NZ Distance Riders

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2018 NI800 Route

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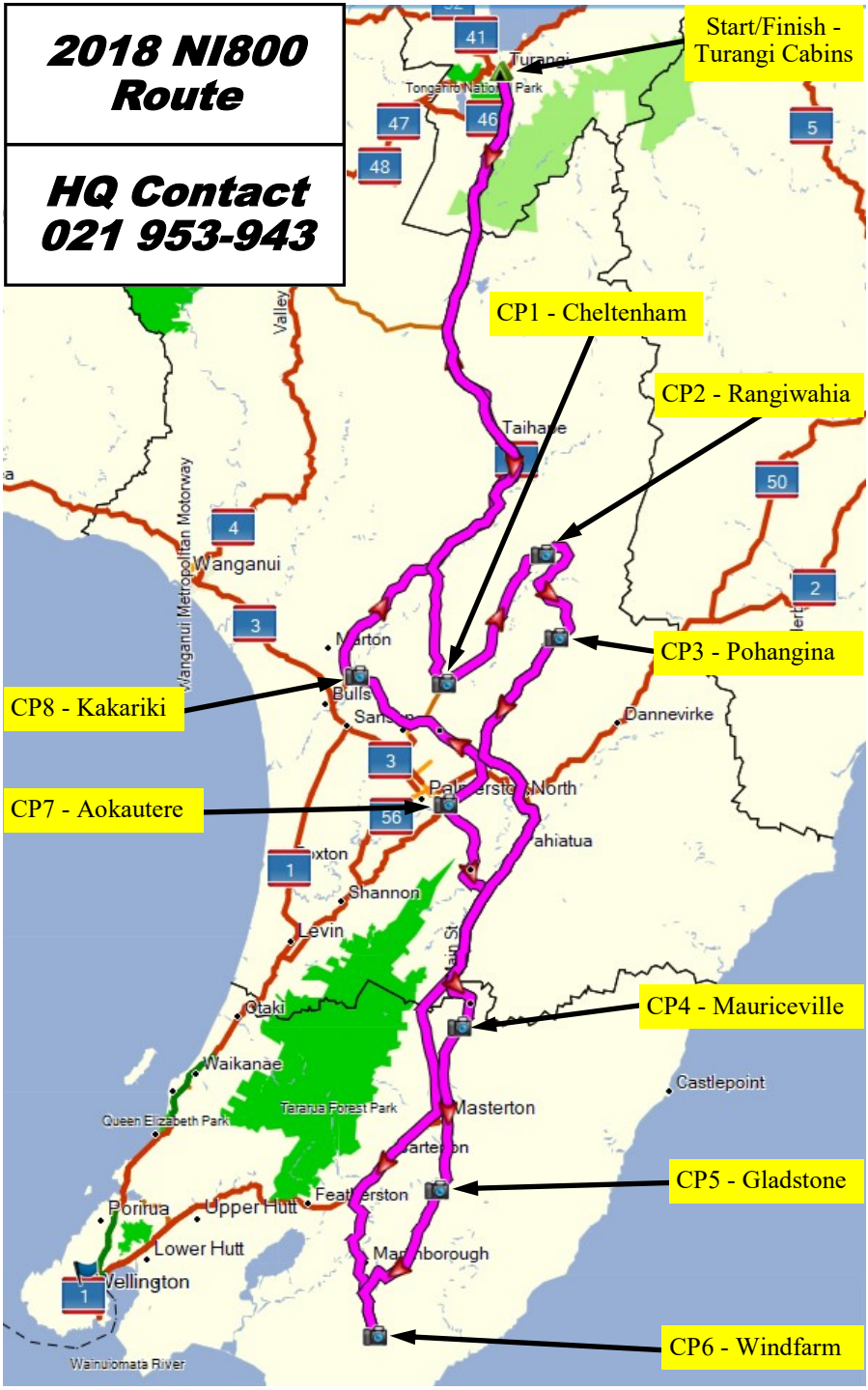

Start & Finish

CP00 - Photograph your odometer before and after the ride

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CHELTENHAM

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

Start Times: 1000 | 1003 | 1006 | 1009 | 1012 | 1015

Depart Turangi Cabins and turn right on Ohuanga Rd, left on SH41, right on SH1 and take that via Waiouru and Taihape, turning left onto the Vinegar Hill road (SH54) and take that to the first checkpoint at Cheltenham.

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

162 km Total – 162 km

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Z Waiouru
Mobil & BP Taihape
Hunterville (off route)

CP Co-ordinates: S40 08.299 E175 39.635

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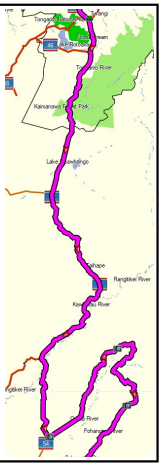
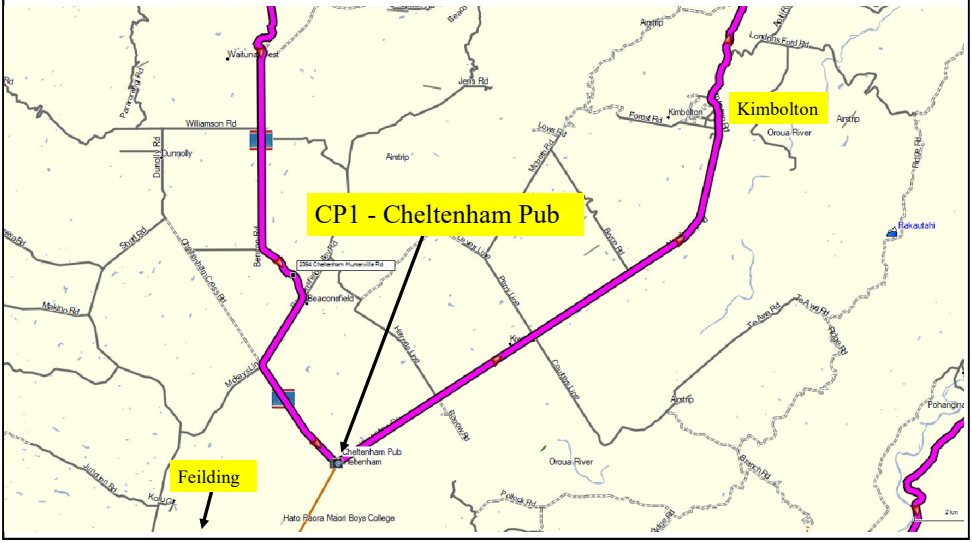
CHELTENHAM

NOTES.

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





RANGIWAHIA

Turn left and take Kimbolton Road to go via Kimbolton and carry on to Rangiwahia.

41 km Total – 203 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Rangiwahia Hall or Memorial

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Nil

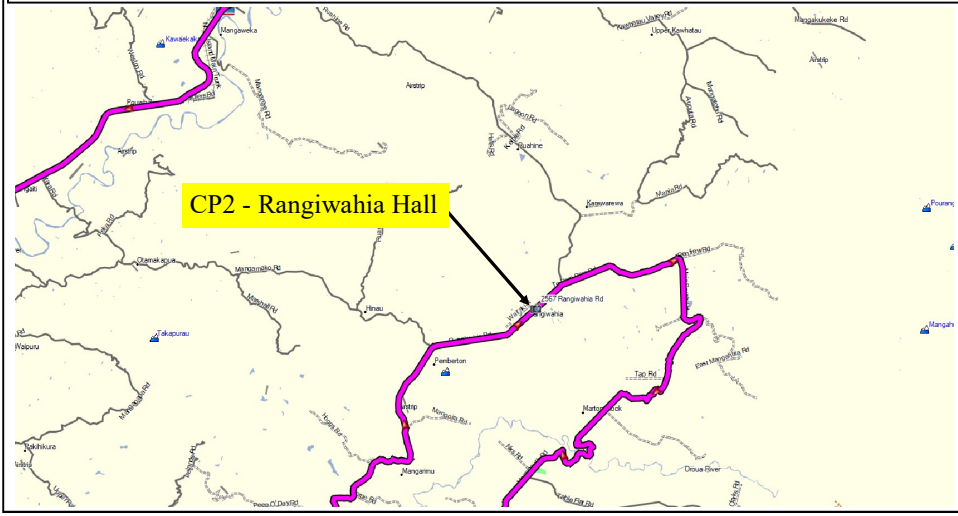
CP Co-ordinates: S39 53.924 E175 54.108

RANGIWAHIA

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Hall or Memorial.



POHANGINA

Continue on Rangiwahia Rd and turn right on Te Para Para Rd, right on Main South Rd, continue on Oroua Valley Rd and take the first left on Pohangina Valley East Rd. Take that to the bridge over the Pohangina River.

40km

Total – 243 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the sign or with the bridge in the background

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)

Nil

CP Co-ordinates: S40 03.133 E175 56.325

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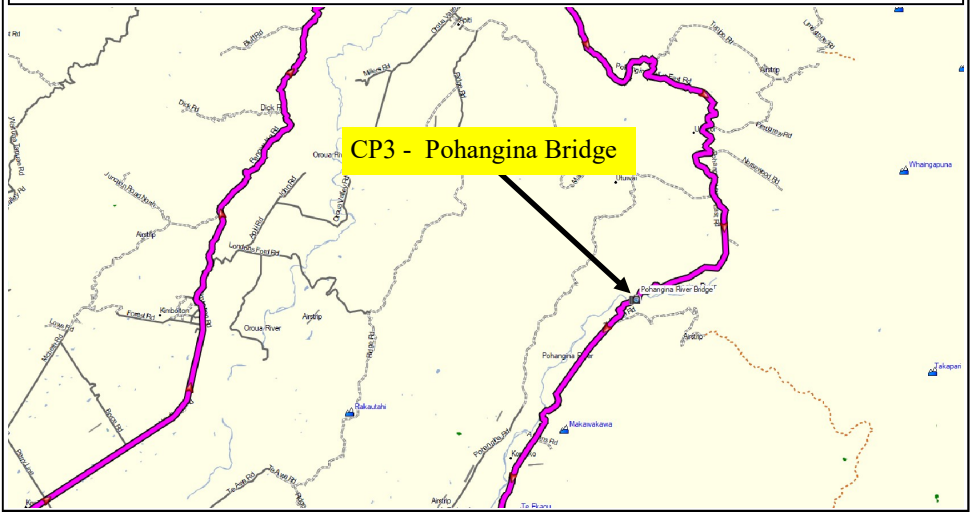
POHANGINA

NOTES.

Take a photo of your bike in front of the sign or with the bridge in the background.



MAURICEVILLE

Stay on Pohangina Valley East Rd and take it to the T-intersection, turning left on Pohangina Rd to head to Ashhurst. As you enter Ashhurst turn left on Wyndham St, left on Salisbury St and make your way over the Saddle, via Woodville and onto SH2. Take SH2 down through Pahiatua and Eketahuna, then turn left on Falkner Rd, take that to the bridge and turn left to cross the bridge on Opaki-Kaiparoro Rd. Take that to Mauriceville to the sign opposite the Lime Works

115 km

Total – 358 km

Photo CP
Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Mauriceville Sign.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Caltex Woodville
Mobil or BP Pahiatua
GAS Eketahuna

CP Co-ordinates: S40 46.858 E175 41.942

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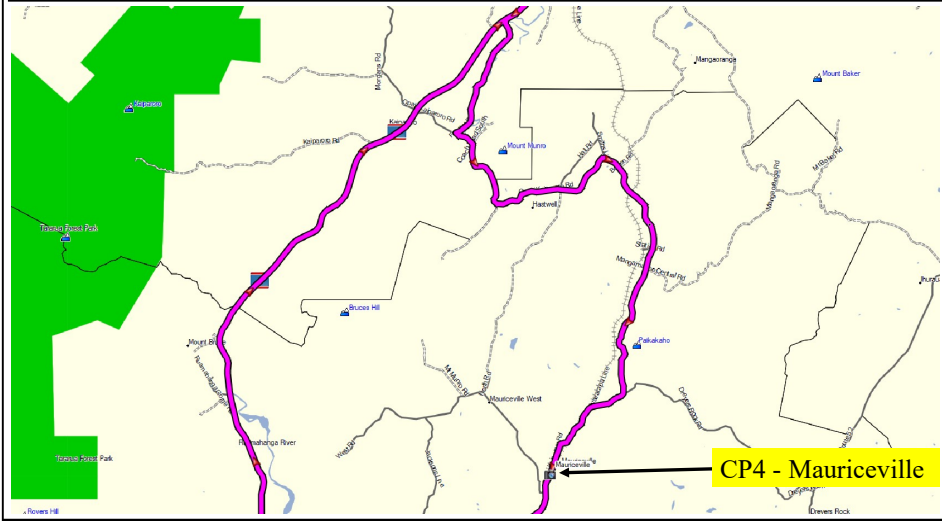
NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Mauriceville Sign.



GLADSTONE

Continue on Opaki-Kaiparoro Rd, staying on it by going left over the bridge and emerge at SH2, Turn left on SH2 and continue to Masterton, turning left on Te Ore Ore Rd at the Mobil, turn right on Colombo Rd just past the hospital, turn left on Johnstons Rd and continue on Te Whiti Rd to Gladstone.

23 km

Total – 396 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Street signs

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Mobil Faulkners Masterton

CP Co-ordinates: S41 05.214 E175 38.580

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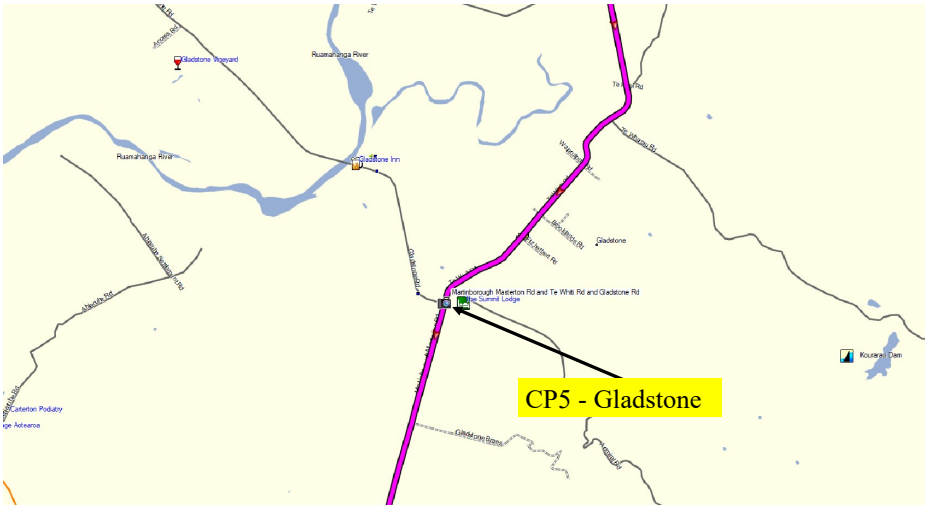
NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front the Street Signs.



WINDFARM

Continue on Masterton-Martinborough Rd and take that to Martinborough. (or turn left on Te Muna Rd and take that to White Rock Rd – but it does have 2Km of gravel). Make your way through Martinborough and onto the Lake Ferry Rd, then turn left on White Rock Rd. Travel 18.9Km to the windfarm carpark. (on the right side of the road)

NB. There are a few single lane sections through the tablelands

You could encounter oncoming NI800 riders on White Rock Rd

The windfarm was put there for a reason! Watch that the breeze doesn't put you on your ear as you cross onto the gravel. ...TAKE CARE!!!

47 km

Total – 443 km

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the info shelter, or with the turbines in the background.

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
BP Martinborough

CP Co-ordinates: S41 21.462 E175 29.454

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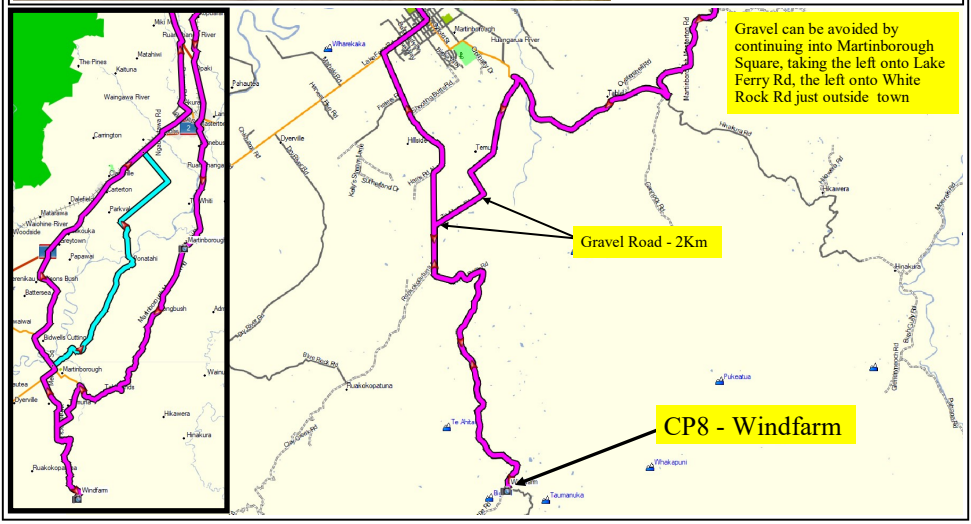
WINDFARM

NOTES.

Take a photo of your bike in front of the info shelter or with the turbines in the background.



Return to Martinborough, turning left onto SH53 and make your way back to SH2 via Bidwells Cutting Rd to Greytown. Turn right on SH2 and make your way north through the Wairarapa via Ekatahuna, turning left on Tutaekara Rd to go via Mangamaire. Continue on Nikau Rd and turn left on Makomako Rd to go over the Track (Pahiatua-Aokautere Rd). Turn right on SH57 and go to Aokoutere School

(**NB.** ***Long John Recommends:*** It is only about 1km longer but there are no 50kph zones if you turn right on Princess St after the Martinborough CBD, then take Ponatahi Rd to bypass Greytown and Carterton….and it's not a bad ride)

145 km Total – 588 km

Photo CP
Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Aokautere School sign

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Greytown, Carterton
Masterton*
Eketahuna

CP Co-ordinates: S40 21.818 E175 39.903

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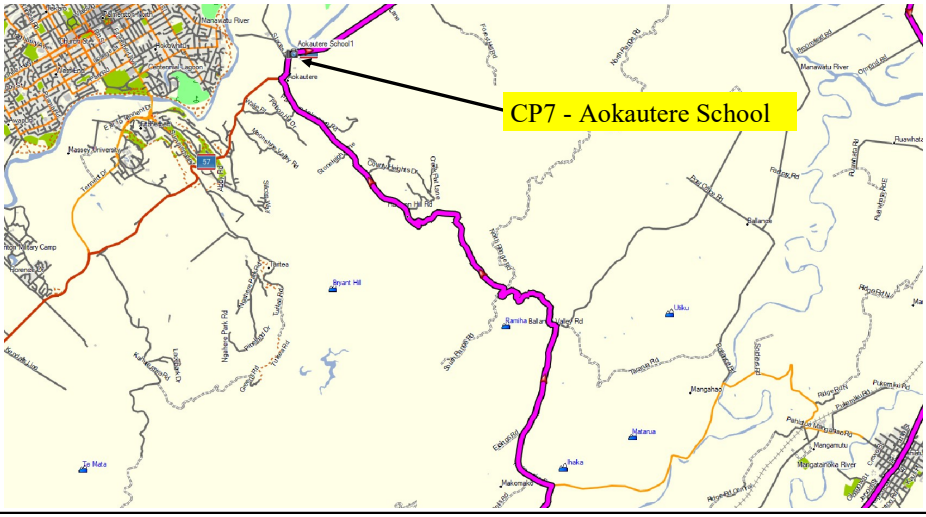
AOKAUTERE

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike in front of the Aokautere School sign.



Continue North on SH57 to SH3, turning left to cross the river, then turn right on Cambridge St to go into Ashhurst. Turn left on Oxford St and continue on Colyton Rd to SH54 and turn left to go in Feilding, turning right on North St at the BP. Turn right on West St and continue on Halcombe Rd, past Halcombe to the Rangitikei River bridge.

51 km Total – 639 km

Take a digital photo of your bike with the Rail Bridge in the background

Available Fuel (* denotes 24hr)
Mobil Ashhurst
BP Feilding

CP Co-ordinates: S40 07.417 E175 26.716

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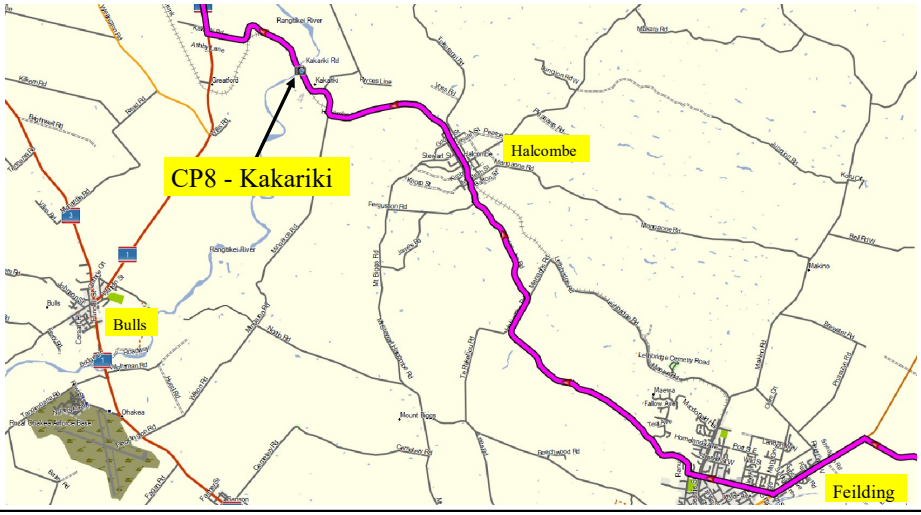
KAKARIKI

NOTES.

Photo CP

Take a photo of your bike with the Rail Bridge over the Rangitikei River in the background.



Continue on Kakariki Rd to SH1, turn right and return via Hunterville, Taihape and Waiouru to the Turangi Cabins.

168 km Total – 807 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)
Hunterville
Taihape
Waiouru

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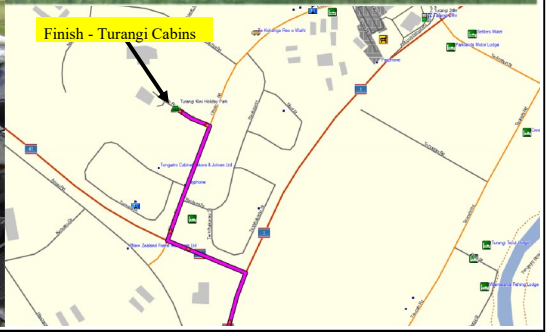
Turangi Cabins

Notes.

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



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Briefing

Welcome to the 5th New Zealand Distance Riders' North Island 1,600 and 3rd North Island 800.

We hope you enjoy your ride, the weekend and although this route isn't much 'quicker' than past rides, once again it should offer you some new roads, or maybe ones you haven't been on for awhile. 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 NI1600/800 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 Rider Card, (Rider Guides and T-Shirts (for those that ordered one) will be issued after the briefing at 7pm).

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

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 unsafe. The scrutineers will check things like: your lights are functioning (the 800 will include night riding for some), 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.

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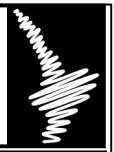


Groups

Departures will start at 10am on Saturday, 06 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 when 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.

2018 Route

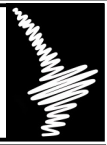
Our routes are designed using a mixture of 'local knowledge' and mapping software, with the application of preference being MapSource using NZ Open Source Maps.

The positioning of our checkpoints is done to ensure a minimum distance (805km / 500 miles) is completed and the route as prescribed in the Rider's Guide is Long-John's recommended track. That recommendation will be a blend of: shortest distance; fastest riding; and good riding roads. There will generally be very little leeway for alternatives, however some examples are:

- There are options to bypass Woodville if you don't need fuel.
- Take Te Muna Rd (gravel) rather than via Martinborough (cuts about 12km).
- Long John recommends Ponatahi Rd to bypass Greytown & Carterton

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 when riding in New Zealand, watch for critters, loose bits, and other things that can add spice, particularly on country roads.



Places to watch (Cont.)

Areas to watch for are:

- Apiti Loop can have grit or critters.
- Roadworks on the Saddle
- The road via Tablelands has 3 narrow, unmarked sections
- Two-way event traffic as noted in the Rider Guide notes.

Fuel Stops

There are ample opportunities for fuel along this route and the longest no-fuel or marginal-km fuel sections is:
BP Taihape to Caltex Woodville - 202km (but one could divert to BP Hunterville &/or Mobil Ashhurst, which are just off route)

(no one should have problems on this ride)

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 805km 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. (*do the best you can if it is dark when you get to the Kakariki Bridge*)

Briefing

Finish - Turangi Cabins
Rock in, check in with the Marshal who will check your photos, sign your card and send y ou 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 Comments
This is not a race! We expect that this event will attract participation from a variety of riders and bikes. The route is generally on main roads to provide a free-flowing ride, so most riders should finish within 9-11 hours and 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 I hope you all enjoy this foray into the top end of 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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