

A TRAIL FOR ALL RIDERS

The most popular way to experience the 84km Timber Trail, over two days, is riding from Pureora, Waitomo down to Ongarue in the Ruapehu District. Ambitious riders can complete it in one day.

The trail can also be broken into shorter and return rides via either trailhead, or from Piropiro near the trail's midpoint. The full trail is best suited to cyclists of average fitness and ability. Beginners and families will love the short rides from Pureora.

The Timber Trail can be ridden all year around, with the best conditions enjoyed from October to May.

The Timber Trail is magical all year round!

SPECIAL OVERNIGHT STAYS

Enjoy starry night skies and a glorious dawn chorus at Piropiro Flats where riders can stay at the Timber Trail Lodge, Black Fern Lodge, or the bush-fringed DOC campsite. At Pureora, Pa Harakeke offers accommodation and shuttle packages.

TRANSPORT, TOURS AND MORE

The Timber Trail is an easy 1–2 hour drive from Taumarunui, National Park, Taupō, Rotorua and Hamilton, and just 3 hours from Auckland. Bike hire, trail transport, guided tours and accommodation can easily be arranged, as can adventures on other Great Rides including the Mountains to Sea and Taupō's Great Lake Trail.

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"The Timber Trail is one of New Zealand's best Great Rides. The combination of majestic native forest, fascinating history and a stunning trail make it a truly world-class experience." **Simon Kennett**

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JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

*Discover the secrets &
stories of a remarkable
forest, deep in the heart
of the North Island.*



Awesome riding meets ancient forest, unique wildlife, thrilling suspension bridges and captivating stories on the totally unforgettable Timber Trail.

One of New Zealand's 22 new Great Rides and already a classic, the Timber Trail leads riders on an 84-kilometre journey through awe-inspiring wilderness and its fascinating history.

To Māori, this mountainous forest is Te Pureora-ō-Kahu – the place where Kahu was restored to health after searching for her lost son.

To timber-millers, it was a place where mighty trees were felled for a living before courageous conservationists finally silenced their saws.

To visitors today, Pureora and its surrounds offer spectacular cycling adventures for riders of all ages and abilities – and shows how the path through history can lead to a promising future. *Kia ora Pureora!*



Admire ancient rainforest giants such as tōtara, rimu, kahikatea, miro and mataī within the epic 78,000-hectare forest.



Encounter delightful and often rare birdlife including the cheeky kākā (bush parrot), kererū (pigeon), kākāriki (parakeet) and whio (blue duck).



Discover curious relics from the old logging days such as an abandoned tractor, the timber mill, and the famous Ongarue railway spiral.



Explore this remote area's rich history through vivid storyboards recounting Māori legends, timber milling, environmental protest and regeneration.



Traverse 35 amazing bridges, including New Zealand's longest rideable suspension bridge sitting a thrilling 53m above Maramataha River gorge.



Enjoy a sweet mix of cycling terrain including flowy single track, smooth climbs, sweeping descents, and just enough tricky bits to keep you on your toes.

