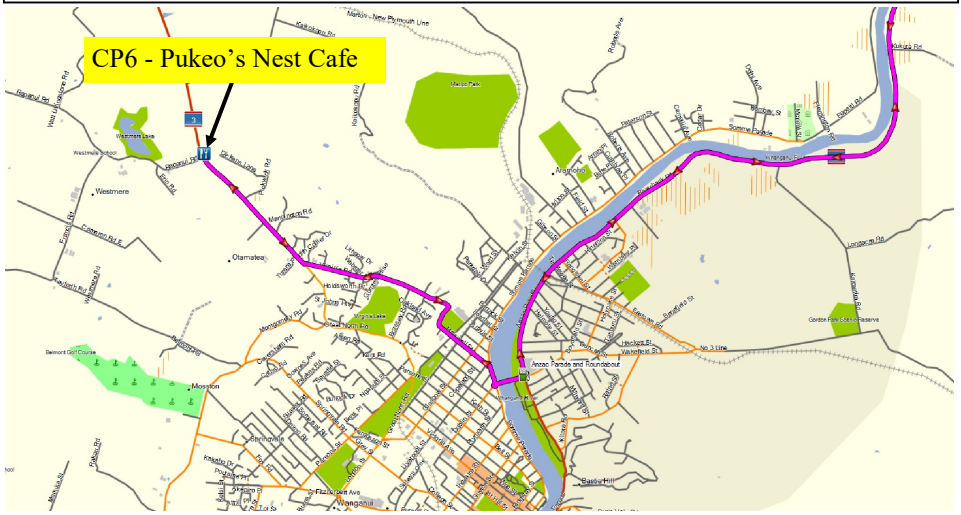
WESTMERE

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Pukeko's Nest Cafe. (Next to Caltex Westmere)



TURANGI CABINS

Return the same way, but to Turangi Cabins.

174 km Total – 810 km

Take a digital photo of your odometer, check-in to share your CP photos with a scrutineer, then collect your finisher pack.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Whanganui* (various)
Caltex Raetihi
G.A.S. National Park

CP Co-ordinates: S38 59.554 E175 48.177

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Turangi Cabins

Notes.

Rock up to the cabins and feel free to do what riders have been doing for the last 30 years of 1,000 milers, ...then settle down for a chat over a feed and a nice hot cup of tea.

Briefing

Welcome to the 4th New Zealand Distance Riders' North Island 1,600 and 2nd North Island 800.

We're long distance riders and have tried to craft an event that appeals to other long distance riders. Last year we introduced the NI800 and we were very satisfied that the two rides were well received and worked well together, as well as creating a more buzzy atmosphere with all the extra participants around the camp, so the combo is being continued.

We know we sort of promised we would make future rides 'quicker', but we have to apologise because Long John couldn't help himself, and in fact, it was commented that he sounded just like Muttley whilst he was working on this one! ….go figure!?

We continue to welcome your feedback, both the good & the bad, so that we can make our future rides even better.

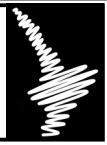
Check-in

On arrival at Turangi, please make your way to the NI800 event headquarters at the Turangi Cabins on Te Reiti Tamara Grove. If you are staying at the camp, you can check into your cabin at the office, settle in, then check into the event at the hall. There you will receive your starter pack, which will consist of your Rider Card, Rider Guide and T-Shirt (for those that ordered one).

Your Rider Card is colour coded for your start group. On one side it will note your Entry Number, Start Group Number, Start Time and HQ Phone Number. On the reverse it will note your Name & Bike, and has initial boxes for verifying: Licence/WoF/Rego checked; Disclosure Received; Bike has passed scrutineering, then on return, your distance travelled and that you have all the CP pics as required.

Scrutineering

Although we don't feel that scrutineering is really necessary for an 800km ride, as this ride is seen as an entry-level ride to the NI1600, we have applied the same formats. The scrutineering is NOT aimed at



Scrutineering (Cont.)
telling you that your bike is safe to ride. Firstly, it is there to ensure that you have a full and current Motorcycle Licence and that the bike has a current Registration and Warrant of Fitness. Secondly, it is a backstop to check that there aren't any obvious faults that make your bike unserviceable. The scrutineers will check things like: your lights are functioning (it may include some night riding after all), your tyres have enough tread (and should still have enough tread after you have completed the 800km) and so on. We reserve the right to tell you that you can't start and we highly recommend that you get your bike checked out before you leave home.

Groups
Departures will start at 10am on Saturday, 07 October. Riders will be split into groups of 11, starting 3 minutes apart. This is done to ensure bikes disperse and don't travel in great clumps. These groups will be colour coded (as per your Rider Card) and you may start as your colour is raised by the starter. If you have friends you want to ride with, you should advise us before the event so we can ensure you can start together, otherwise, you should start and go slow to allow them to catch up, or wait until their group starts.

2017 Route
Our routes are designed using a mixture of 'local knowledge' and mapping software with the application of preference being MapSource with NZ Open Source Maps.

The positioning of our checkpoints is done to ensure a minimum distance (804km/500 miles) is completed and the route as prescribed in the Riders Guide is Long-John's recommended track. That recommendation will be a blend of: shortest distance; fastest riding; and good riding roads. On this occasion, there's very little leeway for alternatives.

An examples of this is:

- Stay on SH's 3 & 4 rather than the Aria road (adds about 20K).

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Places to watch

We try to find a good blend of 'flowy' and technical ride, with most of the ride on main roads, or good quality secondary roads. While we avoid unsealed roads there may be patches of roadworks to negotiate, but as is always the case in New Zealand, watch for critters, loose bits, and other things that can add spice, particularly on country roads.

Areas to watch for are:

- Road to Ngaroma Hall and onto Te Kuiti.
- Totoro Road - Roadworks
- Aria road, although the older hands are probably used to this.
- SH41 (Slumping at the Taumarunui end).
- Paraparas has some minor roadworks and lights

Fuel Stops

Being predominantly a day ride, there are ample opportunities for fuel along this route and the longest no-fuel or marginal-km fuel section is: 112 km Awakino to Taumarunui

The Rider Guide notes available Gas Stations, particularly the 24-hour fuel stops that will be open during the times you should be in those areas.

Marking your route

You need to take digital photos as evidence you have done the required 804km and your photos will be checked when you finish. If you are riding in a group, it will be acceptable for one rider to take all the photos, but these will require all bikes to be visible in the photos. The photo requirements are clearly identified in the 'Rider Guide' and there shouldn't be any problems clearly identifying the photos.

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Finish - Turangi Cabins
Rock in, check in with the Marshal who will check your photos, sign your card and send you in to the controllers who will issue your Finisher Pack. The Finisher Pack will include: Your metal badge; a Certificate; and a meal voucher.

General
This is not a race! We expect this event will attract participation from a mix of inquisitive riders wanting to check-out the endurance riding scene and very experienced, hard-arsed endurance riders who can no longer be bothered with the prospect of a long night in the saddle, on a variety of bikes. The route is generally on main roads to provide a free-flowing ride, so most should finish within 10-11 hours. This will be easily achievable by minimising stops rather than increasing speed.

Please ride at your own pace and respect your fellow riders, feel free to pass slower riders but please don't carve-them-up. If you see another rider who needs assistance, stopping and helping them won't incur a time penalty. We're here for a good time and we hope you all enjoy this foray into endurance riding. These are the NZ Distance Riders key events. We also organize the 1,000km Cruise in November, with starts and finishes now in Wellington and Hamilton. Feel free to give us your feedback.

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