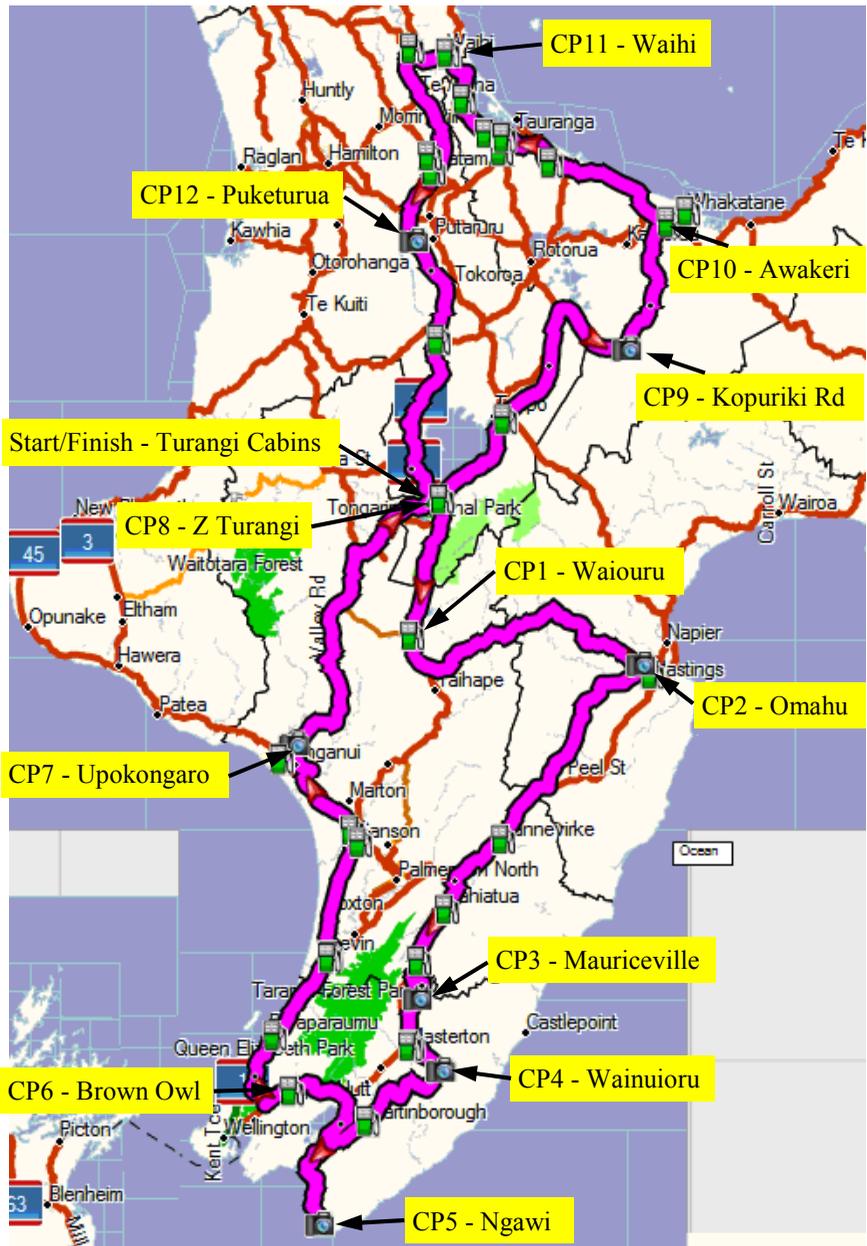




NZ DISTANCE RIDERS

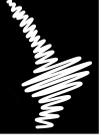
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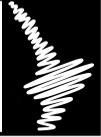


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***CP00 - Photograph your
odometer before and after the
ride***



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

Start Times: 1300 1303 1306 1309

Depart Turangi Cabins, make your way to SH1 and travel South to CP1 at Z Waiouru.

(Manned Checkpoint)

Take a digital photo of your bike & the Z Waiouru sign above the store entrance or with one of the Marshals.

62 km

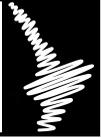
Total – 62 km

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Z & Caltex Waiouru*

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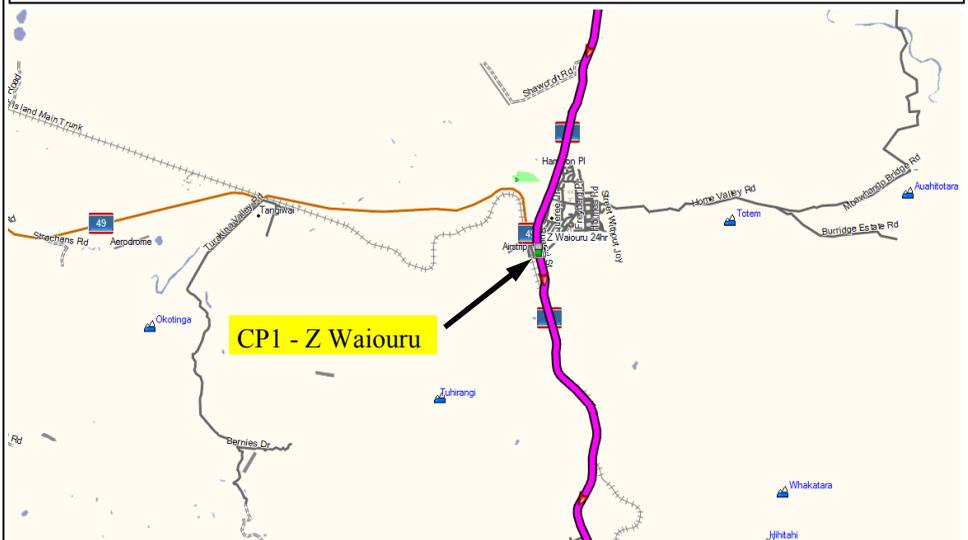
WAIOURU



NOTES.

Manned CP

Check-in with the marshals and take a photo of your bike in front of the Z Waiouru sign above the shop entrance, or with one of the marshals.





Continue south on SH1 (for 17.7 km) and turn left onto Spooners Hill Rd. Continue over the Taihape-Napier Rd to the intersection with SH50. Cross SH50 to the entrance of Kahukuranui Marae.

145 km

Total – 207 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the entrance to Omahu (Kahukuranui) Marae

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Caltex Omahu Rd* (Not on route - 4.6 km along Omahu Rd)

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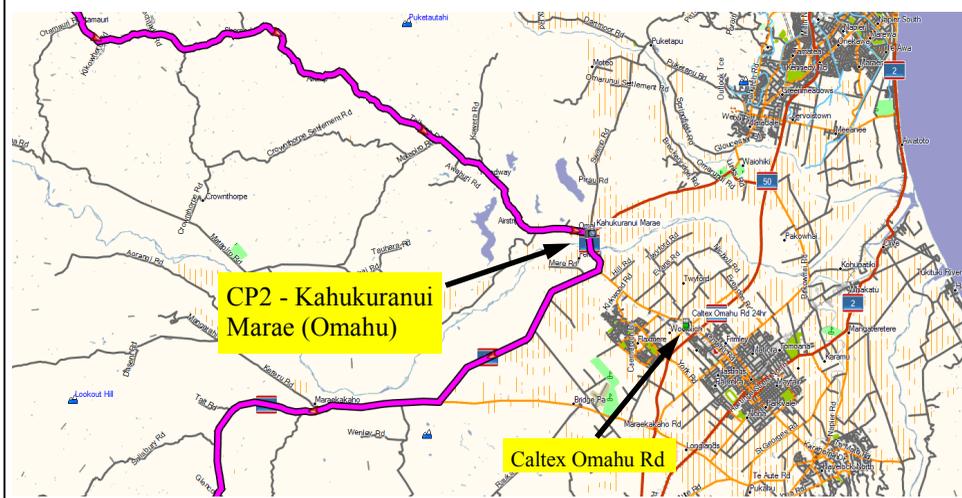
OMAHU



NOTES.

Photo CP

CP is straight across SH50 from the Give-way. Take a photo of your bike in front of the Omahu sign at the Marae entrance.

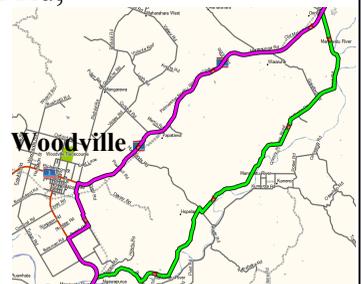
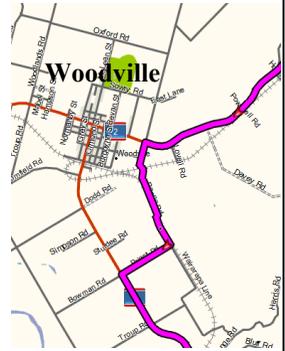




Continue South on SH50 through Tikokino and turn right onto SH2, continuing south through Woodville, Pahiatua & Eketahuna, then after 4.6km, turn left on Falkner Rd and left again on Opaki-Kaiparoro Rd, taking that to Mauriceville.

NB. There are opportunities through here to bypass Woodville:

- a. Turn Left on Pinfold Rd as you enter Woodville, Right on Priest Rd, Left on SH2. (Recommended)....or
- b. Turn left after the Oringi Meat Works onto Oringi Rd, continue on Jackson Rd, Right on Hopelands Rd, Left on Bluff Rd, Left on SH2 by the Manawatu River Bridge
....(same distance, maybe more scenic and therefore slower)



194 km

Total – 401 km

Take a digital photo of Mauriceville Train Station sign

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

BP & Caltex Dannevirke*

Mobil & BP Pahiatua

G.A.S Eketahuna

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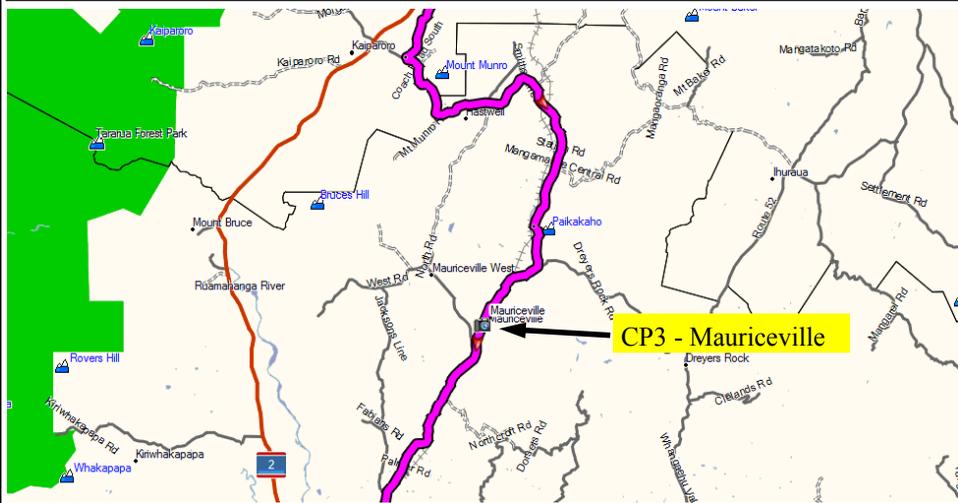
MAURICEVILLE



NOTES.

Photo CP

Nice road through here, CP is straight across from the Limeworks Office.





Continue South on Opaki-Kaiparoro Rd to SH2. Turn left onto SH2 and head to Masterton turning left at Nth End Mobil onto Te Ore Ore Rd. Turn right on Te Weraiti Rd and continue on Masterton-Stronvar Rd to Wainuoru, turning right on Westmere Rd.

39 km

Total – 440 km

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

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Faulkners Mobil - Masterton

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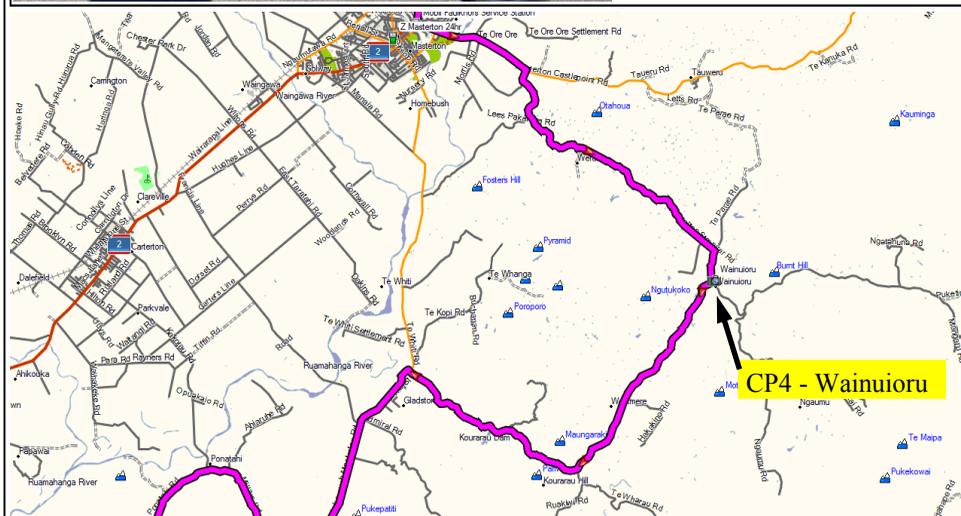
WAINUIORU



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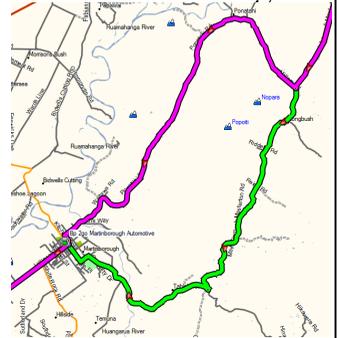
Photo CP

More nice road. CP is right on the corner.





Stay on Westmere Rd, swing right on Te Wharau Rd to the T-intersection, turn left on Te Whiti Rd and make your way to Martinborough by turning right on Millars Rd and keeping left onto Ponatahi Rd. (feel free to stay on the curlier Martinborough-Masterton Rd through Tablelands ...there's 1km in it), then make your way out of Martinborough on Jelicoe Rd & Lake Ferry Rd towards Lake Ferry. Short of Lake Ferry, turn left on Cape Paliser Rd and take that to Ngawi.



Caution: Take it easy negotiating the intersection from Westmere Rd onto Te Wharau Rd!
Ngawi is an out-and-return section with one-way bridges, a cattle stop (usually with stock around the road, and a couple of short sections of unsealed road. Take Care!

114 km

Total – 554 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Community Centre.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
BP Martinborough* (Card after 7pm)

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NGAWI

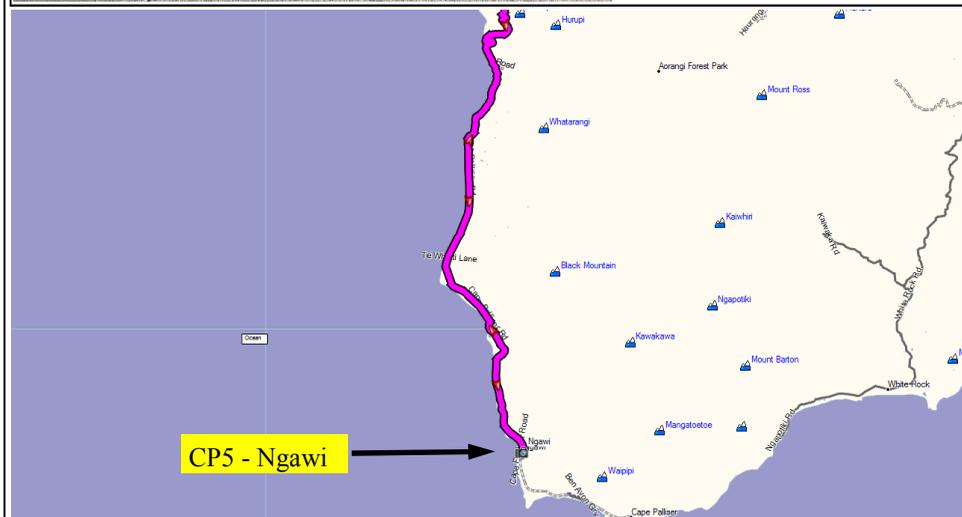


NOTES.

Photo CP

Beware of stock and oncoming bikers!

CP should be reasonably lit up if dark. You should be able to shoot from the roadside but otherwise use the ramp.





Head back towards Lake Ferry Rd and turn right back towards Martinborough, but turn left on Kahutara Rd, turn left on SH53 to Featherston, turn left on SH2 and take that over the Rimutaka Hill to Brown Owl (Upper Hutt) and Caltex Rimutaka.

99 km

Total – 653 km

Take a digital photo of your bike on the forecourt of Caltex Rimutaka with one of the marshals.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Caltex Rimutaka*

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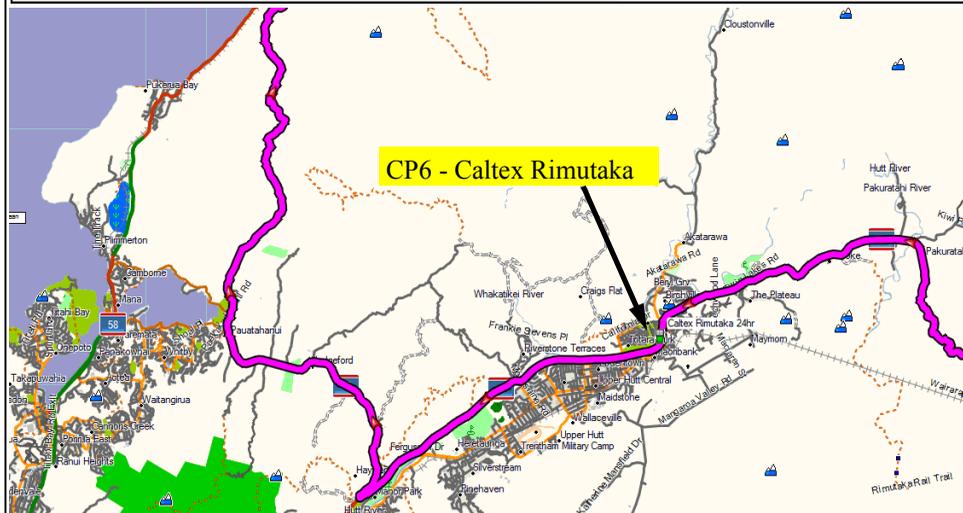
BROWN OWL

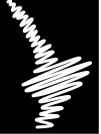


NOTES.

Manned CP

Enjoy the ride over 'The Hill' but take care for traffic and or diesel spills. Take a photo of your bike on the forecourt with one of the marshals.

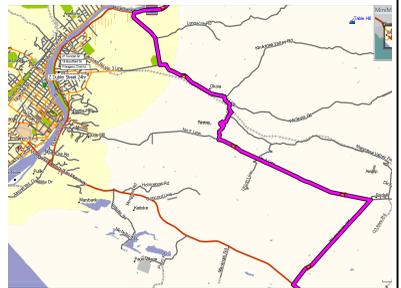




Continue south on SH2 and turn right at the lights onto Haywards Hill Rd, continue through Pauatahanui onto the Paekakariki Hill Rd to SH1, then head north on SH1 to Sanson, left onto SH3 (feel free to take Speedy and Fagan Rds to bypass Sanson) through Bulls to Whanganui (feel free to divert through Fordell to bypass Whanganui....



Right on Warrengate, left on No2 Line, right on Okoia Rd, keep left onto No3 Line, right on Kaimatira Rd), turn right to make your way up the Parapas on SH4 to Upukongaro.



NB. If you're feeling tempted to shave 23 km off your distance by taking the Akatarawa Rd....it will take you longer and I wouldn't want to meet one of those scary 4WD's along there...at night....alone!!

202 km

Total – 855 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Upok' Pub

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Z & Gull - Levin*

BP - Bulls*

Z Dublin St - Whanganui* (Not on route)

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UPOKONGARO

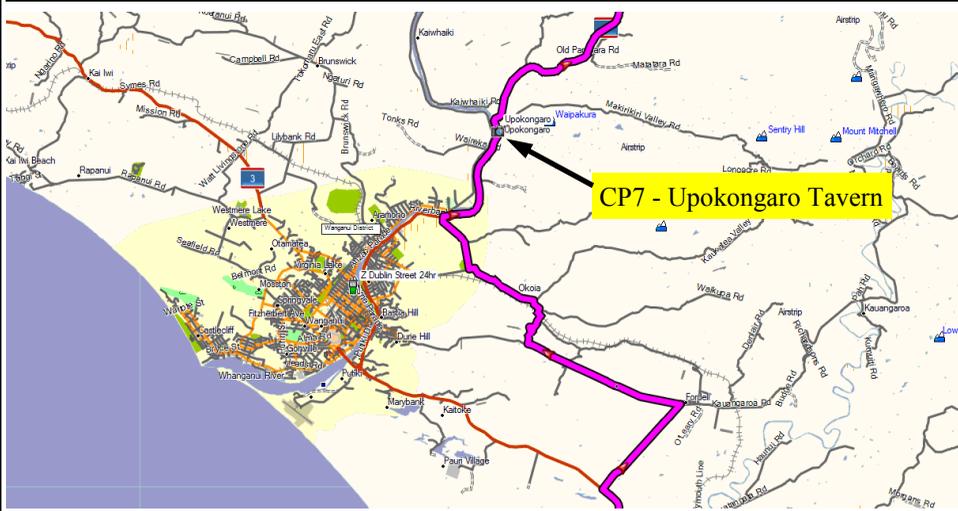


NOTES.

Photo CP

Sorry about SH1, but we had to get you to the Para's somehow.

Take a photo of your bike in front of one of the 'Avoca Hotel' signs.





Continue up SH4 to National Park and turn right onto SH47, over the Ponanga Saddle and turn right on SH41 to Turangi and make your way to Z-Turangi.

160 km

Total – 1,015 km

(This is a manned CP)

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Z Turangi sign above the entrance to the store, or with one of the marshals.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Z Turangi*

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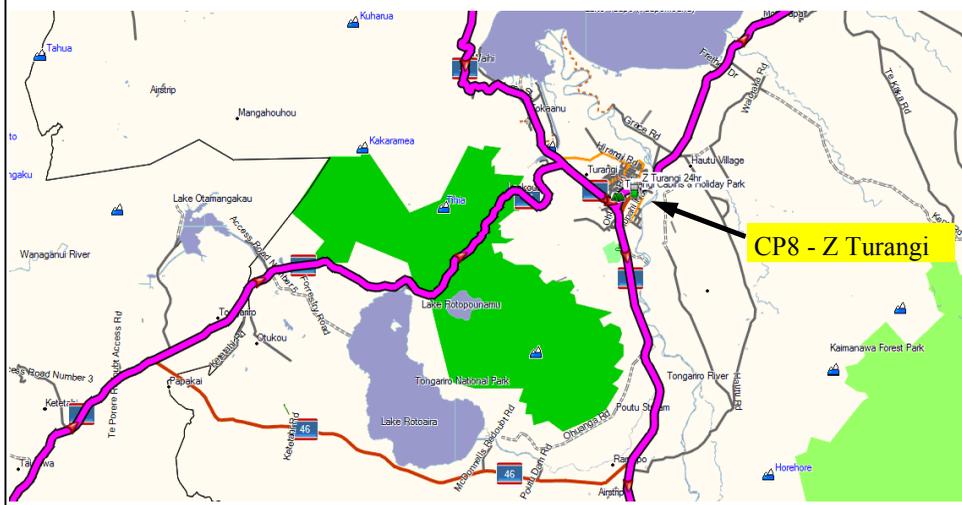
TURANGI



NOTES.

Manned CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Z Turangi sign above the entrance to the store, or with one of the marshals.





Continue North on SH1 to Taupo, take the bypass and exit to head north-east on Broadlands Rd (to go through Broadlands and Reporoa). Turn right onto SH5, then turn right on SH38 (toward Murupara) to the junction with Kopuriki Rd.

140 km

Total – 1,155 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Green State Highway Direction sign

There is a street lamp above the signsbut it went out when I was there!!! ...then came on again as I left!!! The Murapara side has the Fort Galatea sign as well and taking your photo from behind the bike and thus capturing the rego is a safe bet to identify the bike.....if you're using a flash!....or not!??



Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Z Tauhara* (On Taupo Bypass)

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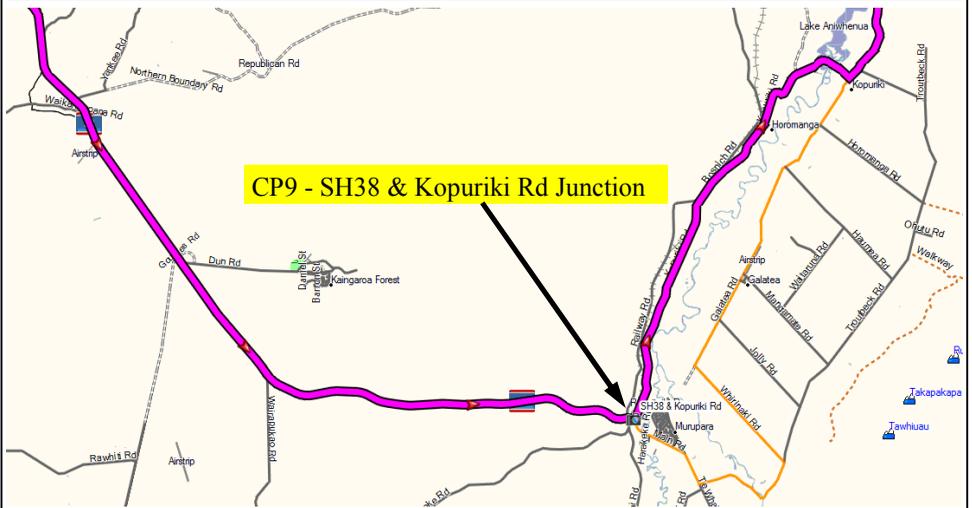
KOPURIKI RD



NOTES.

Photo CP

Take care taking your photos here as you will be on the main road and dicing with the flood of traffic in and out of Murupara.





Turn left on Kopuriki Rd and head through to Galatea Rd, turn left onto Galatea Rd and as you approach Te Teko, keep right onto MacDonald Rd, then turn right onto SH30, then right on to SH2 and just along to Z-Awakeri.

66 km

Total – 1,221 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front the Z Awakeri sign above the store entrance.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Z Awakeri (Doesn't Open until 5am)

Z Whakatane* (Not on route - 11.6 km...if you're desperate)

NB. 5am at Z Awakeri would be around a 19-20 hour pace

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AWAKERI

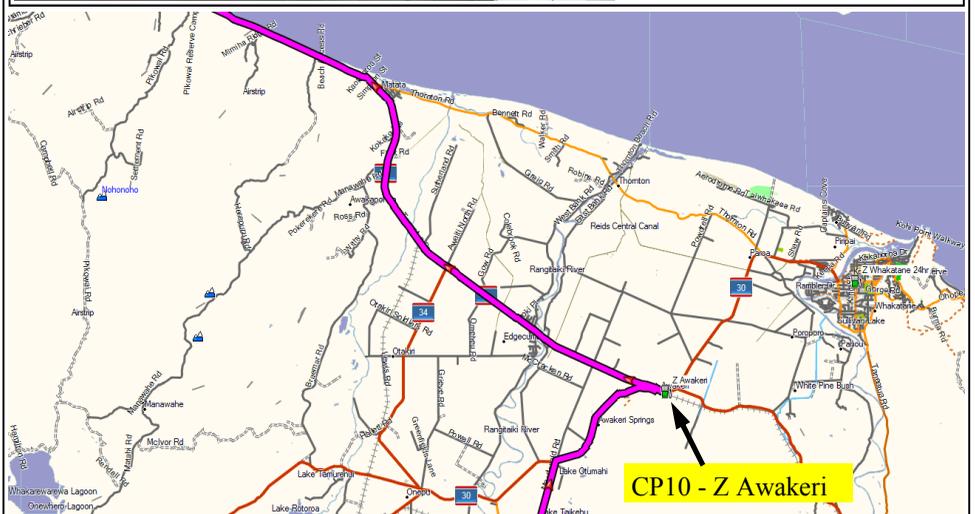


NOTES.

Photo CP

Z Awakeri doesn't open until 5am, so don't count on getting fuel. (Z Whakatane is closest if you're desperate).

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





Ride North West on SH2 and take this via Tauranga to BP Waihi

144 km

Total – 1,365 km

(This is a manned CP)

**Take a digital photo of your bike on the forecourt of BP
Connect Waihi with one of the marshals.**

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Z Te Puke*

Z Bethlehem - Tauranga*

Gull Whakarama*

Caltex Katikati*

BP Connect - Waihi*

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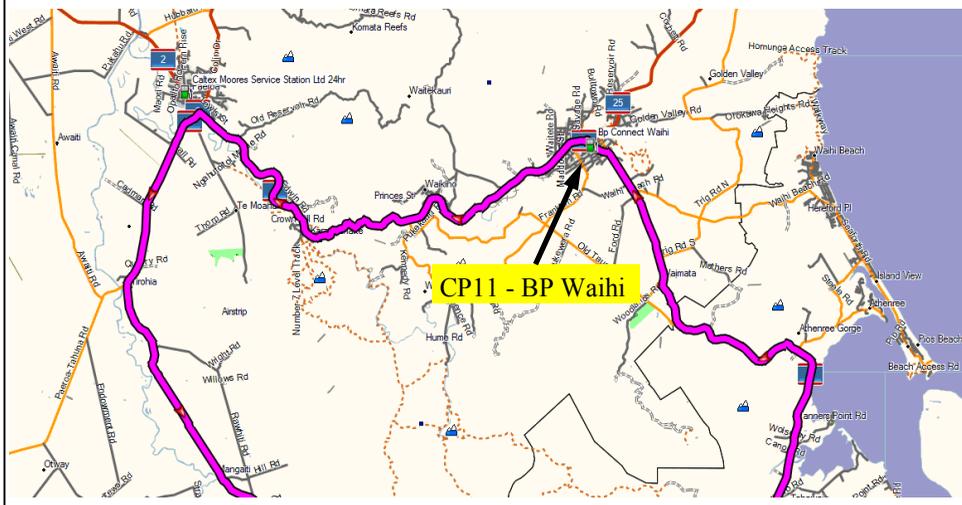
WAIHI

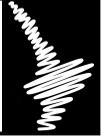


NOTES.

Manned CP

Take a photo of your bike on the forecourt with one of the marshals.





Head West out of Waihi on Seddon Ave/Parry Palm Ave (SH2) to Paeroa. Turn left onto Te Aroha Rd (SH26) to Te Aroha, turn right onto Kerrick St (to stay on SH26), turn left onto Ngarua Rd, turn left onto SH27, through Matamata, turn right onto SH29 to SH1. Turn left onto SH1, then 1st right onto Horahora Rd and take that down Lake Karapiro, turning left onto Arapuni Rd, then right onto Old Taupo Rd to the Puketurua Hall.

112 km

Total – 1,477 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Puketurua Hall

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Mobil Waharoa*

Caltex Matamata*

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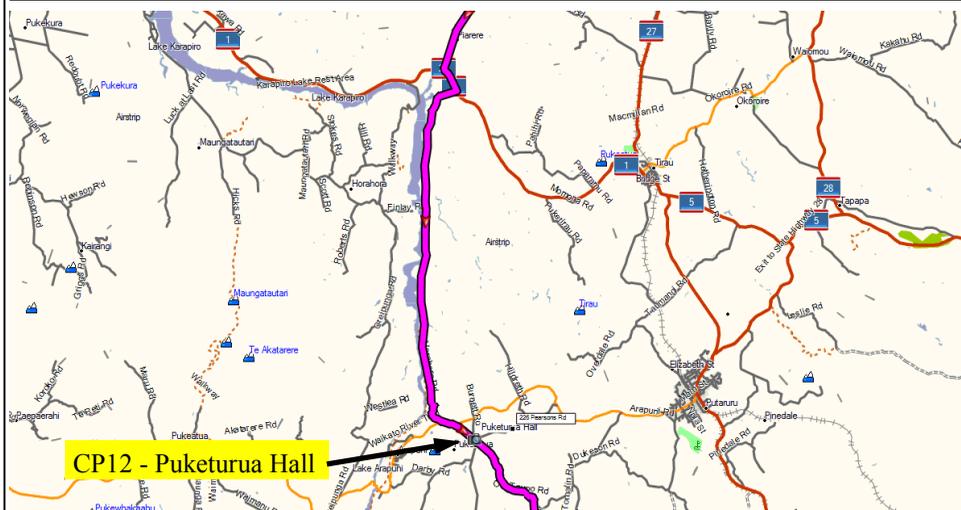
PUKETURUA



NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Puketurua Hall.





Continue on Old Taupo Rd all the way to Whakamaru Rd (SH32), turning right onto SH32 to head through Whakamaru and down the Western Access road to Kuratau Junction. Turn left onto SH41 and make your way back to Turangi Cabinsfor your check-in, an end-of-ride meal, celebratory beverage and a chat.

141 km

Total – 1,618 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)
GAS Whakamaru

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Turangi Cabins

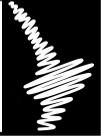


NOTES.

Photo CP

Rock up to the cabins
and feel free to feel
sad if you do not ride
an ST1300!!!





Welcome to the inaugural running of the New Zealand Distance Riders' North Island 1,600. For those that have been doing it hard since the last Grand Challenge, we hope you enjoy this event.

We're not the Rusty Nuts, so you'll see some differences between this event and those that have gone before. We're long distance riders and have tried to craft an event that appeals to other long distance riders. We'll 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 NI1600 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, T-Shirt & NZDR Badge (for those that ordered them).

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 pic's as required.

Scrutineering:-

The scrutineering is NOT aimed at 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 is a night ride after all), your tyres have enough tread (and should still have enough tread after you have completed the 1,600km) 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 1pm on Saturday, 11 October. Riders will be split into groups of 10, 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.

Places to watch:-

We feel this route is a very 'flowy' ride, with most of the ride on main roads, or good quality secondary roads. But as is always the case when riding in New Zealand, watch for critters, loose bits, and other things that can add spice, particularly on country roads.

Areas to watch for are:

Gentle Annie: There are always areas on this road where the seal gets marginal or covered in loose crap. The descent to the Ngaruroro river bridge is steep and the corners are tight. The ascent out through the Kaweka forest is on a road used by logging trucks. Even though that road is sealed, the tar can get badly chewed up in places. The descent through Sherenden to Flaxmere has some great sweeping corners but there are a couple to be careful of. Remember that this event isn't a race!

Mauriceville road is excellent, but there maybe the odd critter about.

Westmere Road – Te Wharau Road junction: This is at a cambered curve on the Te Wharau Road, so the junction can surprise you because your right turn is very off-camber.

(Continued Overleaf)



Places to watch (cont.):-

Ngawi Rd – This is out-and-return with one way bridges, a cattle stop (and therefore big beasts with access to the road) two short sections that are permanently unsealed, and a couple of sections alongside grey papa clay cliffs, which can make the road very greasy if wet) **TAKE CARE!**

Rimutakas – slow traffic and high winds can combine to make this a testing section.

Paekakariki Hill Road – watch out for oncoming traffic cutting corners. The exit back out onto SH1 at Paekakariki Village requires a hook turn to the left.

Paraparas – Sweet!

Lake Karapiro Road – Old Taupo Road – there might be wandering critters, small and large!

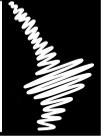
Fuel Stops

There are ample opportunities for fuel along this route and the longest no-fuel sections are:

Martinborough-Ngawi-Caltex Rimutaka (162km, but nervous riders can always detour out back through Martinborough where the BP station has pay-at-pump)

Z Tauhara (Taupo Bypass)-Awakeri-Z Te Puke (218km), so if you have a teeny-weeny tank and can't make that, you might need to consider diverting to Whakatane for a 169km leg, or get an ST!

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 (This includes a couple where the teeny-weeny-tankers might need to divert).



Marking your Route

You need to take digital photos as evidence you have done the required 1,618km 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, even for the few night ones.

Manned Checkpoints: These are: Z Waiouru; Caltex Rimutaka; Z Turangi; & BP Waihi. At these stops you still need to take a photo, but you also need to check-in with a Checkpoint Marshal. This allows them to check you off the list so we can ensure all riders are progressing. It also allows them to 'eyeball' you. We reserve the right for our Marshals to pull riders from the event if they consider rider or machine are unfit to progress. This might be just advice to grab a nap, or it might be a full 'Red Card'. Please accept that if this happens, they are doing you a favour so we request you don't get abusive. These guys are giving their time up to help.

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 & cloth patch; a Certificate; and a meal voucher.

General:-

This is not a race! We expect that an event like this will only attract participation from very experienced, hard-arsed endurance riders, on a variety of bikes (because for some strange reason that I can't fathom, not everyone wants to ride an ST1300!). The route is generally on main roads to provide a free-flowing ride, so most should finish within 20-22hours. This will be easily achievable by minimising stops rather than increasing speed. *(continued overleaf.)*



General (Cont.):-

Please ride at your own pace and respect your fellow riders, feel free to pass slower riders but please don't carve-them-up. We're here for a good time and I hope you all enjoy this foray into endurance riding. The NZ Distance Riders hope to make this an annual event and we may introduce other rides, or work with other groups to help them with their events rides. Feel free to give us your feedback.

Make it a Great Day!and night.....and next morning!

Any Problems or withdrawal –

Ring or Text : 021 953-943