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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 40km-50km

EASY HARD GRADE 3

42 TRAVERSE

This is one of the most popular adventure rides in the North Island. It is a remote and rugged trail. The best time to ride is during summer but when the mountains have snow on them you get some stunning views. This un-maintained 4WD trail can have some decent ruts and washouts on it so take your time. In the wet it can be a mission so make sure you've got appropriate tyres and all the spare gear for adventure riding.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance up to 15km

EASY HARD GRADE 2

TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL

A scenic looped ride along both sides of the Tongariro River Trail at Turangi through some awesome native bush, with cool views into the clear waters of the river. This is a gentle ride suitable for families wanting to spend a pleasant few hours either biking or walking. The Tongariro National Trout Centre is a great place to break your journey, with lovely picnic areas and facilities on site.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 20.8km return

EASY HARD GRADE 1

THE GREAT LAKE WALKWAY - LIONS WALK

From Taupō township you can ride and walk along the lakefront right out to 5 Mile Bay, on a cobbled and paved pathway. This is riding at its most basic level – even tots with training wheels can cope with this ride. The fairly flat trail has plenty of stop off points for breaks, swims, photo opportunities and there is a lovely playground and picnic area at Wharewaka Point.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 19km

EASY HARD GRADE 3

TREE TRUNK GORGE

About an hour south of Taupō this gem of a ride is just off the Desert Road. It has river crossings, rocks and awesome Beech forest riding. You can turn around at the Pillars of Hercules and ride back to get the best of both worlds, or bush bash out to the State Highway, then ride back on the road a few kilometres. The single track trail is great fun but be prepared as the river crossings can be pretty cold.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 38km return

EASY HARD GRADE 5

TE IRINGA

Te Iringa is a DOC managed walking trail that is renowned for its technical riding. It has large carry sections and should only be attempted when you are riding at an expert level, or have plenty of gear to stay out overnight. If you are into the outdoors and love mountain biking on some of the most technical trails in New Zealand then this is a trail you must tick off your bucket list.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 30km return

EASY HARD GRADE 2

ROTARY RIDE - ARATIATIA

From Taupō township you can ride all the way to the Huka Falls and on to the Aratiatia Dam, following the course of the Waikato River. The views of the Huka Falls are quite spectacular, and if you time your ride to coincide with the Dam release, you will see the natural flow of the Waikato River, which occurs daily at 10am, 12 noon, 2pm (and 4pm in summer only). There are tracks on both sides of the River, offering plenty of riding options.

10 Great Rides

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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance up to 50km

EASY HARD GRADES 1-5

CRATERS MTB PARK - WAIRAKEI FOREST

Craters MTB Park is a purpose built park, located only a short distance from the Taupō township, with trails from children's entry level to technical cross country trails. All trails run in and out of exotic pine and eucalyptus plantations, with some stunning views of Lake Taupō and the Waikato River. There are around 50km of trails to suit all needs. Please Note: all users of Craters MTB Park must be Bike Taupō members. Daily visitor and annual membership options are available. Join online at www.biketaupo.org.nz, or visit a local bike shop or i-SITE Visitor Centre.



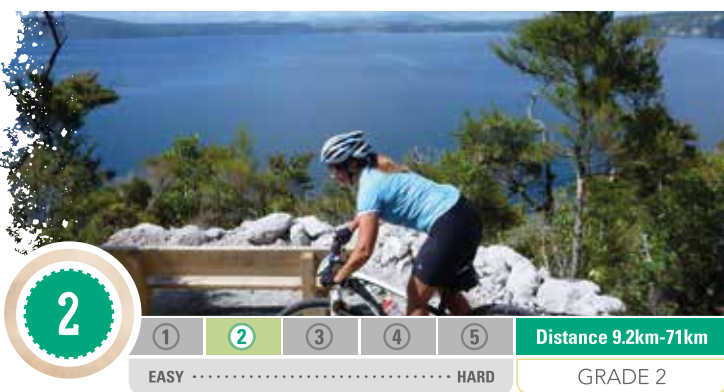
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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 12km-100km

EASY HARD GRADES 1-3

WAIKATO RIVER TRAILS LOWER

The Waikato River Trails are varied in nature and very scenic. They have a real rural feel with a close connection to the Waikato River. If you want an easier ride try the Arapuni to Little Waipa reserve – the middle sections are a little technical and the last sections a little easier. If you want a real challenge then ride the whole lot! The scenery and bridges on the trail are stunning and there are more and more facilities opening along the trail for users.



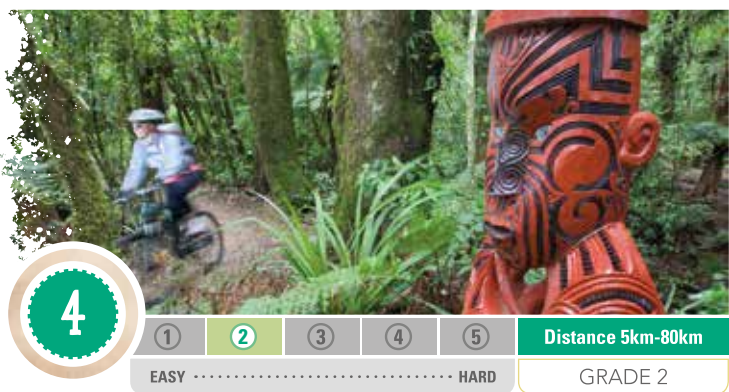
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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 9.2km-71km

EASY HARD GRADE 2

GREAT LAKE TRAIL

W2K, K2K, ORAKAU, WAIHAHA AND WAIHORA
The Great Lake Trail is part of the Nga Haeranga (New Zealand Cycle Trail). With over 70km of single track trails around the western shores of beautiful Lake Taupō, cyclists have the option of riding the full trail over 2-3 days, or can opt for a range of shorter rides depending on level of experience and time available. Built on free draining pumice tracks, the trails can be ridden year round with very little mud. There are superb uninterrupted views of the Tongariro National Park and Lake Taupō that can only be accessed by bicycle, foot, or water shuttle.



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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Distance 5km-80km

EASY HARD GRADE 2

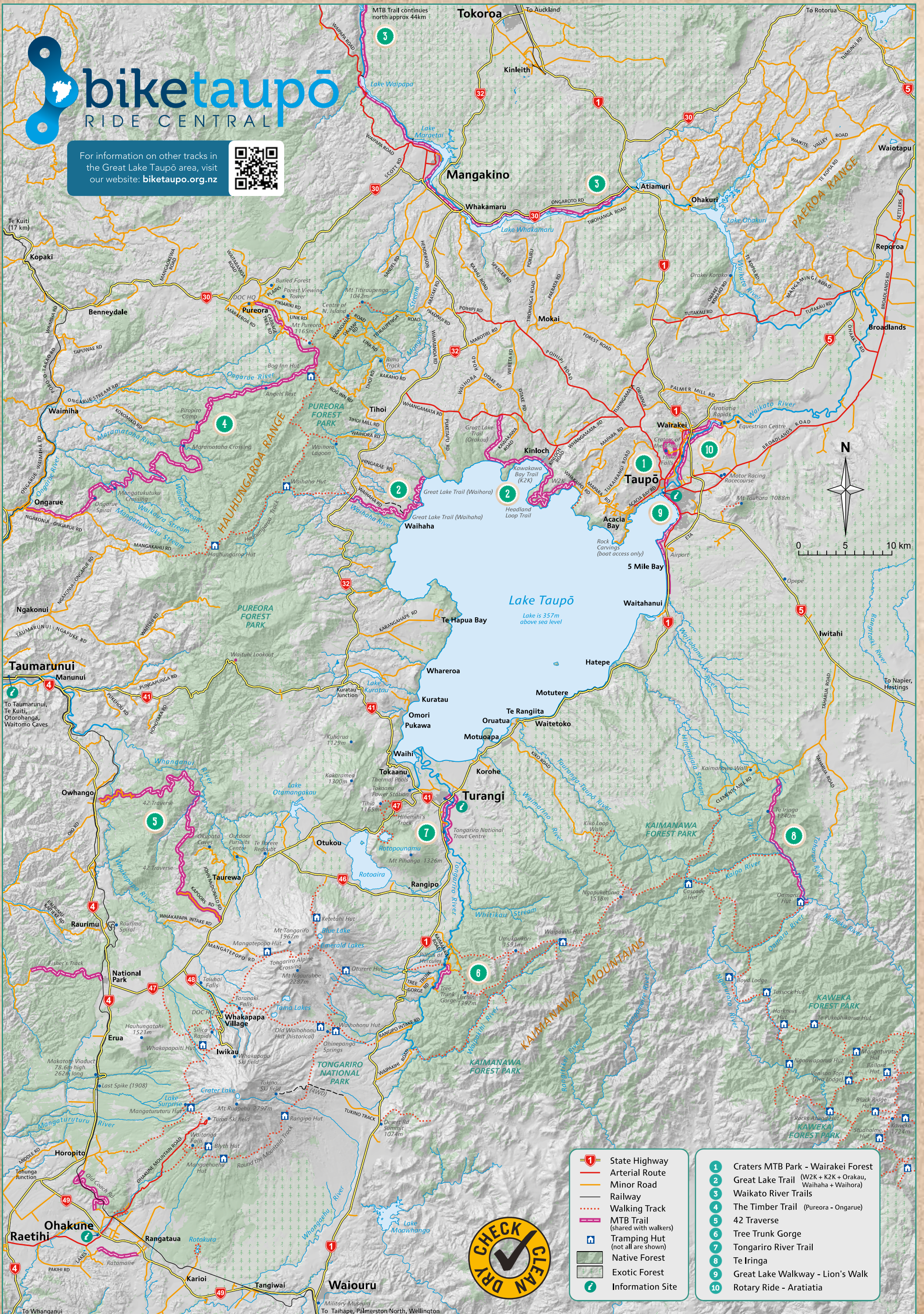
THE TIMBER TRAIL

Retrace the logging history of the Pureora Forest Park along the Timber Trail. Ride the historic Ellis and Burnand tram and cross the longest suspension bridge on any cycle trail; a whopping 140 metres. This backcountry trail showcases several beautiful species of native birds that you may not see anywhere else in New Zealand, along with the stunning bush they inhabit. This trail is a dream overnight mission for outdoor enthusiasts with a sense of adventure.

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RIDE CENTRAL

For information on other tracks in the Great Lake Taupō area, visit our website: biketapu.org.nz



- State Highway
- Arterial Route
- Minor Road
- Railway
- Walking Track
- MTB Trail (shared with walkers)
- Tramping Hut (not all are shown)
- Native Forest
- Exotic Forest
- Information Site

- Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest (W2K + K2K + Orakau, Waihaha + Waihora)
- Great Lake Trail (Waihora)
- Waikato River Trails
- The Timber Trail (Pureora - Ongarue)
- 42 Traverse
- Tree Trunk Gorge
- Tongariro River Trail
- Te Iringa
- Great Lake Walkway - Lion's Walk
- Rotary Ride - Aratiatia

