

# RANGITIKEI

## EKE PAHIKARA

### Cycling

Cycle Trails



### Mataroa Loop

**Start Point:** 26 Pukenua Road

**Distance:** 22km

**Elevation Change:** 483m gain

Park at the tarsealed area near the loading ramp (but leave room for trucks to load please). Head out SW on Pukenua Road.

Once you hit the four way intersection, take a hard right almost turning back on yourself onto Ridge Road north. At the next intersection take the right onto Mataroa Road which will lead you out to SH1 and heading south you will then turn right back onto Pukenua Road to your vehicle.

### Moawhango Loop

**Start Point:** Le Café Telephonique

**Distance:** 40km

**Elevation Change:** 562m gain

Park at the Café Telephonique and head out of town on Hautapu Street. Take a right onto Pungatawa Road and stay on this until you merge left onto Moawhango Valley Road. After a very scenic ride alongside the Moawhango River you will cross the bridge and turn left onto Te Moehau Road (Napier/Taihape Road) and head back towards Taihape.

Another left onto Spooners Hill Road will take you all the way back to Hautapu Road and the café for some refreshments.

### Pukeokahu Loop

**Start Point:** Moawhango

**Distance:** 54km

**Elevation Change:** 832m gain

Start from Moawhango on the Napier-Taihape Road. Head south on Moawhango Valley Road until Otuarei Road on your left. Follow Otuarei Road until you are almost at Pukeokahu and turn right onto Pukeokahu Road. Stay right on Pukeokahu Road until you get to Moawhango Valley Road again and follow this north back to Moawhango village.

A very quiet scenic route with some stunning views from the high point on Pukeokahu Road.

### Awastone Loop

**Start Point:** Awastone

**Distance:** 42km

**Elevation Change:** 1060m gain

Can be ridden in either direction, however it's a more gentle start heading anti-clockwise.

Take the tarsealed Ruahine Road until you take a left turn onto Karewarewa Road then another left onto Auputa Road. Stay on Auputa Road until you reach Kawhatau Valley Road which will take you all the way back to Awastone.

### Manui Loop

**Start Point:** Dukes Roadhouse Café

**Distance:** 28km

**Elevation Change:** 610m gain

Best ridden in a clockwise direction. Park at the Dukes Roadhouse Café so you can fuel up or grab a bite afterwards.

Start by riding south on SH1 to Te Kapua Road on your right, after a steady climb to the top you will eventually merge right onto Manui Road. Stay on Manui Road for the rest of the loop until you are back at SH1. This is where all your climbing pays off with a fast and furious downhill road stretch back to your vehicle at the Dukes Roadhouse Café.





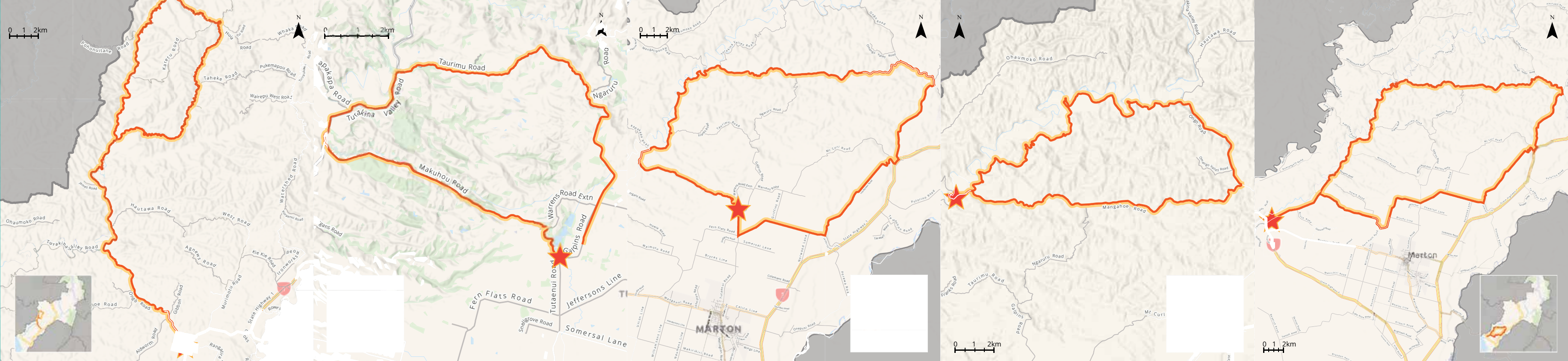
## Nau mai, haere mai, Welcome to Rangitikei

The quiet, scenic back roads in the Rangitikei are ideal for cycling. Whether you are looking for a safe place to train, exercise or simply to explore our beautiful countryside you will find it all here.

We have identified 10 great cycle loops throughout the district ranging from 22kms to over 100kms. Choose one or two rides over a weekend or work your way through the full 10 to say you have truly experienced the Rangitikei backcountry.

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### The Station Loop

- ➡ **Start Point:** Relish Café Hunterville
- 📏 **Distance:** 92km
- ⬆️ **Elevation Change:** 472m gain

Head West on Ongo Road out of Hunterville which will turn into Turakina Valley Road. This will have you following the Turakina River all the way north through stunning farmland and past large historic stations until you reach Okaka Road on your right. Stay on this through to Koeke Junction where you will turn right into Pohonui Road. This is a fun, fast downhill ride until you meet up again with Turakina Valley Road and head back the way you came onto Onga Road and back into Hunterville for a well deserved coffee and cake. This is a fantastic adventure ride with stunning waterfall views and the chance to visit the authentic Rangitikei backcountry.

### Taurimu Loop

- ➡ **Start Point:** Tūtaenui Reservoir
- 📏 **Distance:** 27km
- ⬆️ **Elevation Change:** 498m gain

Park at the Tūtaenui Reservoir and head in a clockwise direction up Makuhou Road. After a short climb you will have a long downhill all the way out to Turakina Valley Road. Take a right and head north along here until you turn right on Taurimu Road. This is a lovely quiet gravel road that will take you right through to Galpins Road which is the start of a steady uphill climb back to the tarseal and you will follow this back to your vehicle at the Tūtaenui Reservoir.



### Four Reserves Loop

- ➡ **Start Point:** Tūtaenui Reservoir
- 📏 **Distance:** 70km
- ⬆️ **Elevation Change:** 1060m gain

Best ridden in a clockwise direction, you will start with an exhilarating downhill on Makuhou Road before taking a right onto Turakina Valley Road and climbing your way to reach the Sutherland Reserve where you will turn right onto Mangahoe Road heading towards Hunterville.

You will pass Laird's Reserve before taking the next right onto Ongo Road, and then right again into Aldworth Road, which will take you past Bruce Park Scenic Reserve to SH1. After a very short stretch you will turn onto Mt Curl Road and left onto Leedstown Road. A small pinchy climb will have you at the top of what is a straight fast road to Jeffersons Line, this will take you to Tūtaenui Road and another right turn back to the start at the Tūtaenui Reservoir.

### TVR Mangahoe Loop

- ➡ **Start Point:** Mangatipona/Turakina Valley Road
- 📏 **Distance:** 43km
- ⬆️ **Elevation Change:** 820m gain

Park in the gravel area south of the intersection. Ride up to the intersection of Mangatipona and Turakina Valley Road and turn right. Stay on Turakina Valley Road until you reach Ongo Road and turn right towards Hunterville. After several kilometres and a steady climb you will take another right onto Mangahoe Road which will take you back to the intersection you started at and your vehicle. A lovely loop with a decent amount of climbing which will give you great views over the Turakina Valley from the highpoint near the start of Mangahoe Road.



### TVR Mangahoe Tūtaenui Loop

- ➡ **Start Point:** Turakina Antiques
- 📏 **Distance:** 85km
- ⬆️ **Elevation Change:** 1120m gain

Park at Turakina Antiques and head NE on Turakina Valley Road all the way through until you reach Mangahoe Road on your right. Follow this through to the end at Ongo Road and head right towards Hunterville. Before you reach Hunterville take another right onto Aldworth Road which will take you through to SH1 for a short section, before taking another right onto Mt Curl Road and a quick left onto Leedstown Road. This will take you down to Jeffersons Line where you will take a right onto Tūtaenui Road to the reservoir dams which is a great spot for a short break if you need one. To complete the loop head up Makuhou Road then a fun downhill back onto Turakina Valley Road where you will take a left and head back to your vehicle.