

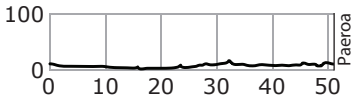
COVID-19 has forced changes to many small service providers around the country. Check ahead if you need certainty.

NORTH ISLAND

- Pg 7 Waitiki Landing Holiday Park has temporarily closed.
- Pg 28 8.3 km From the cul-de-sac, follow a cycle path to Ngā Hau Māngere (the new Mangere Bridge).
8.5 km Follow the path to Waterfont Rd, turn left on Coronation Rd, then right onto Kiwi Esplanade. (there's a great bakery a block up Coronation Rd).
- Pg 33 Miranda Springs to Paeroa
The coastal section of the Hauraki Rail Trail between Waitakururu and the Waihou River (near Kopu) is closed for refurbishment till sometime in 2024(!). The direct shortcut along Highway 25 is awful – so we have created a bypass via quiet backcountry roads:

11 MIRANDA HOT SPRINGS TO PAEROA

51 km of sealed roads and gravel path.

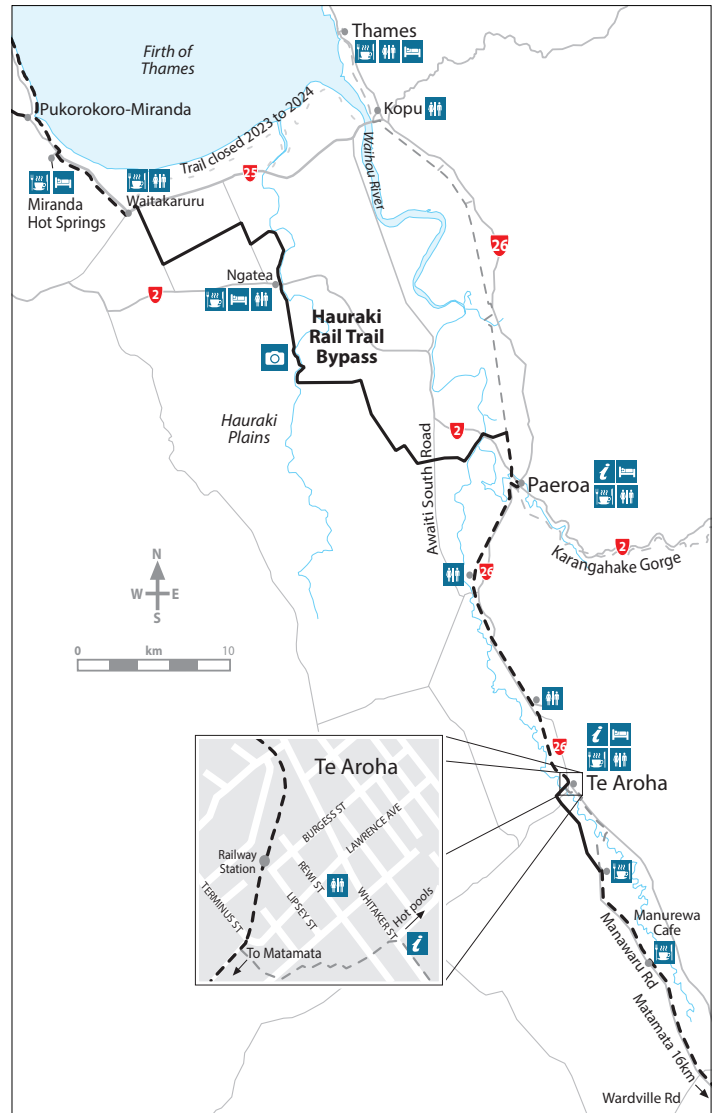


- 0.0 km From Miranda Holiday Park, follow the Hauraki Rail Trail southeast around the Firth of Thames.
- 6.0 km Pass Waitakururu (public toilets on your right).
- 7.3 km Waitakururu shops are just after the second bridge crossing.
- Start of bypass to avoid closed trail (to 2024)**
Carefully cross SH23 and head down Canal East Road.
- 11.0 km Turn left down Hopai Road West.
- 16.6 km Turn right down Pipiroa Road.



*Photo control point 6
Dairy cows, the main engine and exhaust pipe of New Zealand's economy*

- 18.0 km Turn left down Rowerawe Road East, which becomes River Road.
- 23.1 km Ngatea (with cafes and a health centre). Cross SH2 and head down Kaihere Road.
- 28.3 km Turn left and cross the Piako River, then turn right onto Ferry Road.
- 29.6 km Veer left onto Reservoir Canal Road.
- 33.8 km Turn right onto Awaiti Canal Road.
- 38.6 km Turn left onto Awaiti West Road.
- 39.3 km Turn right down Wani Road.
- 40.6 km Veer left onto Pukahu Road.
- 45.8 km Carefully turn right onto SH2. You now have a dangerous 400-metre long highway bridge to cross. There is no shoulder. So wait for a gap in traffic, then sprint like hell.



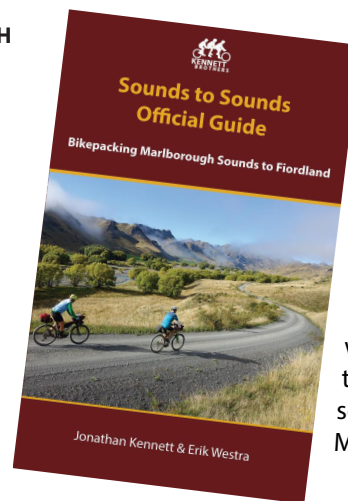
- 46.3 km Turn left into Hubbard Road.
- 46.4 km Turn right on the canal track.
- 47.7 km Turn right onto the Hauraki Rail Trail.
- End of bypass**
Cross the suspension bridge and head south.
- 49.0 km The trail pops down onto Taylor Ave and continues south into Paeroa.
- 51.2 km This section ends at Te Aroha Rd (Highway 26). The TA route turns right and crosses the highway bridge, then picks up the rail trail again on the far side. Make sure you turn right after the bridge and go through a gate.

SOUTH ISLAND

If you reach the South Island and discover the West Coast Highway is blocked (eg., if a storm washes out a major bridge) you might consider the **Sounds to Sounds** route:



The **Tour Aotearoa** and **Sounds to Sounds** routes intersect at Picton and Mossburn. So you can ride **Sounds to Sounds** to Mossburn then continue the **Tour Aotearoa** route to Bluff.



Sounds to Sounds is a 1,500 km journey stretching from the Marlborough Sounds to Milford Sound. Discover the stunning scenery of Te Waipounamu east of the main divide. Tried and tested, this guide will see you through every step of the adventure with its cue sheets, maps, elevation charts, and information on services and accommodation. More info: www.kennett.co.nz

If you notice anything has changed during your own Tour, please contact us at info@kennett.co.nz so that we can pass your advice on to future riders. Thanks and good luck!

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