



ROTORUA URBAN BIKING GUIDE

HE ARAHITANGA EKE PAIHIKARA

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More than half of car trips taken by New Zealanders are less than 5km, while 12 percent are under 1km. The urban area of Rotorua is mostly flat and condensed, making it ideal for journeys by bike.

Our growing shared path network connects locals and manuhiri (visitors) with the places they want to go, through a mix of direct routes into the CBD and scenic recreational paths that are family friendly.

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 rotorualakescouncil.nz

WHY RIDE?

Riding a bike I paihikara 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 CO² 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.



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 on your vehicle during the night-time (between sunset 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 the road or path. While it is not mandatory to wear high-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 conditions
- 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 the back of cars and private property. To prevent your bike 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

The aim of shared paths is to make riding a bike a safe and attractive transport option for new riders and vulnerable riders such 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 on the road.



COURTESY CROSSINGS HE MĀWHITINGA WĀTEA

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

Pedestrian crossings have white stripes and pedestrians have right of way.

Drivers must stop for people to cross. Care should be taken to check both ways before crossing.

On shared path routes, shared crossings are used which have a green crossing for cyclists next to the black and white striped pedestrian crossing. All crossing users at shared crossings have right of way, but users should still check both ways before crossing.



SPLITTER/REFUGE ISLANDS NGĀ PŪNANGA MĀWHITI RORI

Refuge islands are created on busy roads where it's difficult and/or unsafe to cross both lanes in one go. Riders don't have to get off their bikes and handrails are installed for more stability and security.

ON-ROAD CYCLE LANES HE ARA MOTUHAKE MĀ NGĀ PAIHIKARA

Created specifically for cyclists, these are identified by signage and pictures of a bike stencilled on the asphalt or green paint. Vehicles cannot park on cycle lanes at any time.

KEY RIDES NGĀ EKEHANGA MATUA TE ARA AHI

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 nzcycletrail.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 riderotorua.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 cycling@rotorualc.nz

INNER CITY BIKE PARKING



ROTORUA URBAN BIKING MAP

HE MAHIRE EKE PAIHIKARA

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Scan the QR code to take you to our urban biking and walking map

LEGEND

Shared path (sealed)

Shared path (unsealed)

On-road cycle lane

Protected cycle lane

SUGGESTED COMMUTER ROUTES NGĀ ARA WĀHI TOHA

All suggested routes are predominantly on shared paths

Ngongotahā to City Centre 8kms - 26mins

Lynmore to City Centre 4.8kms - 15mins

Whakarewarewa to City Centre 3.1kms - 11mins

Fenton Park to City Centre 2.5kms - 11mins

Springfield to City Centre 3.9kms - 13mins

Glenholme to City Centre 1.6kms - 5mins

Pukehangi to City Centre 5kms - 20mins

Koutu to City Centre 2kms - 7mins

Ngapuna to City Centre 3.3kms - 13mins

Owhata to City Centre 8kms - 26mins

Fordlands to City Centre 3.63kms - 15mins

URBAN RECREATION ROUTES

City Centre (via Ranolf St) to Hemo Trail 4.4kms - 20mins

City Centre (via Fenton St) to Hemo Trail 3.9kms - 20mins

City Centre to Tītikorangi (Redwoods) 4.7kms - 20mins

Ngongotahā Trail 7kms - 25mins

Utuhina Stream shared path 4kms - 15mins

Mangakakahi Stream/Linton Park shared path 3.5kms - 15mins

Te Ara Ahi (urban section) 6 kms - 30mins

Hemo Trail 1.2km - 10mins

BIKES IN SCHOOLS PUBLIC PUMP TRACKS

Mokoia Intermediate (limechip) Brent Road, Ōwhata

Rotorua Primary (asphalt), Arawa Street, Central

Sunset Primary (asphalt), Sunset Road, Mangakakahi



- A cycling facilities are drawn on maps as a guide only and maybe on the opposite side pf the road or on both sides.
- For a more detailed map, scan the QR code

