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GREAT LAKE TRAIL



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The Great Lake Trail is a two way trail but for the best riding experience ride from Waihana down to Kotukutuku

Map Key

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Access Points to Great Lake Trails

Waihana

1.5hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
 3.5hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
 13km DISTANCE
 3 GRADE

From the Waihana River Carpark, the trail follows the river for a few hundred metres before it crosses the river on a swing bridge. The track then gently climbs up from the river onto the cliffs above, following the course of the river to the end of Waihana Road. The trail has great views of the Waihana River canyon and water fall. It is surrounded by Tanehaka dominated native bush and large outcrops of weathered volcanic rocks. Please leave any gates as you find them.

Waihora

2hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
 4.5hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
 17km DISTANCE
 3 GRADE

This extraordinary and scenically beautiful ride offers expansive views of Lake Taupo, the majestic volcanoes of Tongariro National Park and big blue skies. Enjoy some of Taupo's best flowing single track amongst vast stands of Kamahi, through volcanic rock formations, past scenic lookout points and the intriguing echo rock. The descent down the Kotukutuku stream via the unique engineering feat of bridges, platform and boardwalks, culminating at the lake edge at the tranquil Kotukutuku landing will take your breath away. Make sure you have a boat waiting to pick you up otherwise enjoy an honest ride back to where you started.

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Kinloch GLAMPING

Useful track information

- Respect other trail users. This is a two way trail so please share with care and courtesy.
- Trails are clearly marked. Please follow the markers. When encountering other trail users coming the other way, remember to smile and let them know how many are following you in your group.
- Walkers please give way to bikers.
- Please respect the environment. This is an area of high ecological and cultural significance. Stay on the trail and take all rubbish with you.
- Please take enough drinking water with you for your adventure.
- Some parts of the Great Lake Trail may not have cell phone coverage.
- E-Bikes are allowed on the trails provided they are pedal assist and have a motor with a maximum power output not exceeding 300 watts

Does anyone know where you're riding today? Please inform others where you're riding and when you will be back.

In an emergency dial 111



Walking times for each trail are based on the Nailemish method: Allow one hour for every horizontal 3 miles plus an extra hour for every 2,000ft of ascent.

The Great Lake Trail recognises the rights of the hapū of Ngāti Te Kohera as well as Ngāti Parekawa, Ngāti Tarekaiahi and Ngāti Te Rangitū over the lands which the Trail goes over.

Access Points in Kinloch



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Orakau

1hr cycling ESTIMATED TIME
3hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
9.8km DISTANCE
3 GRADE

From the Whangamata Road car park, the trail follows the Orakau Stream and Harakeke flax wetland, through regenerating native bush down to Kawakawa Bay on the edge of Lake Taupō. The trail is generally down hill and offers stunning views across the lake to the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park.



K2K (Kawakawa to Kinloch)

1.5hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
3hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
9.2km DISTANCE
3 GRADE

From Kawakawa Bay the trail climbs up through native bush to the Te Kauwae headland providing a reward of spectacular views across the lake and up the Western Bays. The trail then descends to the lake edge with the final section on the lake front before finishing at the village of Kinloch.



Otaketake

1.5hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
3hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
12km DISTANCE
3 GRADE

The first 10km of trail is in native bush featuring delightful birdlife and spectacular viewpoints around the Lake Taupō area. After emerging from the bush, ride 2km beside country roads to reach the trailhead for the K2K on Whangamata Road. This section can be combined with the Orakau and K2K links to form a 32km loop. Riding the loop anti-clockwise is the most popular direction providing the best 'reveals' around the lake edge.



W2K (Whakaipo to Kinloch)

2hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
3hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
13km DISTANCE
3 GRADE

Starting at the Kinloch Domain, follow the markers around the marina and along the waterfront and then up a gully to Boojum Dell. The trail climbs steadily up through native bush and up onto the headland, providing great views across the lake and back down to Kinloch. Once on top of the headland the trail then starts a long flowing descent through native bush into Whakaipo Bay. Once again the trail is typified by stunning scenery and views across the lake and along the lakes edge.



Headland

1.5hrs cycling ESTIMATED TIME
3hrs walking ESTIMATED TIME
9.5km DISTANCE
3 GRADE

A loop trail option off W2K that follows the top of the Whangamata Bluffs out to the end of the headland. More great native bush and awesome views out across the lake to the Kaimanawas, Karangahape Cliffs and Tongariro National Park. There is also a short lookout trail that offers views of Kinloch and Whangamata Bay.



The Great Lake Trail has been built and is maintained by biketaupo with the assistance of the following organisations:



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