

**BIKING GUIDE** 

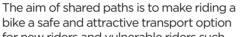
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**SAFETY** 

• It is NZ law that a bicycle helmet must be worn when riding in urban areas. Make sure it is fitted correctly'

- You are required to use reflectors, front and rear lights and sunrise) and also during the day when it is difficult to see other people or vehicles 100 meters away (which is approximately the length of a rugby field). The lights you use must be bright enough to be visible from 200 meters away, but not so bright that they blind other people on visibility or brightly coloured clothing, it can help you be seen more easily by others who are using the road or path
- Use hand turning signals at intersections and roundabouts so motorists and pedestrians know where you're going
- Be aware of your surroundings, the weather and road
- Stay alert don't listen to music while riding so you can hear what's around you
- Don't ride intoxicated
- Watch out for sneaky driveways
- 'Share with Care' keep left, pass right; slow down and ring your bell/call out when approaching other path users
- Most bike theft occurs when bikes are left unlocked on being stolen while out and about, use a quality lock and lock your bike's frame to a public bike stand and register your bike with 529 Garage.

### **SHARED PATHS** NGĀ WĀHI TOHA



as children and adults transporting kids by bike. Shared paths benefit pedestrians, individuals with disabilities, people who use scooters, skates, skateboards and mobility scooters. However, shared paths are not designed for road cyclists or people who like to ride at speed. If there is a shared path on a road, cyclists are not required to use it but can opt for it if they prefer not to ride





a mix of direct routes into the CBD and scenic recreational

## KEEP YOUR COMMUTE BEAUTIFUL

The Māori word "Tiaki" means to guard and to care for people, place and culture. Rotorua is precious and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it.

If you're out biking and spot a problem such as broken glass, vandalism, overgrown vegetation or missing signage, please contact Rotorua Lakes Council on 07 348 4199 or report via mrotorualakescouncil.nz

#### WHY RIDE?

Riding a bike i painikara is a quick, cheap and sustainable way to get around our beautiful city. Key benefits include:

- Parking is a breeze, and free all day (see map on reverse for bike parking locations)
- More people riding bikes equals less CO<sup>2</sup> emitted into the atmosphere. Carbon emissions from private motor vehicles make up 70 percent of transport emissions and transport is the second largest contributor to carbon emissions in New Zealand.
- · Bike riding is proven to be great for your mental and physical wellbeing and is an easy and affordable way to get regular exercise.
- · Riding a bike saves you money on fuel, maintenance and parking costs.

Join the 'mode shift' movement - improve your wellbeing and the wellbeing of Aotearoa, New Zealand by increasing how much you travel by cycling, walking and using public transport.





for new riders and vulnerable riders such

on the road.

## OURTESY CROSSINGS

Courtesy crossings are coloured, paved and/or raised crossings without stripes.

Vehicles have right of way but can choose to stop and let pedestrians or cyclists cross. Drivers should slow down and be alert to path users. Path users must stop and look at each crossing and make sure vehicles have stopped before they cross.

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND SHARED CROSSINGS NGĀ WHAKAWHITINGA TĀNGATA

Drivers must stop for people to cross. Care should be

# SPLITTER/REFUGE ISLANDS

Refuge islands are created on busy roads where it's

NGĀ PŪNANGA MĀWHITI RORI

#### **ON-ROAD CYCLE LANES** HE ARA MOTUHAKE MĀ NGĀ **PAIHIKARA**

## **KEY RIDES** NGĀ EKEHANGA MATUA

One of New Zealand's Ngā Haerenga ('The Journeys') trails, Te Ara Ahi starts in the city centre and is a 48km, Grade 2-3 journey through the unique geothermal landscapes of Rotorua. Starting at Queens Drive, Government Gardens and finishes at Waikite Valley Hot Pools. For more information go to mzcycletrail.com.

#### WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST LOOP

This scenic 36km, Grade 2 loop track travels along the forest's hilltops, looking down on Lake Tikitapu and Lake Rotokākahi, before re-joining the Te Ara Ahi trail back into town. Please note, Lake Rotokākahi is private land - swimming and fishing are prohibited. Find the start of the trail next to the forest entrance at the Waipā Mountain Bike Carpark.

#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING** TE EKE PAIHIKARA WHAKATERE MAUNGA

With over 200km of tracks to choose from, Rotorua is a world-famous mountain biking destination. For everything you need to know about mountain biking in Rotorua, visit mriderotorua.com or trailforks.com/region/rotorua.

Choose a track that matches your skills, fitness and experience - the mountain biking track grades range from Easiest: Grade 1 through to Extreme: Grade 6.

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS** NGĀ WHAKAPĀTANGA MATUA

Call 111 in the event of an emergency if you require Police, Fire or Ambulance. 105 is the number to call for Police non-emergencies.

Bike repair and hire, visit @ rotoruanz.com

To report vandalism, overgrown vegetation, missing signage etc. contact Rotorua Lakes Council on 07 348 4199 or email ⊠ cycling@rotorualc.nz

AA Roadservice and breakdown assistance covers bicycles & electric bikes for AA members - call 0800 500 222 or \*222

Go to 

rotorualakescouncil.nz/safeandsustainablejourneys or email <a> cycling@rotorualc.nz</a>



