

Pedal the Mighty Waikato

4 & 5 DAY CYCLE ADVENTURES !!

Discover the beauty of the Waikato countryside on two wheels !!

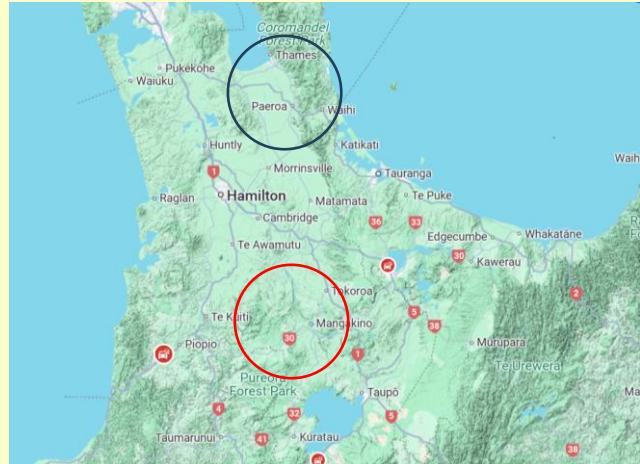
Embark on an extraordinary journey through the heart of New Zealand's picturesque landscapes of the Waikato region. Our journey takes you on a remarkable cycling expedition that unfolds across breathtaking vistas, featuring lush farmlands, sparkling rivers, and vibrant scenery that changes with every pedal stroke.

This is not just a ride; it's an immersive experience where every turn reveals the natural splendor of the region. Dive into the rich history of the Waikato as you explore charming, historic mining towns that tell the tales of the gold mining era. Each stop along the trail is a chance to learn about the vibrant heritage that shaped this region, giving you a deeper understanding of the culture and history that enriches your cycling adventure. Don't miss the chance to visit local museums, art galleries, and heritage sites that showcase the stories of those who came before us.

Whether you're a novice seeking a leisurely ride or an experienced rider looking for a challenge, the well-maintained paths and accessible routes ensure that everyone can enjoy the adventure.

The peace of mind that comes with cycling on trails designed with your safety and comfort in mind. The roads feature minimal traffic, allowing you to traverse the landscapes at your own pace while enjoying a gentle ride amidst nature's tranquility.

Keep your eyes peeled for the rich tapestry of wildlife that calls this region home. From rare bird species to the fascinating array of plant life, each ride is an opportunity to appreciate the natural environment.



● Waikato River Trail and Timber Trail Area
● Hauraki Rail Trail Area



Whether you're looking for a day tour or a multi-day cycle adventure, we've got it covered. Experience the popular Waikato River Trails, the laid-back Hauraki Rail Trail or the remarkable Timber Trail, we can help you plan your riding experience. Come and ride with us !!



5 Day Hauraki Rail Trail from \$1599 per person share twin

Join us on an awesome adventure taking on one of New Zealand's iconic cycle trails! Come and see what the Waikato region has to offer, from the Kaiua to historic mining towns and lush farmland. Includes pre and post tour accommodation along with lunch for 2 at the Tasty Matatoki cheese Barn and a relaxing 45min spa at the Te Aroha Mineral Spa.



Day 1 : Kaiaua to Thames

Pre-tour accommodation can be included in either Matamata or Cambridge. Catch your shuttle from your accommodation for a shuttle up to Kaiaua. Day One on the Hauraki Rail Trail is all about soaking up the peaceful rural vibes while you pedal through the gorgeous countryside. If you're keen, swing by the Pūkorokoro–Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about the precious local birdlife and maybe stroll over to the bird hides for a better look. You'll also come across the historic Kopu Bridge and the Waihou River, perfect for a scenic break or a quick snap of local history. It's your day, your pace - enjoy every moment !!

Day 2 : Thames to Paeroa

Your 4-days of biking adventure starts with a pickup from Matamata or Cambridge (depending on your choice of pre-tour accommodation) where you will be taken to Thames where ahead of you is the 34 km stage from Thames to Paeroa. Along the way the Matatoki Cheese Barn is a highlight, as is the Historical Maritime Park (once New Zealand's most inland port). Enjoy a light lunch with a cheese platter included in the price. Paeroa is home to the iconic Kiwi softdrink 'L&P' as well as many antiques and collectables shops. Enjoy a 2-night stay at the comfortable Pedlars Motel next to the Ohinemuri River.

Day 3 - Paeroa to Waihi (return to Paeroa). The hero day on the Hauraki Rail Trail with plenty of extra activities to keep you busy. The trail follows the incredible Karangahake Gorge including the cascading Owharoa waterfall, photogenic gold mining sites, the Victoria Battery museum, and the infamous Windows Walkway which is a real must-do. Another absolute highlight is riding through an amazing 1100-metre long railway tunnel. Enjoy a fantastic overnight stay for a second night at Paeroa (or there is the option to overnight in Waihi at Trailblazers Motel).

Day 4 - Waihi to Te Aroha.

Ride back through the stunning, Karangahake Gorge to take in those extra sights you may have missed the day before, before making your way from Paeroa to Te Aroha following the Kaimai ranges.

The town is famous for its Victorian-era mineral spas, renowned for their healing properties since the 1800s. There are some excellent walking tracks nearby, and the helpful staff at the local i-Site are happy to give you a few pointers. Accommodation is at the centrally located Te Aroha Motel. Its time to relax and soak your muscles with a 45 min spa for 2 at Te Aroha Mineral Spa.

Day 5 - Te Aroha to Matamata.

This is a gentle section that passes through fertile plains, significant horse studs, goat farms, groves of scented trees, the scenic Wairere Falls, Stanley Landing and the Firth Tower before reaching the finish line in Matamata. A shuttle can meet you in Matamata where you can head back to where you started

5 days from \$1599 per person share twin

Includes:

- ✓ Hardtail mountain bike hire & bike insurance
- ✓ 4 x nights accommodation (including pre + post tour)
- ✓ 3 x breakfasts
- ✓ All shuttle transport and baggage transfers
- ✓ Light lunch at Matatoki Cheese Barn
- ✓ 45 minute Te Aroha mineral Spa for 2
- ✓ Personalised Itinerary and daily check in from Riverside Adventures staff

Upgrade to an e-bike for an additional **\$299** per person

Travel 01 October 2025 - 30 September 2026



Timber Trail Lodge.



4-day cycle tour on the Waikato River Trail and Timber Trail from \$2099 per person share

Join us on an epic 4-day adventure taking on two of NZ's iconic cycle trails! Come and see what the central North Island has to offer, from the mighty Waikato River to ancient forests and thrilling suspension bridges – this package is well suited to those wanting to get off the beaten track. Suitable for intermediate riders, or for those with a moderate to high fitness level.



4 Days



119 km

Day 1 : Atiamuri to Mangakino

Start at Riverside Adventures and leave your car for transport to your 4-day adventure. The ride begins at Atiamuri, showcasing Lake Whakamaru and the iconic Pohaturoa volcanic plug. The trail winds through pine forests and farmland, ending at The Dam Café for lunch. The terrain is moderately technical (level 3) before continuing to Mangakino via the scenic 12km path, crossing the 70m Mangakino Stream suspension bridge. Enjoy your stay at a local B&B and dine at the Citizens Club.

Day 2 - Pureora to Piropiro

Your day begins with a shuttle from your Mangakino accommodation to the Timber Trail's start. The adventure kicks off at a bush fringe, marked by two large pou. Experience an incredible ride through the rainforest, featuring some of NZ's longest suspension bridges. Discover the region's timber milling heritage, complete with a historic tramline, providing a true back - country escape. Relax for the night at the beautiful and purpose built Timber Trail Lodge .

Day 3 - Piropiro to Ongarue

Departing from Piropiro, the trail winds through regenerating forests with gentle ascents and descents until reaching the Maramataha Bridge, the longest(141m)

and highest (53m) on the trail, and the third longest suspension bridge in New Zealand. This marks the end of your journey on the Timber Trail. A Riverside Adventure shuttle will meet you to transport you and your luggage back to Mangakino for a restful night. Key highlights include four swing/suspension bridges, Ongarue Tunnel and Spiral.

Day 4 - Mangakino to Riverside Adventures Base via Arapuni. Today, bike from Mangakino to Waipapa Dam on adventurous trails with no alternative routes. The Waipapa section features high-quality, custom-built paths through native bush and forestry, with steep areas graded as " advanced ". You'll encounter historic sites related to the Maraetai Dams. After a shuttle from Waipapa to Arapuni, enjoy the scenic Karāpiro section, passing the Arapuni swing-bridge and the popular Rhubarb Café. The ride culminates with a 300m road section back to Riverside Adventures Base. Enjoy your well-deserved rest !!

4 days from \$2099 per person share twin

Includes:

- ✓ 4 x nights accommodation | 4 x breakfasts
- ✓ 2 x lunches | 4 day standard mountainbike hire
- ✓ All shuttle transport and baggage transfers
- ✓ PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) Hire
- ✓ Personalised Itinerary and daily check in from Riverside Adventures staff

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Terms & Conditions

Price is per person share twin in New Zealand Dollars inclusive of 15% GST. Pricing is an **Indicative Price** and is correct at time of submission but is subject to change without notice. A 20% non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. Final payment will be required 30 days prior to the start of your trip. Payment is preferred by internet banking to the nominated account indicated on the invoice. The following charges & cancellation fees apply to all bookings. All amendments to bookings will incur a fee of \$75 pp. Supplier cancellations which can be up to 100% of the cost of the bookings, may also apply. Cancellation fees for bookings made and cancelled by the Agent or client will incur a fee of \$75 pp. This will be additional to any cancellation fees imposed by suppliers. For full booking conditions refer to www.nz4discovery.nz or [click here](#).



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