

Kopiko Aotearoa Updates- January 2023

There will be no Covid-related restrictions this year, so we are back to the original course, as described in the Kopiko Aotearoa guidebooks. To the best of our knowledge, most of the course is looking good. There are just a couple of small closures to be aware of.

Guidebook updates and corrections (note that the pdf version has been updated).

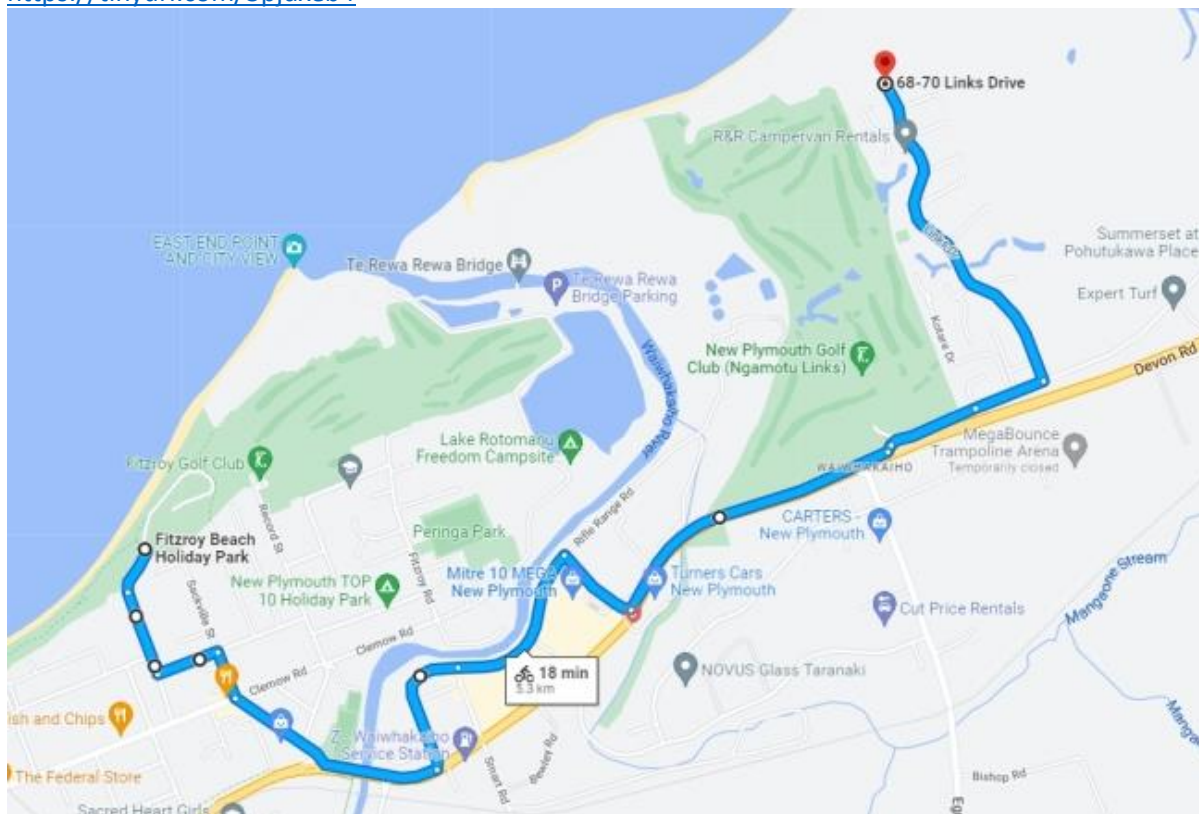
These changes are for the Cape Egmont to East Cape guidebook (you can easily figure it out for the other direction).

Page 10, subtitle: there is 52 km of sealed road, and 0 km of gravel road.

Page 13, part time closure of Te Rewarewa Bridge

The Te Rewarewa bridge on the New Plymouth Coastal walkway, will be closed from 9am–3pm on the 25-27 January and 30 Jan - 1 Feb. At those times, riders will need to take a 5-km detour that looks like this:

<https://tinyurl.com/3pjdxeb4>



Page 12, Services: The Cape Egmont Boat Club welcome camping for Kopiko riders. Payment is at an honesty box. There is a bar and kitchen open on Friday nights. Contact Sam for more information, pho 027 570 7017.

Page 16, 5.5km: change Bertrand Rd *East* to Bertrand Rd *West*.

Page 16, 18.5km: change McKee *Mangahewa* to McKee *Todd Energy*

Page 17, Services: There is BnB accommodation at Tarata, 2km off course on Tarata Road. It is called The Croft.
Phone Julie on 06 756 5885

Page 18-19, 12km: The Purangi accommodation has been sold and is no longer open.

Page 20, subtitle: there is 59 km of sealed road, and 0 km of gravel road.

Page 21, Fiesta Fare: now has campsites as well.

Page 25, map: the Timber Trail Lodge is just north of Piropiro Flats

Page 29, The Dam Café: has amazing chocolate fudge.

Page 42, Tuai to Tiniroto: Veer right at 0.8km

Page 42, 21.4 km: The summit is 700 metres past Hunt Road

Page 43, Services: The Tiniroto Tavern is no longer open. Nearby is the Hackfalls Arboretum farmstay. Call Kirsty on 06 863 7099.

Page 43, 41.8 km: Continue straight *down*, rather than *onto*, Erepiti Road.

Page 48, Motu-vation Café: only open Sat and Sun. Just hanging in there.

Page 50, Taupouri Cycle Stay is now closed

Page 51, map: there is a DOC hut halfway down the Pakihi Track

Page 51, 52 and 53: the Hawai Bay Campground is now closed.

Page 57, 3.4km: the cafe at Waihou Bay has closed.

Page 60, 19.3km: This is temporary start/finish point at East Cape, because the walking track up to East Cape Lighthouse is closed due to storm damage. We don't know when it's likely to re-open, so at this stage we'll be starting about a kilometre from the car park at the end of East Cape Road, where we can see the top of the lighthouse and the sunrise (more or less).

Page 60 Photo Control Point 12: Your first/last photo control point will be here, where you get a view of the East Cape lighthouse and Whangaokeno Island.



General Info

Kopiko Website: <http://www.touraotearoa.nz/p/kopiko.html>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/366075710744657>

This is a great source of information. If you have a question you can't find an answer for online, post it here and there's a good chance somebody will be able to help.

Etiquette: You must let accommodation providers know if you are cancelling your booking. Otherwise, they will turn potential guests away because they are saving the room for you, and this loses them valuable income.