



North Island 800

11-13 October 2024

Ride Instructions



Take a digital photo of your odometer.

Depart from the Ohakune start follow Old Station Rd and make your way to SH49, turning right towards National Park. Turn right onto SH4, heading north following signs to Hamilton, continuing to Eight Mile Junction / SH3, turning right to Te Kuiti. Continue north to Otorohanga, turn left onto Te Kanawa St/SH39, taking this through to Pirongia and approx. 6km north to Te Rore Hall on the corner of Allcock Rd.

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

215km Total – 215 km (S37 56.311 E175 11.448)

Continue to head north towards Whatawhata following SH39 and signs to Hamilton, turn left at roundabout leading to Thermal Explorer HW ramp/Hamilton (Route 1C) onto SH1. Take the short distance approx. 12km to offramp at Taupiri. Turn right at the roundabout to follow SH1B/Gordonton Rd for 3km turning left onto Henry Rd, right onto Gower Rd, then left onto Whitikahu Rd and within approx. 5km you'll stop at Whitikahu School.

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of Whitikahu School sign on the fence

60 km Total – 274 km (S37 36.675 E175 20.761)

Continue on Whitikahu Rd which follows on as Tauhei Rd then Cameron Rd then Mangatepahu Loop Rd, turning left onto Haumia Rd linking onto Horrell Rd. Turn right onto SH27, then left at the roundabout – SH26, signs for Te Aroha. Ride for approx. 12.5km, continuing on SH26, veering left onto Stanley Rd then flowing right onto Kenrick St to the Caltex station 950m on the right.

Take a digital photo of your bike on the Caltex station forecourt.

42 km Total – 316 km (S37 32.678 E175 42.624)

Turn right when leaving Caltex then right onto Whitaker St which flows into Old Te Aroha Rd. Continue on Old Te Aroha Rd for approx. 35km, stopping at the junction with Barton Rd.

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the sign for TAURANGA or the street signs.

37 km Total – 352 km (S37 49.068 E175 52.081)

Turn right to continue on Old Te Aroha Rd then left on SH24/Tauranga Rd. Follow signs for Tauranga/SH29 over The Kaimai Ranges. **(Best Route - toll free)** At Tauranga Crossing roundabout go straight ahead on SH29A – signs for Greerton/Mt Maunganui, turn right at Barkes Corner roundabout continuing on SH29A to Mt Maunganui. Remain on this route through the Hairini/Welcome Bay/Maungatapu roundabout system to the SH29/Tauranga Eastern Link interchange. Turn right onto the TEL, signs for Rotorua/Whakatane. After about 6km take the Domain Rd off ramp to the left, keeping right, turn right then left to follow the Pacific Coast HW to Te Puke. Ride through the centre of town and stop at the end of Jellicoe St, pulling into Te Puke Z Service Station.

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

70 km

Total – 422 km

(S37 47.112 E176 19.835)

Leaving the Z Station turn left to continue on SH2/Pacific Coast HW, following signs for Whakatane. At Matata turn right to stay on SH2 – signs for Gisborne/Kawarau, after approx. 9km turn right on SH34/Awaiti Sth Rd then left to remain on SH34 and keep left flowing into SH30 towards Te Teko/Whakatane, Within approx. 2km at Te Teko turn right onto Tahuna Rd then in about 1.5km stop at the TE Teko Golf Club entrance (on the right). **Take care as this is on a bend and a gravel driveway.**

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Te Teko Golf Club sign

65 km

Total – 486 km

(S38 03.096 E176 47.801)

Continue along Tahuna Rd for approx. 11km then right onto Galatea Rd (**Take care in the shaded areas as road may be slippery**). Staying on Galatea RD, turn left towards Waiohau/Lake Aniwhenua/Galatea/Murupara. After 25km turn right at Kopuriki Rd and stop at the Kopuriki Store.

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the Kopuriki Store.

41 km

Total – 527 km

(S38 20.908 E176 46.994)

Stay on Kopuriki Rd and take that to the end, turning right onto SH38 – signs for Te Uruwera Rainforest route/Taupo/Rotorua. Ride for approx. 36km then turn left at the end onto SH5 towards Taupo. After 3.5km turn right at Waikite Valley Rd, 17km later turn left onto Whirinaki Valley Rd then right onto Totara Rd and right again onto Poutakataka Rd. In approx. 2km stop at the junction of Poutakataka and Nicholson Rd.

Take a digital photo of your bike in front of the bus shelter on the right or the road signs.

80 km

Total – 608 km

(S38 18.400 E176 10.311)

Turn left on Nicholson Rd and take this out to SH30, turning left towards Taupo/Te Kuiti riding 14km to the end and turn left onto SH1. After 6km turn right onto Ongaroto Rd/SH30 – signs for Te Kuiti, riding 21km to Whakamaru turning left at Tihoi Rd/SH32, stopping at the GAS station on the corner.

Take a digital photo of your bike at Whakamaru GAS station.

45 km

Total – 652 km

(S38 25.160 E175 47.790)

Head south on Tihoi Rd/SH32 towards Taupo/Turangi, riding approx. 67km to Kuratau Junction. Turn left on SH41 towards Turangi, after 19km turn right onto SH47 – signs for National Park. Turn left on SH4, ride 26km to Tohunga RD/SH49 making your way back to Kings at Ohakune. **Try and extract yourself from your bike, take a photo of your odometer then check in and have a nice hot cup of tea.** ☺

170 km

Total – 822 km

(S39 24.213 E175 24.859)

Any problems or withdrawal, phone or text HQ: 021 953-943