NZ SILVER FERN RALLY

27th November to 4th December 2026

SERVICE BOOK 1

Legs 1 - 3

Service Crew Information

Welcome to all service crews of Silver Fern Rally 2026.

Detailed in this Service Book is important information regarding Silver Fern Rally that we ask all crews to be familiar with.

Please remember that at all times while on the event you represent not only your competing vehicle but also Silver Fern Rally, and for this reason we ask that you please abide by all Silver Fern Rally rules and regulations and especially the traffic laws of New Zealand.

Your co-operation will enable Silver Fern Rally to maintain our reputation and ensures that we continue to receive public support for the event.

Service Book Instructions:

- These instructions have been taken from "Google Maps" and therefore may not be exact.
- Maps of service stops are included in the Service book
- Stage maps are available online at the following link https://www.rally-maps.com/Silver-Fern-Rally-2026

Service Vehicle Identification:

- All service vehicles are required to display the "Service Vehicle" decal at all times during the Silver Fern Rally
- This decal shall be affixed to the outside of the front windscreen on the passenger side of each service vehicle
- This decal is required to access service parks – additional Decals can be purchased from the Secretariat for $150 per vehicle.

The Organizing Committee wish you a very safe and enjoyable week on your journey with the Silver Fern Rally.

Programme

Briefing:

There is a compulsory briefing for Competitors and Service Crews.

- **Date:** Friday 27th November
- **Time:** 3:00 pm
- **Venue:** Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua

Pre-Start Park:

All cars must be in the Pre-Start Park for the start of the event as follows:

- **Date:** Friday 27th November
- **Time:** 4:00 pm
- **Venue:** Village Green, Rotorua

Prize Giving Function:

- **Date:** Friday 4th December
- **Time:** 7:00 pm (Bar open from 5:30 pm)
- **Venue:** Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua

Leg One – Saturday 28th November

First car starts from Rotorua at 7:30 am and finishes at 5:00 pm in Rotorua.
There are eight (8) special stages totalling approx. 120.41km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Village Green, Rotorua

Leg Two – Sunday 29th November

First car starts from Rotorua at 7:00 am and finishes at 5:45 pm in Rotorua.
There are eight (8) special stages totalling approx. 129.75km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Village Green, Rotorua

Leg Three – Monday 30th November

First car starts from Rotorua at 8:00 am and finishes at 5:50 pm in Gisborne.
There are six (6) special stages totalling approx. 137.77km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Showgrounds Park & Event Centre, Gisborne.

Leg Four – Tuesday 1st December

First car starts from Gisborne at 7:15 am and finishes at 5:00 pm in Hastings.
There are five (5) special stages totalling approx. 123.29km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings.

Leg Five – Wednesday 2nd December

First car starts from Hastings at 7:00 am and finishes at 4:50 pm in Palmerston North.
There are six (6) special stages totalling approx. 142.97km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Robertson Prestige International Speedway Pit area, Cuba St, Palmerston North.

Leg Six – Thursday 3rd December

First car starts from Palmerston North at 7:45 am and finishes at 3:40 pm in Ohakune.
There are six (6) special stages totalling approx. 137.78km
Overnight Parc Fermé – Ruapehu College, Ohakune.

Leg Seven – Friday 4th December

First car starts from Ohakune at 7:30 am and finishes at 4:00 pm in Rotorua.
There are seven (7) special stages totalling approx. 181.81km
There is no Overnight Parc Fermé – Parking is available for the evening or overnight.

Total Stage Kms: (approx.)	**973.78**
Total Touring Kms: (approx.)	**1960.61**

Fuel

There are currently three suppliers of 98 Octane in New Zealand, BP, Mobil and Gull:

- To locate a BP Service Station go to www.bpfinder.co.nz
- To locate a Mobil Service Station go to www.mobilfuelfinder.co.nz
- To locate a Gull Service Station go to www.gull.co.nz

Please be aware of the fuel handling policy as set out by MSNZ.

Please note that it is the Competitors responsibility to ensure that they have sufficient fuel to undertake the event. Therefore, if you require fuel outside the scheduled refuel stops at the lunch service and end of day service then you will need to coordinate with your service crew or schedule a fuel stop at a Service Station on route which is permitted within the rules of the event.

No Service Stations have been requested to stay open for the Silver Fern event; an indication of a Service Station in the Road Book does not necessarily mean that that station will be open.

Traffic Laws

Throughout the entire rally (with the exception of special stages), all crews must strictly observe the traffic laws of New Zealand.

In particular;

- Competitors and their service crews must always drive and conduct themselves in a manner which does not discredit the event or arouse adverse public opinion.
- All traffic regulations and particularly speed limits must be rigidly complied with on all road sections.

Competitors and service crews shall be held entirely responsible for any accident or breach of the laws in which they may be involved and shall declare to the Clerk of the Course particulars of any accident involving damage to property or injury from which liability may arise and shall indemnify the organisers in regard to any liability.

Important Phone Numbers

Official	Name	Contact Number
Rally Headquarters		0800 827 427 09 298 8322
Clerk of the Course	Wayne (Barny) Barnard	027 434 1156
Competitor Relations Officer	Jim Scott	021 811 787
Secretariat	Victoria Edwards	021 525 643
Chief Scrutineer	Peter van Breugel	021 947 556
Accident Investigator	James Logan	027 575 8688
Chief Medical Officer	Josef Bradac	021 221 9711

Official Notice Board

The Official Notice Board will be positioned with the Secretariat unless otherwise stated. Please note the Scrutineer may be called away please see the CRO if not in attendance. There is also a trial Official Notice Board online at www.silverfernrally.co.nz **Secretariat (Official Notice Board), Scrutineer & CRO will be located at:**	
Saturday 28th November – Leg 1	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Waitete Rugby Club, Te Kuiti
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua
Sunday 29th November – Leg 2	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Otorohanga Island Reserve, Otorohanga
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua
Monday 30th November – Leg 3	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Lakeside Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Opotiki Primary School, Opotiki
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Showgrounds Park & Event Centre, Gisborne
Tuesday 1st December – Leg 4	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Showgrounds Park & Event Centre, Gisborne
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Wairoa College, Wairoa
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings
Wednesday 2nd December – Leg 5	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Mitre 10 Sports Park, Hastings
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds, Dannevirke
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Robertson Prestige International Speedway Pit area, Palmerston North
Thursday 3rd December – Leg 6	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Robertson Prestige International Speedway Pit area, Palmerston North
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Taihape Rugby Club, Taihape
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Day: Ruapehu College, Ohakune
Friday 4th December – Leg 7	
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	Start of Day: Ohakune Primary School, Ohakune
CRO & Secretariat	Service & Lunch: Ohura School, Ohura
Scrutineer, CRO & Secretariat	End of Event: Lakeside Rotorua Novotel, Rotorua

Servicing

Servicing

Teams are to service on ground sheets at all times and are reminded that they must comply with New Zealand Environment Laws. Automotive fluids are to be disposed of in the correct manner. A number of petrol stations have waste oil containers where waste oil can be deposited. The end-of-day service parks are set up to create a presence at the overnight stops. Except for End of Day Service, servicing is prohibited within 250m of a time control.

A GUIDE ON SUGGESTED SERVICE AREAS FOR SILVER FERN RALLY 2026

- **The following are suggested points for servicing ONLY.**
- **Servicing is prohibited within 250 metres of Start and Finish controls.**
- **There are areas over the rally route where servicing is prohibited; ensure you are aware of these areas.**
- **Rally maps show the competitor route only.**
- **Extreme caution is required when servicing, especially on Main Highways. Be aware that on rural roads, the speed limit is 100km/hr and that residents are familiar with their roads and do not expect to find service vehicles etc., partially blocking roads.**
- **Service well off to the side of the road in a sensible and clearly visible position.**
- **Any incidents or damage that may occur MUST be reported by completing the Incident Sheet Form.**
- **The directions provided in this service book are recommendations only. You may need more than one 'chase car' to get to the end of every special stage; however, if you apply some logic and meet along the touring route to the start of the next stage, you may shorten the travel required by the service car.**
- **We have built enough time into the target times to allow the crew to travel on the open road at below the legal speed limit and have time for them to change spare tyre(s) carried onboard between stages as some locations can not be reached by chase vehicles.**

Tyre Changing Service Contact & Locations

A tyre-changing service will be available throughout the NZ Silver Fern Rally, provided by **Paul Hayton**, who will be on-site at the overnight service parks and designated service locations, including selected lunch stops, as outlined below.

Contact: Paul Hayton
Mobile: +64 21 398 208

Service Locations

Day	Location
Friday – Sunday	Village Green, Rotorua (base tyre service)
Monday	Opotiki, Matawai and Gisborne A&P Showgrounds
Tuesday	Wairoa College and Percival Road Service Zone, Hastings
Wednesday	Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds and Waldegrave Street Carpark, Palmerston North
Thursday	Kuku Street, Taihape and Arawa Street, Ohakune
Friday	Ohura – Lunch Stop

Important – Tyre Change Arrangements

To help ensure an efficient service and avoid unnecessary delays, competitors are encouraged to plan their tyre changes.

We recommend selecting the tyres and rims you require overnight and delivering them to Paul first thing in the morning so he can fit them during the day.

Alternatively, you can drop your tyres and rims off with Paul as soon as you arrive at the end-of-day service park. This will allow him to complete the changes while you are servicing your car, rather than having to wait until the end of the evening service period.

Please coordinate directly with Paul to arrange your requirements and timing.

Charges

This is a user-pays service, charged at:

NZ$25.00 + GST per tyre.

All charges are payable directly to the service provider.

BNT Branch Contacts

List of BNT Branches and Contact Details for the 2026 NZ Silver Fern Rally event.

Company	Branch Number	Branch Name	Street Address	Suburb	City	Region	Contact	Contact No.	Cell Phone Number
BNT	27	Hamilton	14 Somerset Street		Hamilton	Central	Kieran Munro	07 847 3079	0272 329 318
BNT	28	Te Rapa	4 Norris Avenue	Te Rapa	Hamilton	Central	Bruce Fairburn	07 849 3560	0275 595 691
BNT	33	Cambridge	41 Shakespeare Road	Leamington	Cambridge	Central	Daniel Gibson	07 900 1800	0272 329 318
BNT	34	Tauranga	67 Ninth Avenue		Tauranga	Central	Andrew Lines	07 578 0805	0275 379 849
BNT	35	Mt Maunganui	115 Newton Street		Mt Maunganui	Central	Glen Kenny	07 574 1326	0272 959 299
BNT	37	Te Awamutu	421 Rickit Road		Te Awamutu	Central	Isaac Lynch	07 870 3127	0272 304 948
BNT	38	Rotorua	7 & 9 Waterford Street	Mangakakahi	Rotorua	Central	Bruce Hislop	07 347 7872	0275 300 840
BNT	39	Whakatane	6 Peace Street		Whakatane	Central	Egmond Schrenk	07 308 9494	0272 674 245
BNT	40	Taupo	31 Oruanui Street		Taupo	Central	Bruce Hislop	07 900 6500	0272 617 716
BNT	41	Gisborne	331 Palmerston Road		Gisborne	Central	Nicole Vercoe	06 868 9112	0275 875 209
BNT	42	Tauriko	1 Whiore Ave		Tauranga	Central	Nicole Nielsen	07 900 5000	0275 519 852
BNT	48	Matamata	3 Curragh Place		Matamata	Central	Daniel Gibson	07 900 2048	0272 369 887
BNT	50	Napier	45 Thackeray Street		Napier	Central	Cleavelin Cook	06 834 3800	0275 474 308
BNT	52	Hastings	304 Ellison Road		Hastings	Central	Alan Johnson	06 876 9139	0275 805 958
BNT	55	New Plymouth	114 Gill Street		New Plymouth	Lower North Island	Brian Atkinson	06 758 0463	0273 630 534
BNT	62	Palmerston North	73 Lombard Street		Palmerston North	Lower North Island	Jason Dunkerley	06 358 1039	0275 796 292
BNT	63	Masterton	6 Harlequin Street		Masterton	Lower North Island	Linda Rivers	06 370 0039	0272 259 440
BNT	64	Levin	150 Oxford Street		Levin	Lower North Island	Brian Simpson	06 367 5039	0272 847 147

We have established a cash account with BNT, which provides you with trade discounts on all parts purchased through their branches.

We would like to thank BNT for their support of the Silver Fern Rally and hope you won't need to call on their assistance during the event. However, should you need any parts or support, the information provided above includes the branch locations, office contact numbers and personal contact details for the relevant people at each branch.

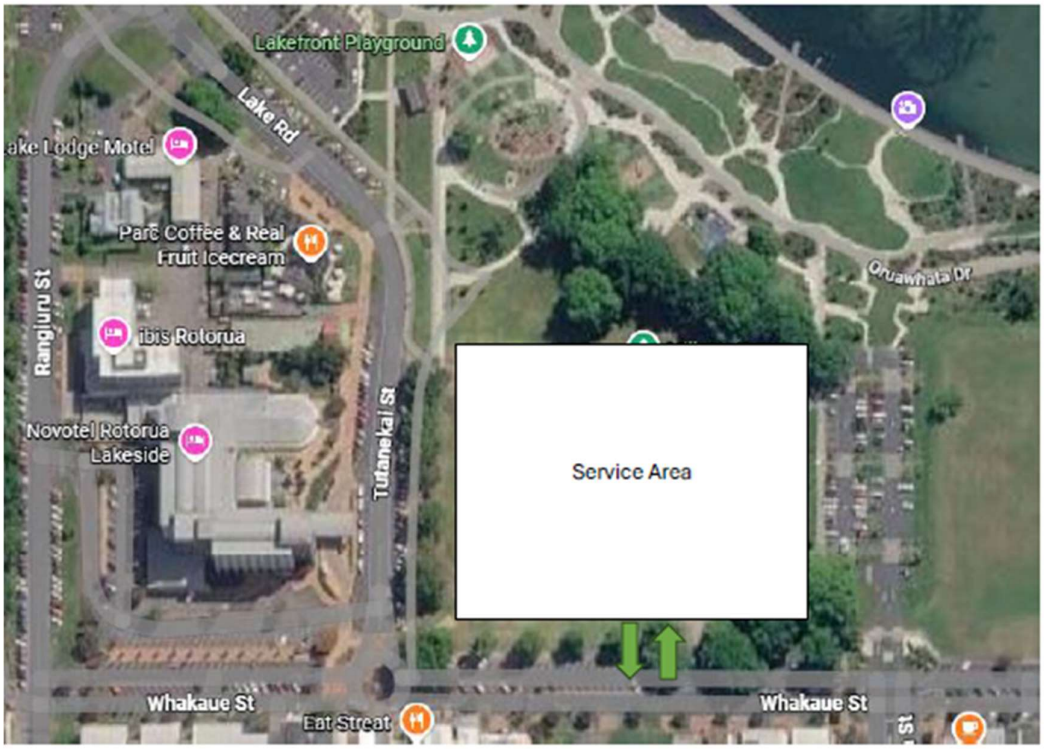
To access the trade discount, please quote the account name **Silver Fern Rally – Account #63910** when making your purchase.

Please note that this is a cash account, so payment will need to be made before any parts can be collected.

We appreciate BNT's support and encourage you to make use of this arrangement should the need arise.

Pre-Start Rotorua Village Green
27th November 2026

Rotorua Village Green

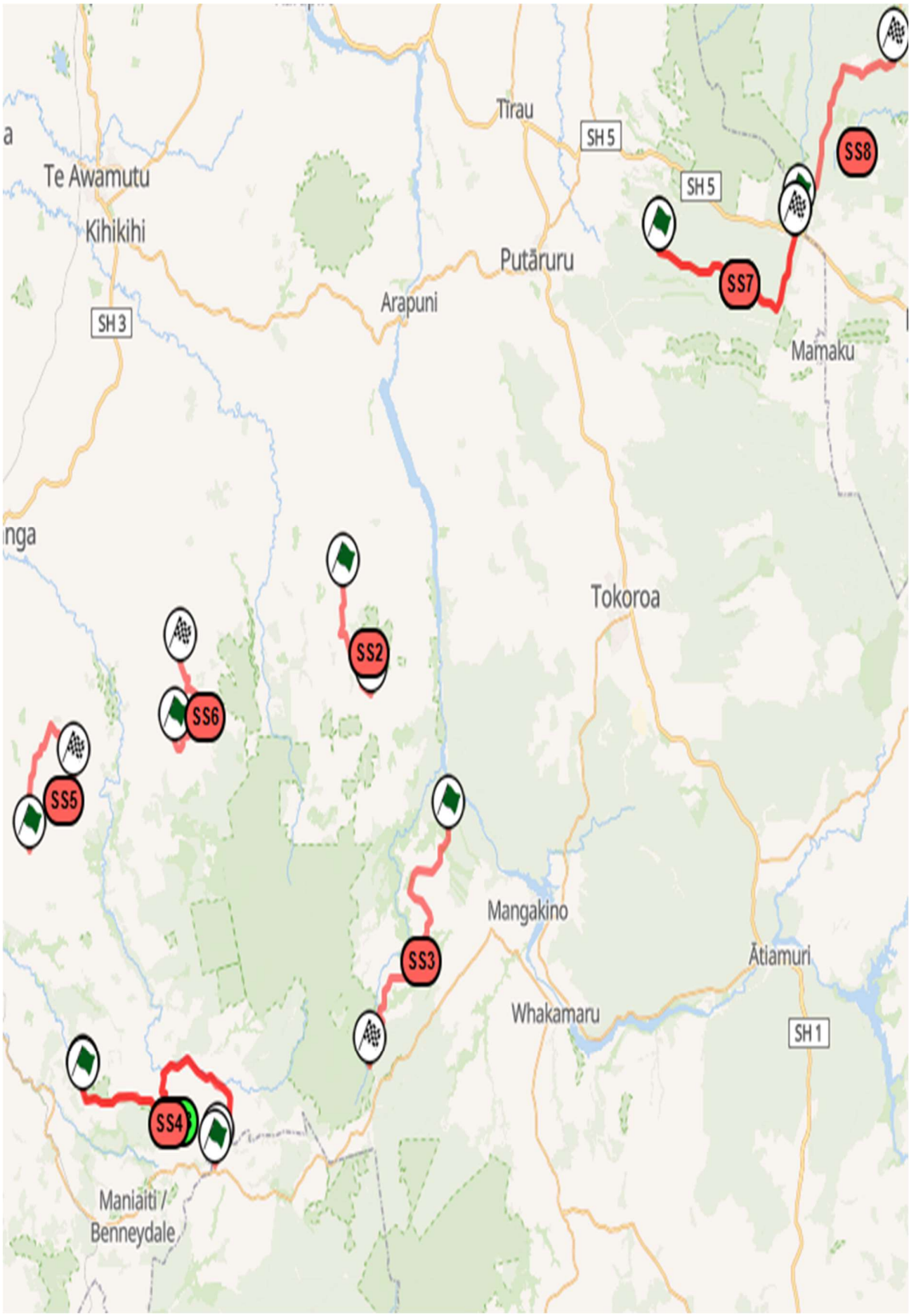


Documentation and Scrutineering – 10:00am to 2:00pm

Drivers Briefing – 3:00pm

Overnight Pre-Event Parc Ferme 4:00pm onwards

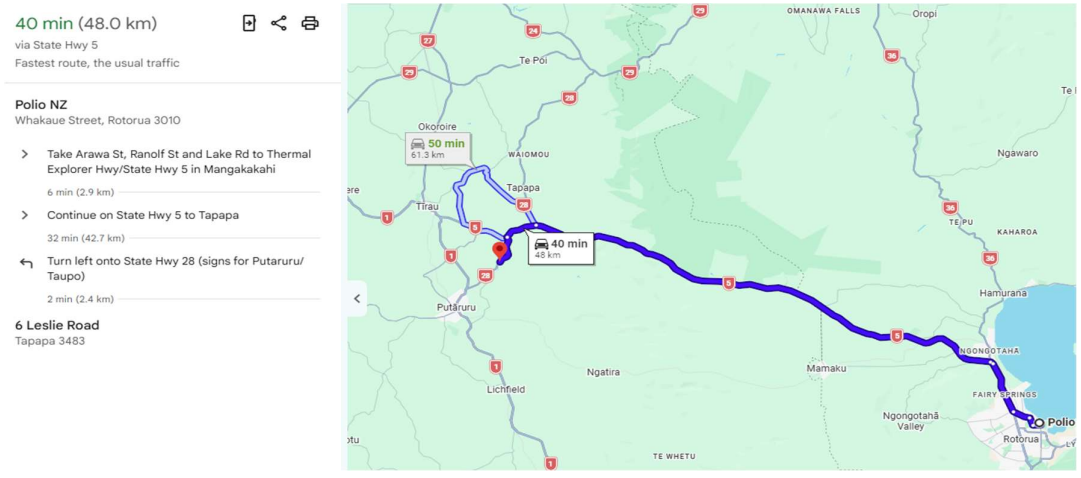
Leg 1 Stage Maps



Itinerary Leg 1: Saturday 28th November 2026

Leg 1 - Saturday 28th November 2026									
STAGE	Stage Name		Stage Kms.	Touring Kms.	Total Distance	Average Speed	Target time	First Car Due	
TC 0	Leg 1 Start		ROTORUA					7:30	SECTION 1
				23.56	23.56	35.35	0:40		
SS 1	GALAXY / LESLIE ROAD		16.20					8:15	
	SERVICE - 10min	0:10		53.98	70.18	70.18	1:10		
SS 2	AOTEAROA ROAD		8.32					9:30	
	SERVICE - 10min	0:10		17.02	25.34	43.44	0:45		
SS 3	RANGINUI ROAD		20.08					10:20	
				20.84	40.92	61.38	0:40		
SS 4	MANGAOKEWA ROAD		21.52					11:05	
				23.17	44.69	59.59	0:45		
TC 4A	Lunch - TE KUITI							11:50	
TC 4B	Service - 60mins	1:00						12:50	
				11.96	11.96	47.84	0:15		SECTION 2
SS 5	NGAPEKE / TAHIA-BUSH ROAD		12.78					13:10	
	SERVICE - 15min	0:15		23.33	36.11	61.90	0:50		
SS 6	TAURAROA VALLEY / HODDLE		9.54					14:05	
	SERVICE - 15min	0:15		76.46	86.00	64.50	1:35		
SS 7	LESLIE / GALAXY ROAD		16.28					15:45	
				0.91	17.19	68.76	0:15		
SS 8	GALAXY / NGAWARO ROAD		15.69					16:05	
TC 8A	Service - 60mins	1:00		27.86	43.55	47.51	0:55	17:00	
TC 8B	PARC FERME		ROTORUA					18:00	
	Totals		120.41	279.09	399.50				

Touring instructions from the start of day 1 to the end of SS1



Touring instructions from the end of SS1 to the end of SS2

56 min (68.8 km)

via Waipapa Rd

53 min without traffic

6 Leslie Road
Tapapa 3483

- Head toward State Hwy 28
  0 sec (3 m)
- Take SH 1, Oreipunga Rd, Rotongata Rd and Waipapa Rd to Wairehi Rd in Wharepapa South
  51 min (64.0 km)
- Turn right onto Wairehi Rd
  Destination will be on the right
  6 min (4.7 km)

455 Wairehi Road
Wharepapa South 3877



Touring instructions from the end of SS2 to the end of SS3

36 min (40.3 km)

via Waipapa Rd and Scott Rd

Fastest route, the usual traffic

455 Wairehi Road
Wharepapa South 3877

- Head toward Taupaki Rd
  4.7 km
- Turn right onto Waipapa Rd
  18.7 km
- Turn right onto Scott Rd
  16.9 km

State Hwy 30
Mangakino 3492



Touring instructions from the end of SS3 to the end of SS4

30 min (41.0 km)

via State Hwy 30

Fastest route, the usual traffic

State Hwy 30
Mangakino 3492

↑ Head southwest on State Hwy 30

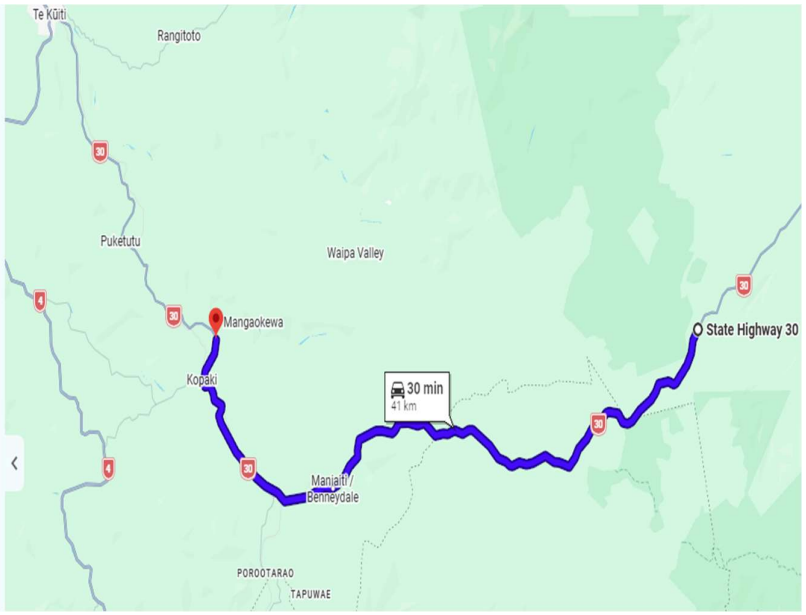
28.0 km

↑ Continue straight to stay on State Hwy 30

ⓘ Destination will be on the left

13.0 km

1930 State Highway 30
Kopaki 3983



Touring instructions from the end of SS4 to the Lunch Stop

15 min (19.9 km)

via State Hwy 30

Fastest route, the usual traffic

1930 State Highway 30
Kopaki 3983

↑ Head north on State Hwy 30

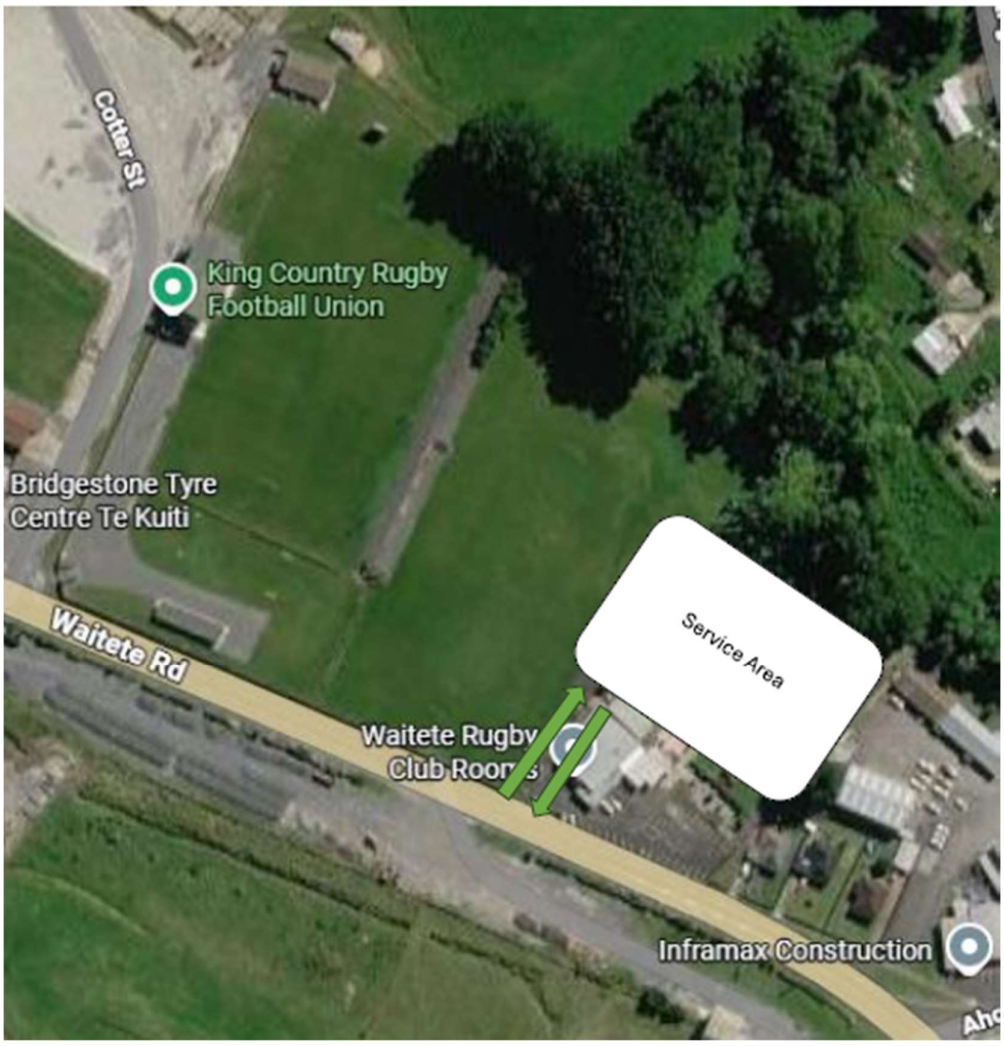
19.9 km

55 Waitete Road
Te Kūiti 3910



Service and Lunch Stop at Te Kuiti

Waitete Rugby Club, Te Kuiti



The service is at Waitete Rugby Club, located at 55 Waitete Road, Te Kuiti 3910.

Please follow the directions for the service vehicle into the service area, as this may differ from the rally cars. Large service trucks can service opposite the clubrooms on the metal area along the roadside rather than on the grounds.

Lunch will be available for collection at the Clubrooms.

The first rally car is due to arrive at 11:50 am. We have allocated a 60 min service stop.

The CRO will be in the Clubrooms.

Touring instructions from Lunch to end of SS5

21 min (18.6 km)

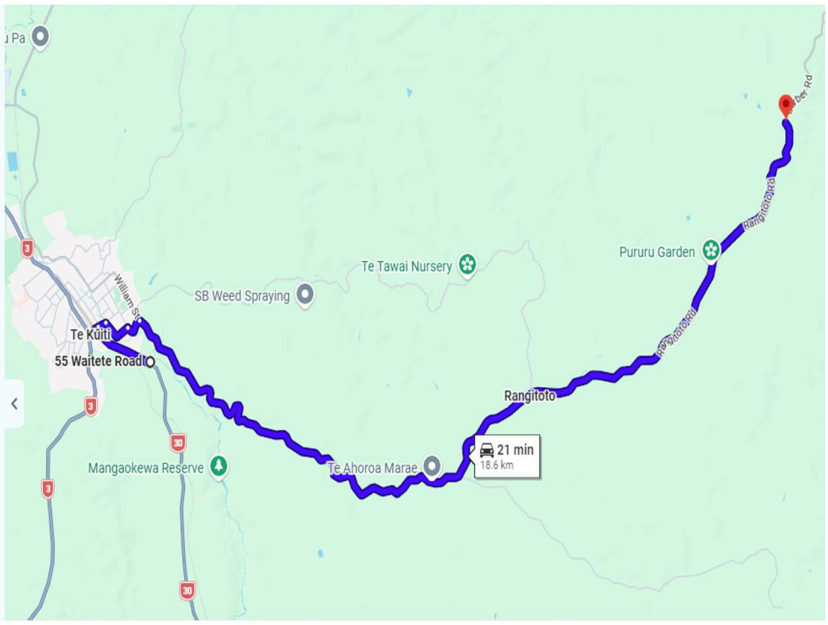
via Rangitoto Rd

Fastest route

55 Waitete Road
Te Kūiti 3910

- Head toward Cotter St — 1.1 km
- Turn right onto Awakino Rd — 73 m
- Continue onto Lawrence St — 150 m
- Turn right onto Esplanade — 550 m
- Turn right to stay on Esplanade — 350 m
- Turn right onto Rangitoto Rd — 16.4 km

1063 Barber Road
Rangitoto 3975



Touring instructions from the end of SS5 to the end of SS6

28 min (26.5 km)

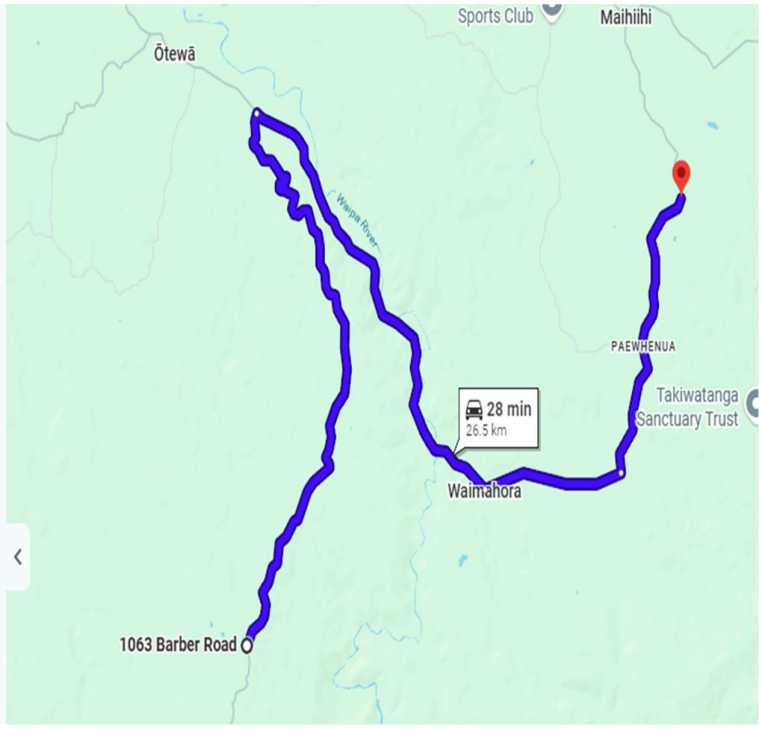
via Barber Rd and Otewa Rd

Fastest route

1063 Barber Road
Rangitoto 3975

- Head north on Barber Rd — 10.6 km
- Turn right onto Otewa Rd — 8.2 km
- Continue onto Tauraroa Valley Rd — 2.9 km
- Turn left onto Maihiihi Rd — 4.8 km

26 Hoddle Road
Maihiihi 3972



Touring instructions from the end of SS6 to the end of SS7

26 Hoddle Road
Maihiihi 3972

- Head toward Mangatutu Rd — 3.2 km
- Slight right onto Mangatutu Rd (signs for Wharepuhanga) — 8.8 km
- Turn right onto Wharepuhunga Rd (signs for Ngaroma) — 1.3 km
- Turn left onto Loop Rd — 3.5 km
- Turn left onto Bayley Rd — 1.9 km
- Turn right onto Seafund Rd (signs for Taupo/ Arohena/Wharepapa S) — 3.8 km
- Continue onto Wharepapa S Rd — 2.6 km
- Continue onto Aotearoa Rd — 1.5 km
- Turn left onto Waipapa Rd — 3.2 km



- Turn left onto Rotongata Rd (signs for Pukeatua/ Arapuni) — 6.8 km
- Turn right onto Arapuni Rd (signs for Putaruru) — 1.1 km
- Turn left onto Oreipunga Rd — 12.6 km
- Turn right onto Plantation Rd — 1.7 km
- Continue onto Maungatautari Rd — 4.3 km
- Turn right onto Thermal Explorer Hwy/SH 1 (signs for State Hwy 1/Rotorua) — 1.6 km
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto SH 1 — 12.5 km
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Thermal Explorer Hwy/State Hwy 5 heading to Thermal Explorer/Rotorua — 7.7 km
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto State Hwy 5
  Destination will be on the left — 19.2 km

State Hwy 5
Ngatira 3072

Touring instructions from the end of SS7 to the end of SS8

29 min (33.4 km)

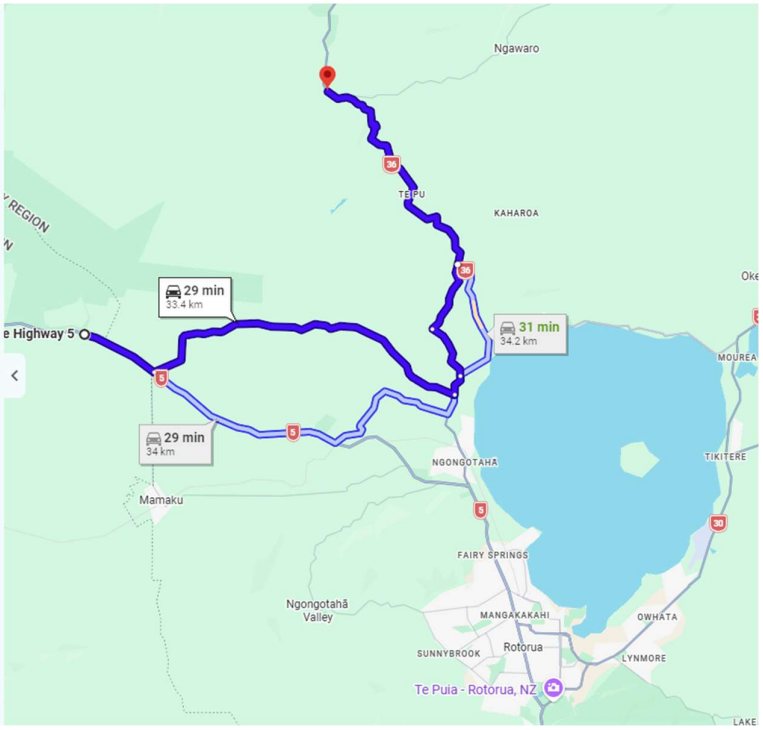
via Oturoa Rd and State Hwy 36

Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

State Hwy 5
Ngatira 3072

- Head toward Barker Rd — 3.1 km
- Turn left onto Oturoa Rd (signs for Tui Ridge) — 13.8 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 36 — 850 m
- Keep left to continue on Central Rd — 2.3 km
- Turn right onto Jackson Rd — 2.9 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 36 — 10.5 km

State Hwy 36
Ngawaro 3188



Alternative Touring instructions from the end of SS7 to the end of Day 1

23 min (23.3 km)

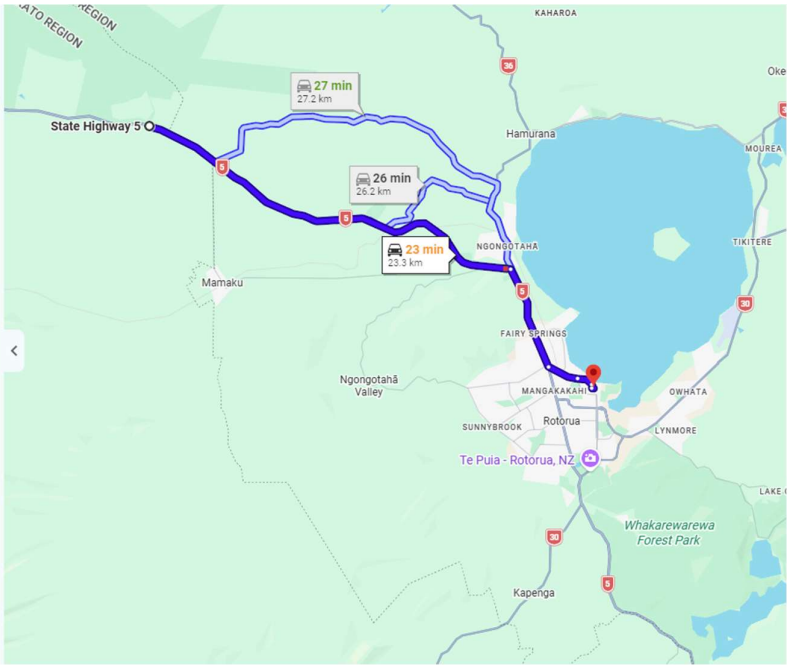
via State Hwy 5

Fastest route, despite the usual traffic

State Hwy 5
Ngatira 3072

- Head toward Barker Rd — 16.8 km
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Ngongotaha Rd/State Hwy 5 heading to Ngongotaha/Tauranga — Continue to follow State Hwy 5 — 4.3 km
- Slight left onto Lake Rd (signs for City Centre) — Go through 1 roundabout — 1.3 km
- Turn left to stay on Lake Rd — Go through 1 roundabout — 700 m
- Lake Rd turns slightly right and becomes Tutanekai St — 170 m
- At the roundabout, turn left onto Whakaue St — 79 m

Polio NZ
Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010



Touring instructions from the end of SS8 to the end of Day 1

30 min (26.9 km)

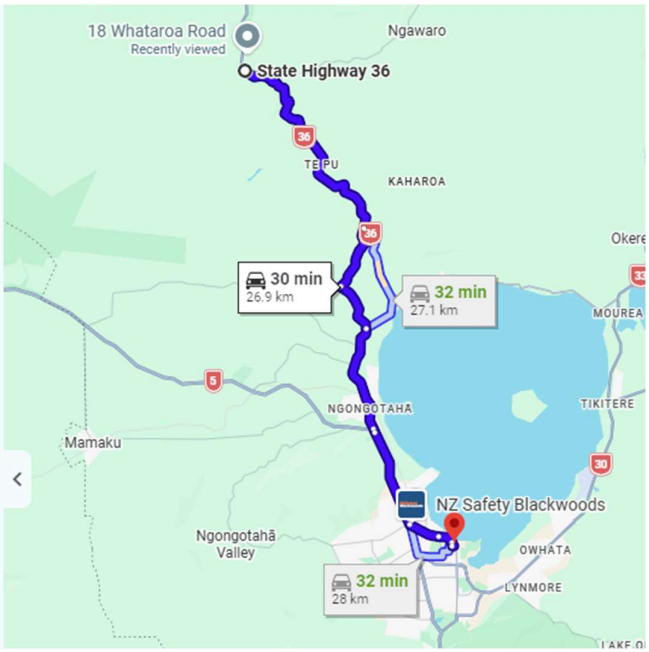
via State Hwy 36

Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

State Hwy 36
Ngawaro 3188

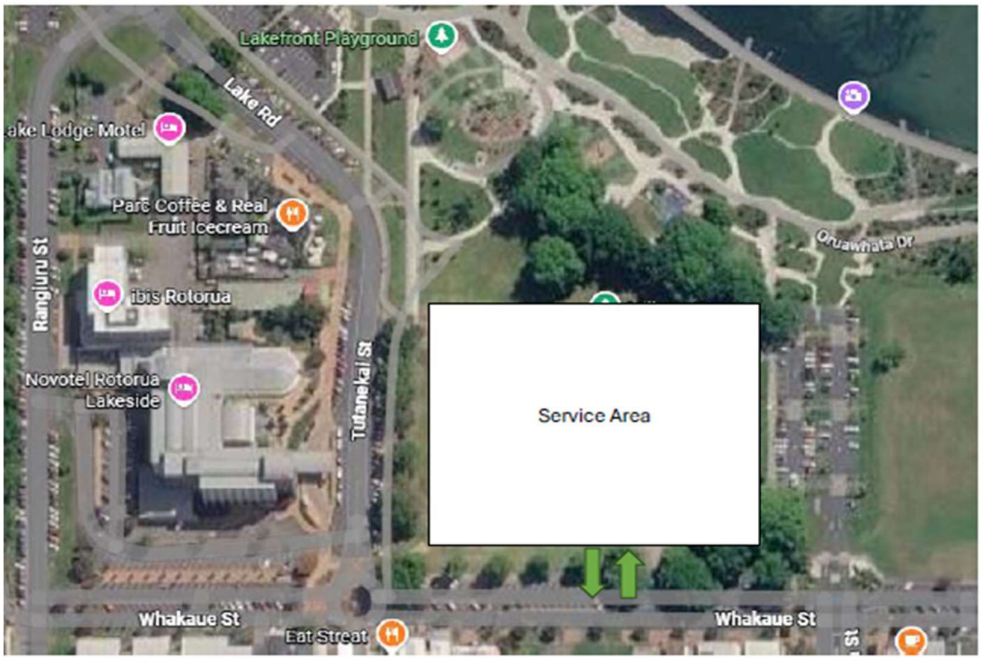
- Head toward Te Matai Rd
  10 min (10.5 km)
- Continue on Jackson Rd to Ngongotahā, Rotorua
  5 min (5.2 km)
- Follow State Hwy 36 and State Hwy 5 to Lake Rd
  10 min (9.0 km)
- Continue on Lake Rd. Drive to Whakaue St in Rotorua
  4 min (2.2 km)

Polio NZ
Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010



End of Day 1 Service Park and Parc Fermé

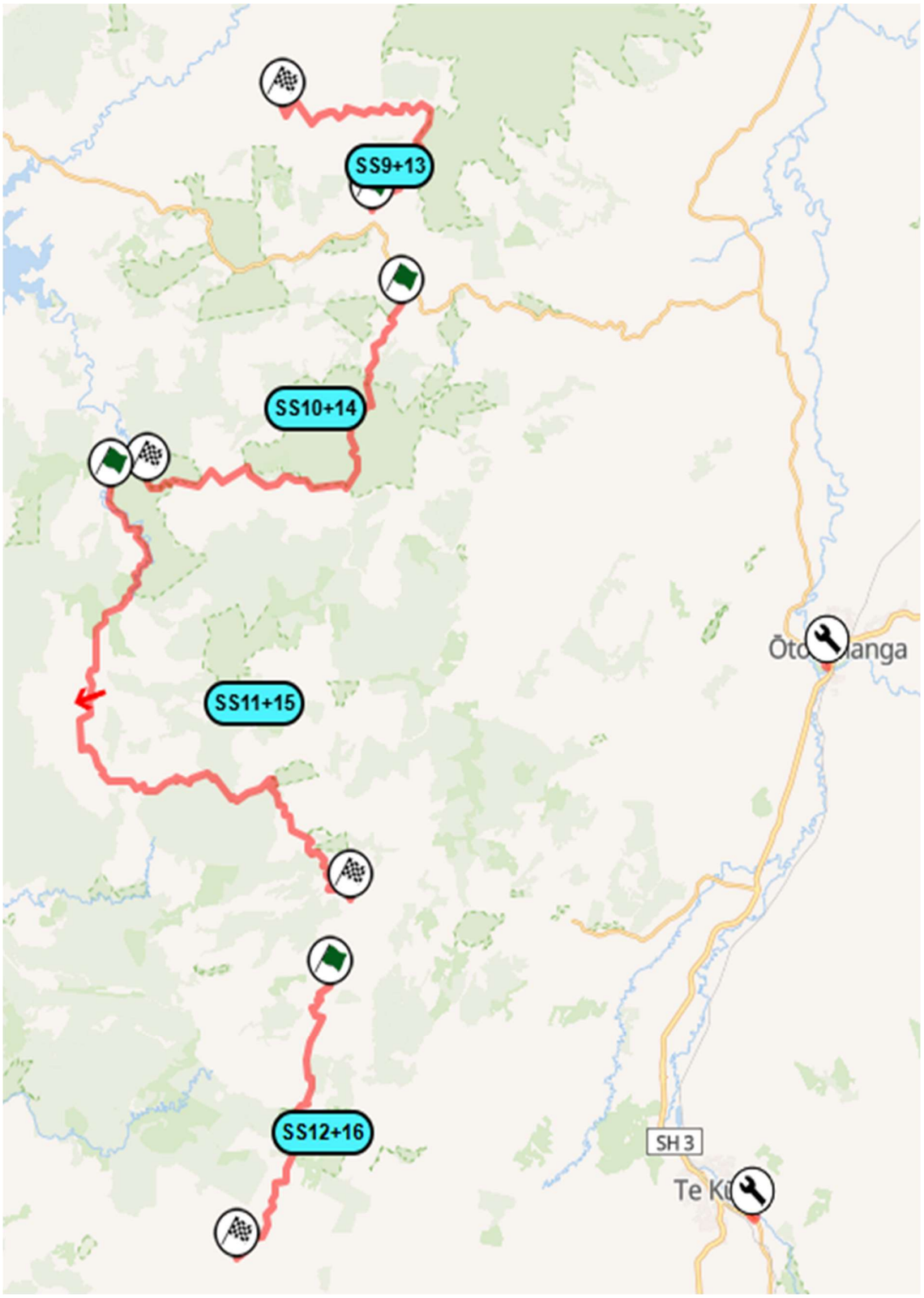
Rotorua Village Green



There will be a gathering at the Novotel House Bar for drinks and a chat before dinner.

Photos of the day will also be shown.

Leg 2 Stage Maps



Itinerary Leg 2: Sunday 29th November 2026

Leg 2 - Sunday 29th November 2026									
STAGE	Stage Name		Stage Kms.	Touring Kms.	Total Distance	Average Speed	Target time	First Car Due	
TC 8C	Leg 2 Start		ROTORUA					7:00	
				140.20	140.20	70.10	2:00		
SS 9	TE RAUAMOA ROAD 1		11.47					9:05	
				25.12	36.59	54.89	0:40		
SS 10	KAIMANGO ROAD 1		15.49					9:50	
	SERVICE 15min	0:15		1.80	17.29	51.87	0:35		
SS 11	HAUTURU ROAD 1		26.57					10:30	
				3.29	29.86	59.72	0:30		
SS 12	WAIPUNA ROAD 1		11.35					11:05	
				34.79	46.14	61.52	0:45		
TC 12A TC 12B	Lunch - OTOROHANGA Service - 60mins	1:00						11:50 12:50	
				31.26	31.26	62.52	0:30		
SS 13	TE RAUAMOA ROAD 2		11.47					13:25	
				25.12	36.59	54.89	0:40		
SS 14	KAIMANGO ROAD 2		15.48					14:10	
	SERVICE - 15min	0:15		1.80	17.28	51.84	0:35		
SS 15	HAUTURU ROAD 2		26.57					14:50	
				3.29	29.86	59.72	0:30		
SS16	WAIPUNA ROAD 2		11.35					15:25	
TC 16A	Service - 60mins	1:00		160.03	171.38	73.45	2:20	17:45	
TC 16B	PARC FERME		ROTORUA					18:45	
	Totals		129.75	426.70	556.45				

SECTION 1 / SECTION 2

Touring instructions from the start of day 2 to the end of SS9

2 hr 17 min (161 km)

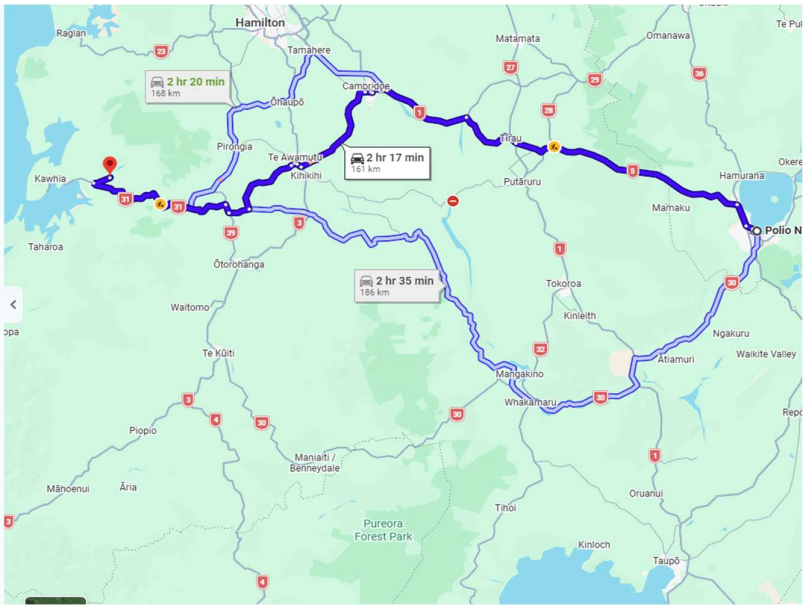
via State Hwy 5

Fastest route now, avoids road closures on Arapuni Rd

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Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010

- Take Arawa St, Ranolf St and Lake Rd to Thermal Explorer Hwy/State Hwy 5 in Mangakakahi
  6 min (2.9 km)
- Follow State Hwy 5 and SH 1 to Thermal Explorer Hwy/Tirau Rd in Cambridge. Take the Thermal Explorer Hwy exit from SH 1
  58 min (77.8 km)
- Take Cambridge Rd to SH 3 in Te Awamutu
  20 min (24.5 km)
- Turn right onto SH 3
  1 min (1.0 km)
- Follow Pokuru Rd and Te Kawa Rd to Kawhia Rd/ State Hwy 31/State Hwy 39 in Tihiroa
  15 min (18.7 km)
- Follow Kawhia Rd/State Hwy 31 to Okupata Rd in Ōpārau
  32 min (32.7 km)
- Follow Okupata Rd to Pirongia W Rd
  4 min (3.4 km)

324 Okupata Road
Ōpārau 3885



Touring instructions from the end of SS9 to the end of SS10

17 min (17.0 km)

via Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd and Hauturu Rd

Fastest route

324 Okupata Road
Ōpārau 3885

- Head toward Pirongia W Rd — 3.2 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 31 — 2.8 km
- Turn right onto Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd (signs for Kinohaku) — 6.1 km
- Turn left onto Hauturu Rd — 4.8 km

485 Hauturu Road
Hauturu 3886



Touring instructions from the end of SS10 to the end of SS11

Please note this may not be achievable, so you may need to make alternative arrangements.

1 hr 14 min (61.1 km)

via Kawhia Harbour Rd

Fastest route

485 Hauturu Road
Hauturu 3886

- Head toward Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd — 4.8 km
- Turn left onto Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd — Continue to follow Kawhia Harbour Rd — 17.9 km
- Turn left — 300 m
- Continue onto Te Waitere Rd — 6.4 km
- Turn left onto Taharoa Rd — Destination will be on the right — 8.8 km

46 min (38.2 km)

3184 Te Anga Road
Te Kūiti 3988

- Head southwest on Taharoa Rd — 11 m
- Keep left to stay on Taharoa Rd — 43 m
- Turn left onto Te Anga Rd — 22.9 km

28 min (22.9 km)

909 Te Anga Road
Waitomo 3988



Touring instructions from the end of SS11 to the end of SS12

Please note this may not be achievable, so you may need to make alternative arrangements.

42 min (35.7 km)

via Oparure Rd

41 min without traffic

909 Te Anga Road
Waitomo 3988

- Head toward Hauturu Rd — 8.2 km
- At the roundabout, continue straight to stay on Te Anga Rd — 230 m
- Continue onto Waitomo Village Rd — 1.0 km
- Continue onto State Hwy 37 — 90 m
- Turn right onto Fullerton Rd — 8.8 km
- Turn right onto Oparure Rd — 16.7 km
- Turn right onto Mairoa Rd/Ngapaenga Rd — 700 m

94 Ngapaenga Road
Pomarangai 3971



Touring instructions from the end of SS11 to the Lunch Stop in Otorohanga

This is an alternative to go straight to the lunch stop

24 min (24.3 km)

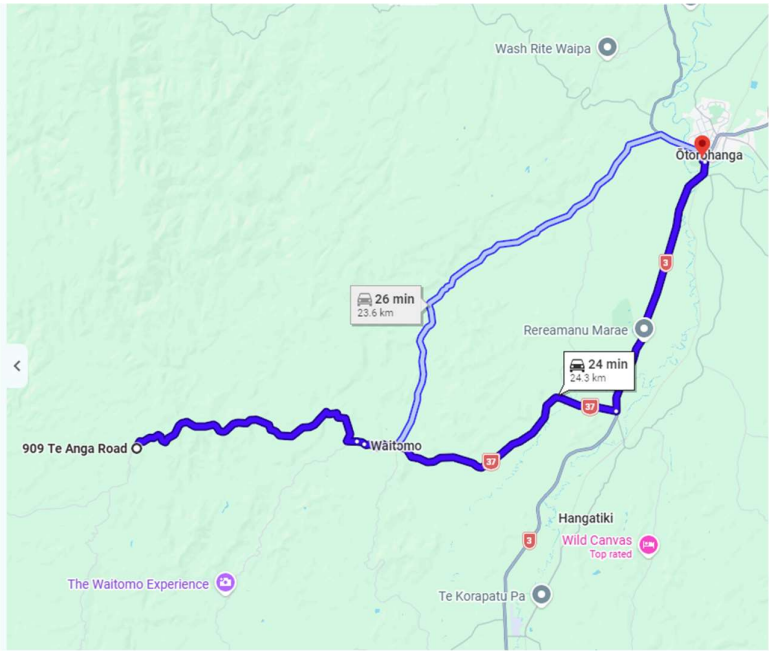
via Te Anga Rd, State Hwy 37 and SH 3

Fastest route

909 Te Anga Road
Waitomo 3988

- Head toward Hauturu Rd — 8.2 km
- At the roundabout, continue straight to stay on Te Anga Rd — 230 m
- Continue onto Waitomo Village Rd — 1.0 km
- Continue onto State Hwy 37 — 7.3 km
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto SH 3 heading to Otorohanga/Hamilton — 7.5 km
- Turn left onto Clarke St — 75 m

4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900



Touring instructions from the end of SS12 to the Lunch Stop

31 min (34.4 km)

via Oparure Rd and SH 3

Fastest route

94 Ngapaenga Road
Pomarangai 3971

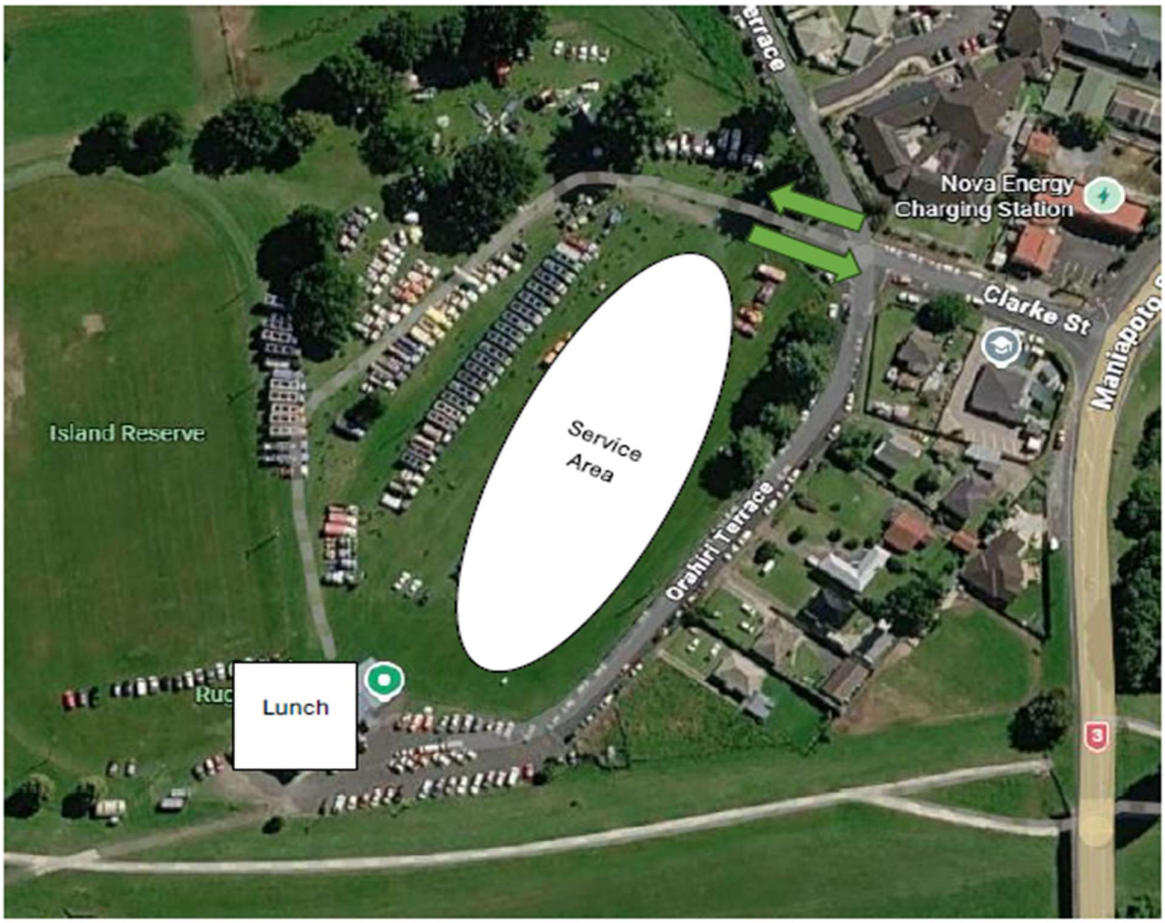
- Head toward Ngapaenga Rd
  99 m
- Turn left onto Mairoa Rd/Ngapaenga Rd
  700 m
- Turn left onto Oparure Rd
  19.0 km
- Turn left onto SH 3
  7.0 km
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on SH 3 heading to Otorohanga/Hamilton
  7.5 km
- Turn left onto Clarke St
  75 m

4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900



Lunch Stop at Island Reserve Otorohanga

Island Reserve Otorohanga



The service is at Island Reserve, located at 4 Clark Street, Otorohanga 3900.

Please follow the directions for the service vehicle into the service area, as this may differ from the rally cars. Large service trucks can service in the Rugby Club car park.

Lunch will be available for collection at the Clubrooms.

The first rally car is due to arrive at 11:50 am. We have allocated a 60 min service stop.

The CRO will be in the Clubrooms.

Touring instructions from Lunch to the end of SS13

46 min (47.6 km)

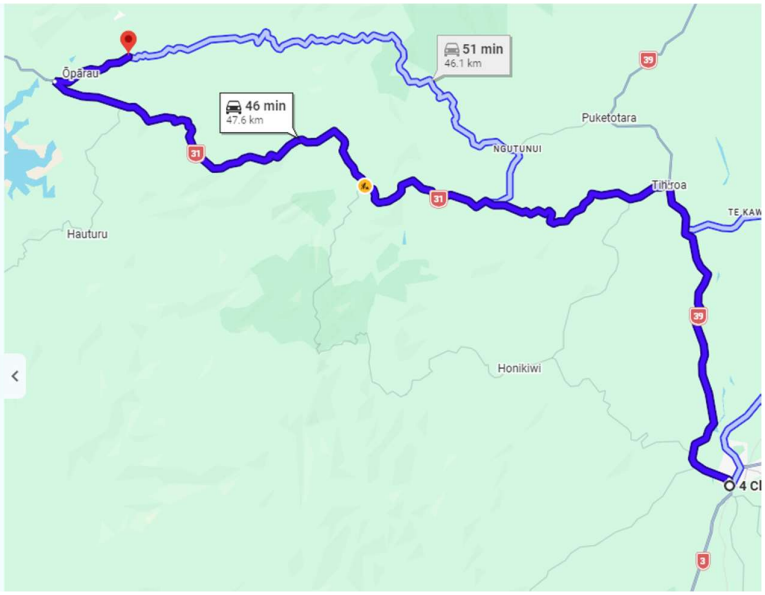
via State Hwy 31/State Hwy 39 and State Hwy 31

Fastest route, the usual traffic

4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900

- Head toward Orahiri Terrace — 3 m
- Turn right onto Orahiri Terrace — 120 m
- Turn right onto Tutunui St — 130 m
- Turn left onto State Hwy 31/State Hwy 39 — 13.3 km
- Turn left onto Kawhia Rd/State Hwy 31 — 30.8 km
- Turn right onto Okupata Rd — 3.2 km

315 Okupata Road
Ōpārau 3885



Touring instructions from the end of SS13 to the end of SS14

17 min (17.0 km)

via Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd and Hauturu Rd

Fastest route

324 Okupata Road
Ōpārau 3885

- Head toward Pirongia W Rd — 3.2 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 31 — 2.8 km
- Turn right onto Harbour Rd/Kawhia Harbour Rd (signs for Kinohaku) — 6.1 km
- Turn left onto Hauturu Rd — 4.8 km

485 Hauturu Road
Hauturu 3886



Touring instructions from the end of SS14 to the end of SS15

Please note this may not be achievable, so you may need to make alternative arrangements.

1 hr 14 min (61.1 km)

via Kawhia Harbour Rd

Fastest route

485 Hauturu Road
Hauturu 3886

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28 min (22.9 km)

909 Te Anga Road
Waitomo 3988



Touring instructions from the end of SS15 to the end of SS16

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42 min (35.7 km)

via Oparure Rd

41 min without traffic

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Waitomo 3988

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94 Ngapaenga Road
Pomarangai 3971



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24 min (24.3 km)

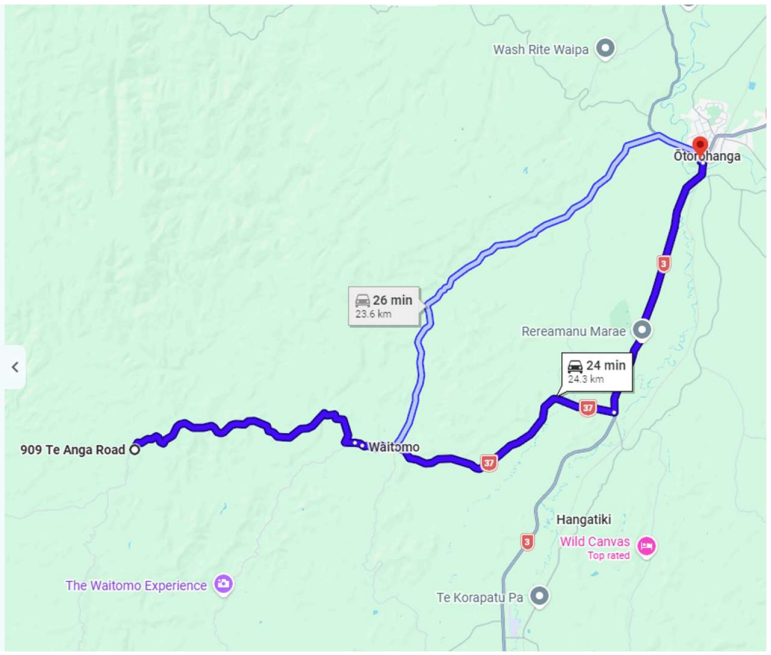
via Te Anga Rd, State Hwy 37 and SH 3

Fastest route

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Waitomo 3988

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  230 m
- Continue onto Waitomo Village Rd
  1.0 km
- Continue onto State Hwy 37
  7.3 km
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto SH 3 heading to Otorohanga/Hamilton
  7.5 km
- Turn left onto Clarke St
  75 m

4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900



Touring instructions from the end of SS16 to the service stop in Otorohanga

31 min (34.4 km)

via Oparure Rd and SH 3

Fastest route

94 Ngapaenga Road
Pomarangai 3971

- Head toward Ngapaenga Rd
  99 m
- Turn left onto Mairoa Rd/Ngapaenga Rd
  700 m
- Turn left onto Oparure Rd
  19.0 km
- Turn left onto SH 3
  7.0 km
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on SH 3 heading to Otorohanga/Hamilton
  7.5 km
- Turn left onto Clarke St
  75 m

4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900



Touring instructions from the end of SS16 to the end of Day 2 service stop in Rotorua

2 hr 20 min (171 km)

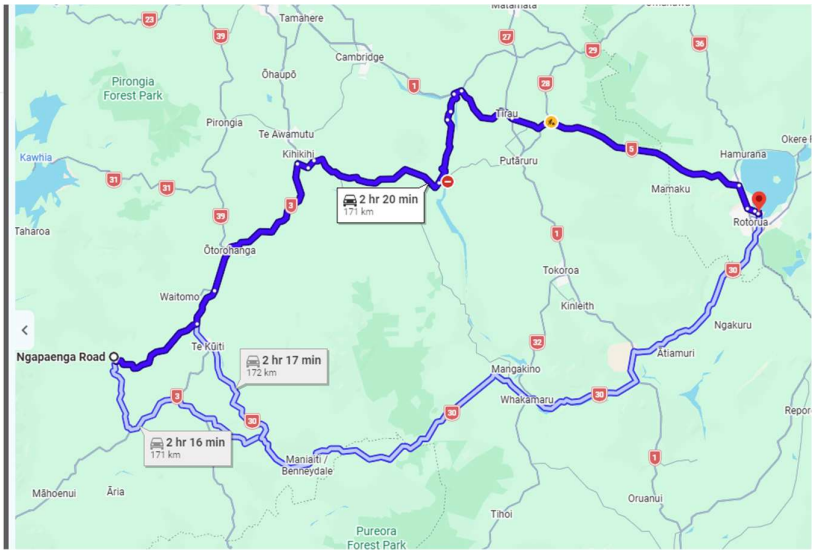
via State Hwy 5

Avoids road closures on Arapuni Rd

94 Ngapaenga Road
Pomarangai 3971

- Follow Oparure Rd to SH 3 in Te Kūiti
  21 min (19.8 km)
- Follow SH 3 to Allen Rd in Kihikihi
  29 min (38.0 km)
- Take Arapuni Rd and Oreipunga Rd to Thermal Explorer Hwy/SH 1 in Karapiro
  39 min (48.6 km)
- Follow SH 1 and State Hwy 5 to Lake Rd in Rotorua
  48 min (62.1 km)
- Continue on Lake Rd. Drive to Whakaue St in Rotorua
  4 min (2.3 km)

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Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010



Touring instructions from Island Reserve to the end of Day 2 service stop in Rotorua

1 hr 51 min (132 km)

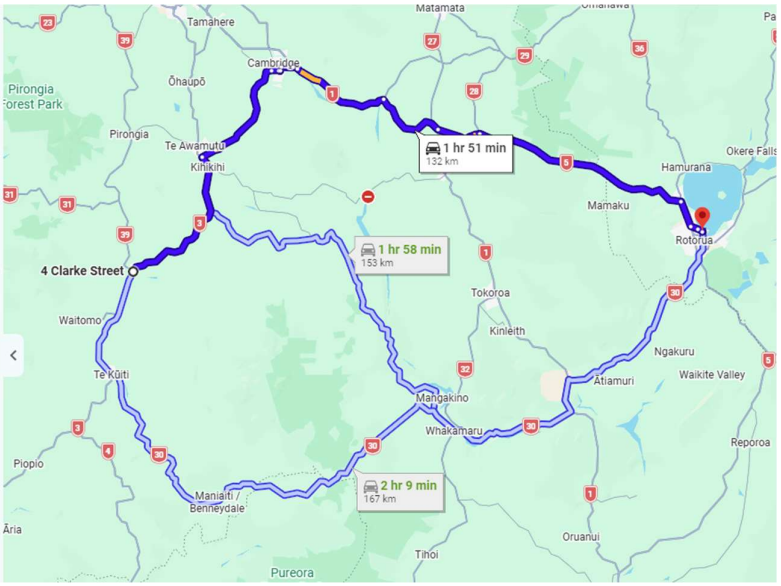
via State Hwy 5

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4 Clarke Street
Ōtorohanga 3900

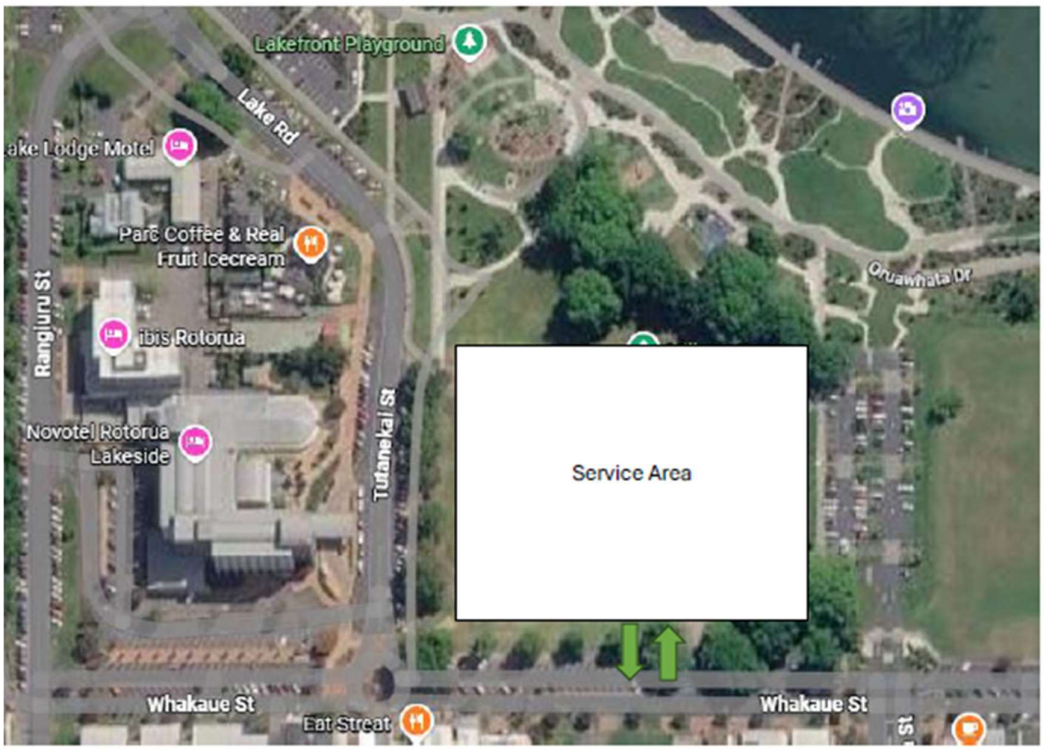
- Head toward SH 3
  14 sec (72 m)
- Turn left onto SH 3
  22 min (27.2 km)
- Get on Thermal Explorer Hwy/SH 1 in Cambridge from Cambridge Rd
  21 min (25.4 km)
- Follow SH 1 and State Hwy 5 to Lake Rd in Rotorua
  58 min (77.0 km)
- Continue on Lake Rd. Drive to Whakaue St in Rotorua
  4 min (2.3 km)

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Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010



End of Day 2 Service Park and Parc Fermé

Rotorua Village Green

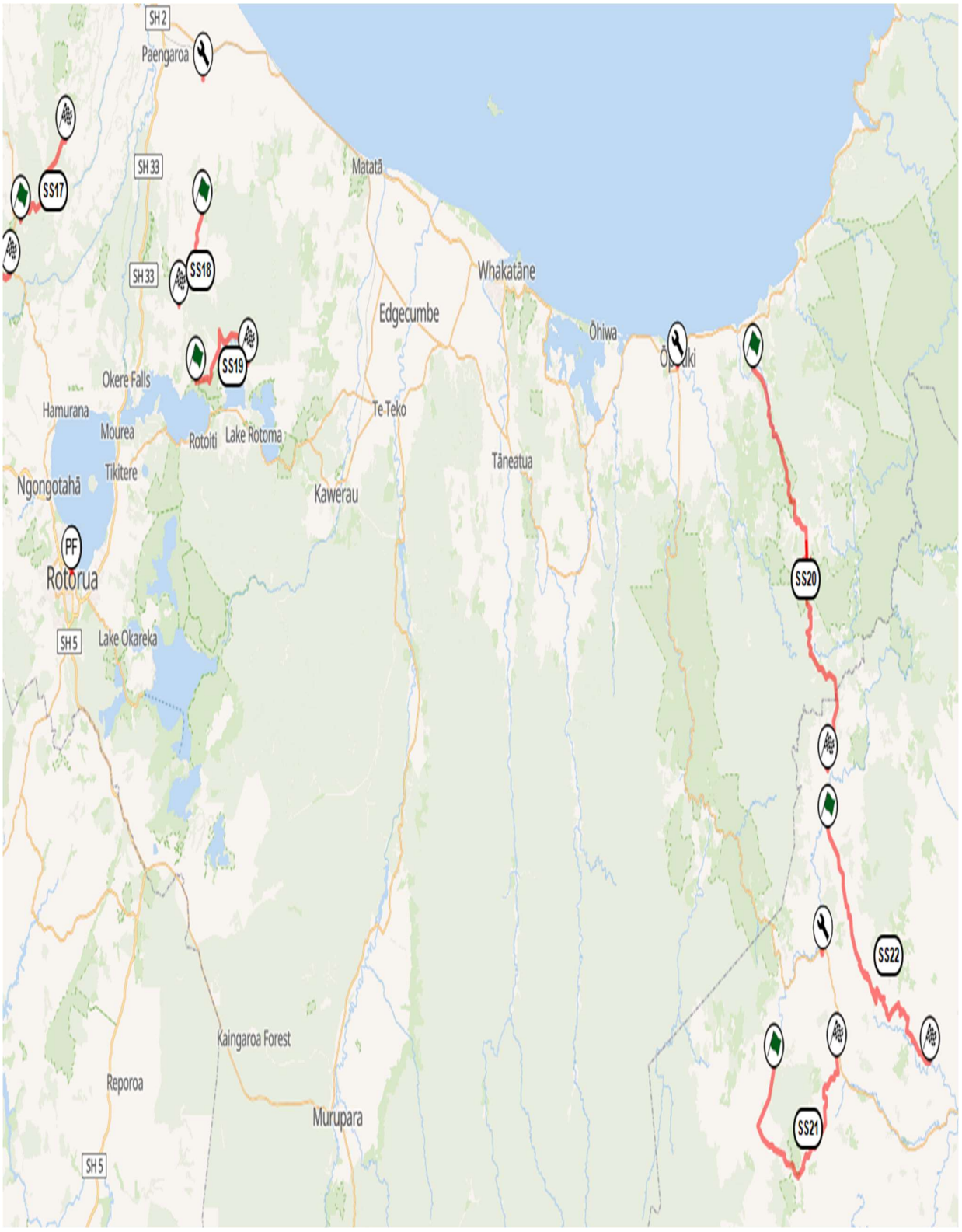


Service and Parc Fermé are the same as Day 1.

There will be a gathering at the Novotel House Bar for drinks and a chat before dinner.

Photos of the day will also be shown.

Leg 3 Stage Maps



Itinerary Leg 3: Monday 30th November 2026

Leg 3 - Monday 30th November 2026									
STAGE	Stage Name		Stage Kms.	Touring Kms.	Total Distance	Average Speed	Target time	First Car Due	
TC 16C	Leg 3 Start		ROTORUA					8:00	SECTION 1
				31.24	31.24	53.55	0:35		
SS 17	MANGATOI ROAD		11.86					8:40	
	SERVICE - PONGAKAWA SCHOOL - 20 min	0:20		43.88	55.74	66.89	1:10		
SS 18	PONGAKAWA BUSH ROAD		9.35					9:55	
				8.52	17.87	53.61	0:20		
SS 19	ROTOEHU ROAD		12.63					10:20	
				102.03	114.66	76.44	1:30		
TC 19A	Lunch - OPOTIKI							11:50	
TC 19B	Service - 70mins	1:10						13:00	
				15.80	15.80	47.40	0:20		SECTION 2
SS 20	MOTU RD		46.85					13:25	
	SERVICE - MATAWAI SCHOOL 50 min	0:50		28.52	75.37	56.53	2:10		
SS 21	TE WERA ROAD		25.51					15:40	
	SERVICE - MATAWAI SCHOOL 15 min	0:15		19.12	44.63	66.95	0:55		
SS 22	WHAKARAU ROAD		31.57					16:40	
TC 22A	Service - 60mins	1:00		42.83	74.40	63.77	1:10	17:50	
TC 22B	PARC FERME		GISBORNE					18:50	
	Totals		137.77	291.94	429.71				

Touring instructions from the start of Day 2 to the service park at Pongakawa School after SS17. Please note there is resident sensitivity immediately after the end of SS17, so please do not service on No. 2 Road.

47 min (55.5 km)

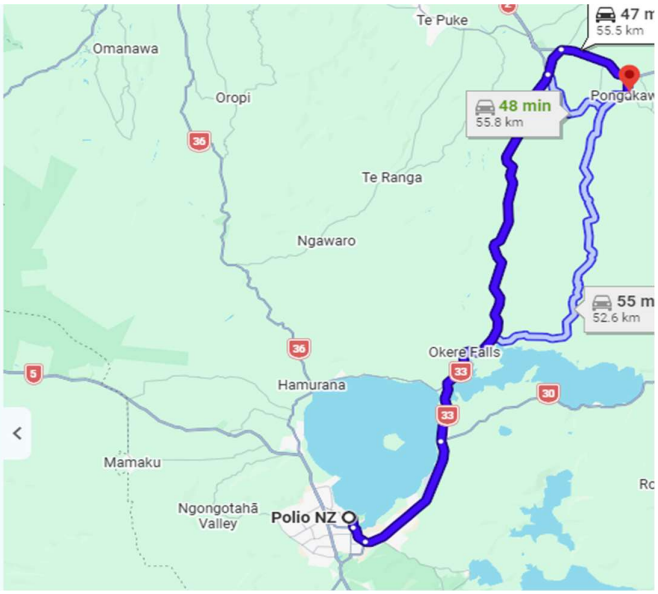
via State Hwy 33

Fastest route, the usual traffic

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Whakaue Street, Rotorua 3010

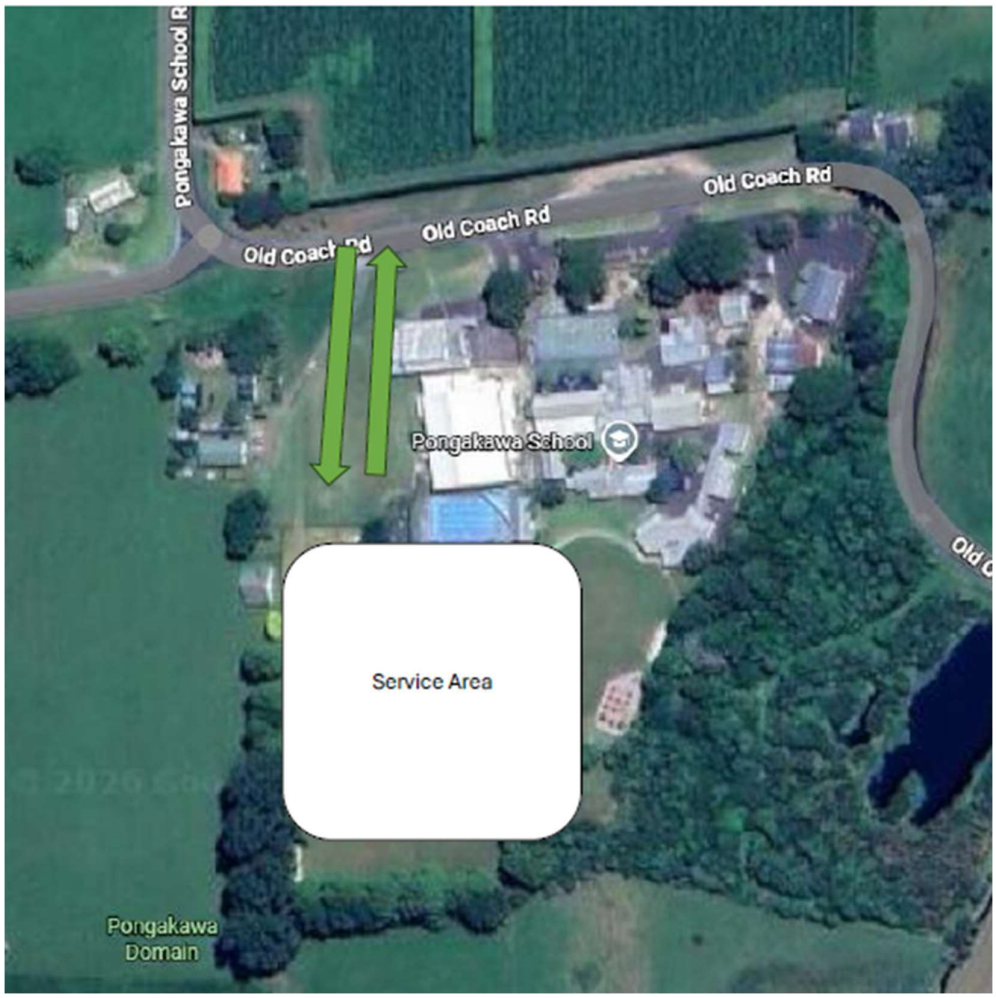
- Take Hinemaru St to State Hwy 30A
  2 min (1.1 km)
- Take State Hwy 30 and State Hwy 33 to Pongakawa School Rd in Pongakawa
  44 min (52.9 km)
- Follow Pongakawa School Rd to Old Coach Rd
  1 min (1.5 km)

Pongakawa Hall
952 Old Coach Road, Pongakawa 3186



Pongakawa School Service Park

Pongakawa School Service



There is a dedicated service park at the Pongakawa School to support the local community who are marshalling the next two stages for the event. There will be refreshments available at the school, so please try to support them.
Again, there is room in front of the school for bigger service trucks

Touring instructions from Pongakawa School to the end of SS18. Please follow this route as alternatives may take you via closed roads.

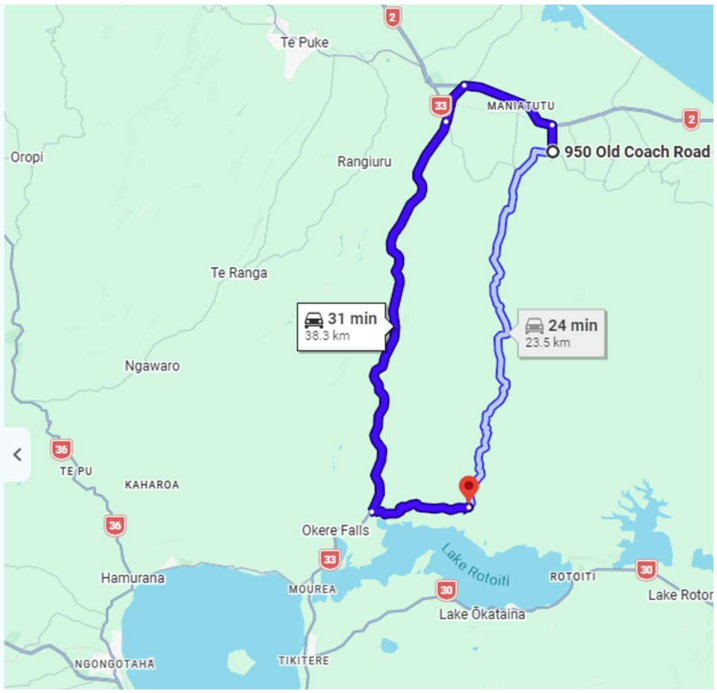
31 min (38.3 km)

via State Hwy 33

950 Old Coach Road
Pongakawa 3186

- Follow Pongakawa School Rd to Te Puke E Rd/ State Hwy 2
  1 min (1.5 km)
- Turn left onto Te Puke E Rd/State Hwy 2 (signs for Tauranga/State Highway 2)
  Continue to follow State Hwy 2
  4 min (5.3 km)
- Follow Wilson Rd S to State Hwy 33
  3 min (2.3 km)
- Turn left onto State Hwy 33 (signs for Rotorua)
  16 min (23.3 km)
- Follow Maniatutu Rd to Rotoehu Rd
  7 min (6.0 km)

Rotoehu Road
Okere Falls 3074



Touring instructions from the end of SS18 to the end of SS19. Please follow this route as alternatives may take you via closed roads.

40 min (43.0 km)

via State Hwy 30
39 min without traffic

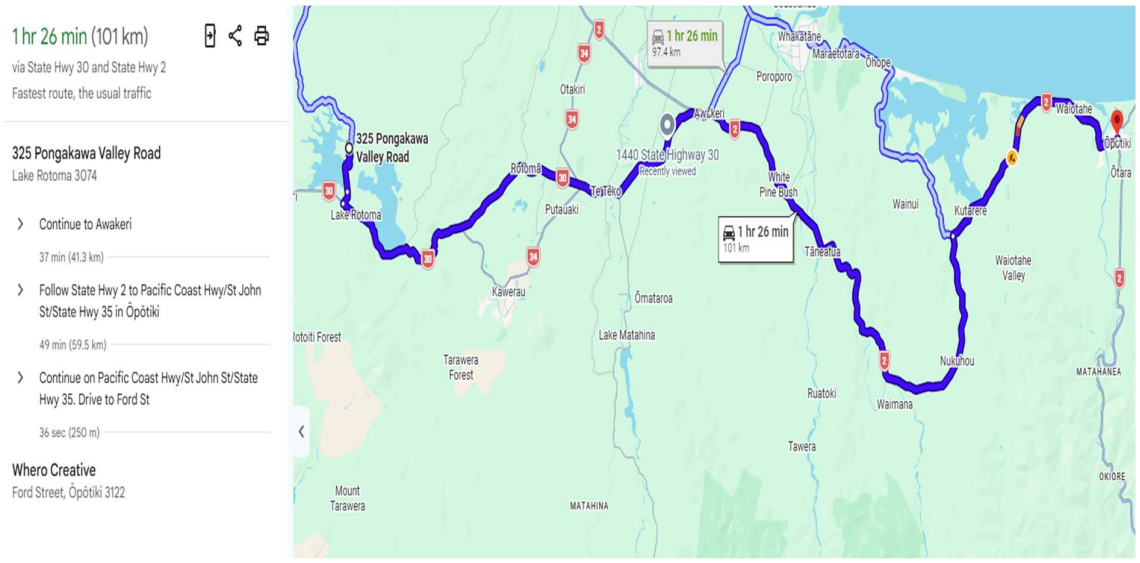
Maniatutu Road
Okere Falls 3074

- Head toward Roadway
  6.0 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 33
  10.2 km
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto State Hwy 30
  22.7 km
- Turn left onto Manawahe Rd
  850 m
- Continue straight onto Pongakawa Valley Rd
  3.3 km

325 Pongakawa Valley Road
Lake Rotoma 3074



Touring instructions from the end of SS19 to the lunch stop at the Opotiki Primary School



Please note that the drive to the lunch stop is long, and roadworks along the route may add time to your tour.

Lunch Stop at Opotiki Primary School

Opotiki Primary School Lunch Stop



The service is at the Opotiki Primary School. Entry is via the Ford Street entrance.

Please follow the directions for the service vehicle into the service area.

Lunch will be available for collection at the school, along with signs to the toilets.

The first rally car is due to arrive at 11:50 am. We have allocated a 60 min service stop.

The CRO will be in the service park.

Touring from Lunch Service to end of SS 20

1 hr 18 min (85.1 km)

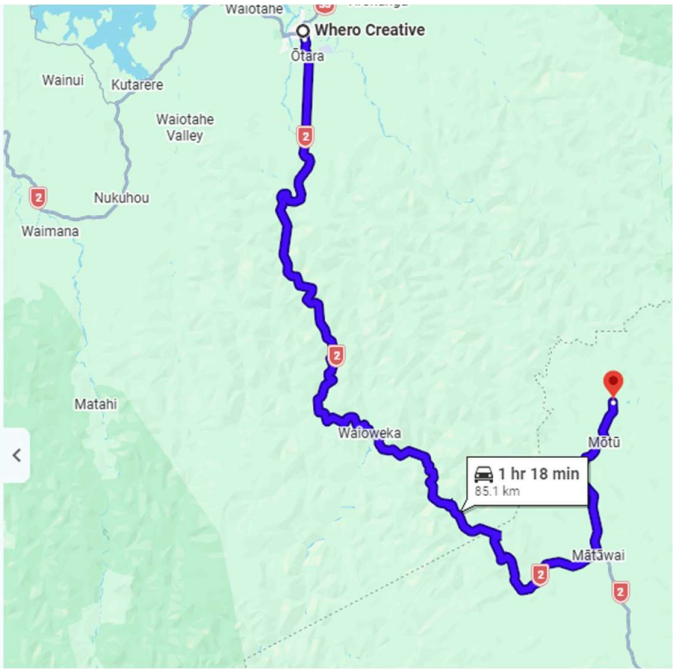
via State Hwy 2

Fastest route, the usual traffic

Whero Creative
Ford Street, Ōpōtiki 3122

- Head toward St John St — 35 m
- Turn right onto St John St — 700 m
- Continue onto State Hwy 2 — 71.2 km
- Turn left onto Motu Rd — 13.2 km
- Keep left to stay on Motu Rd — 25 m

6 Motu Falls Road
Mōtū 4052



Alternative Touring from Lunch Service to Matawai School

1 hr 3 min (72.1 km)

via State Hwy 2

Fastest route, the usual traffic

Whero Creative
Ford Street, Ōpōtiki 3122

- Head toward St John St — 28 m
- Turn right onto St John St — 700 m
- Continue onto State Hwy 2 — 71.3 km
- Turn right onto Raumati St — 160 m

Matawai Fire Station
Raumati Street, Mātāwai 4075



This is a central service park for two services the first is for after SS20 and the second is for after SS21. There is room for the bigger service trucks on the roadsides around town and in the school car park

Matawai School Service Areas

Matawai School Service



Touring from Matawai School service to the end of SS22

31 min (36.9 km)

via State Hwy 2

Fastest route, the usual traffic

Matawai Fire Station
Raumati Street, Mātāwai 4075

Head toward State Hwy 2

160 m

Turn right onto State Hwy 2

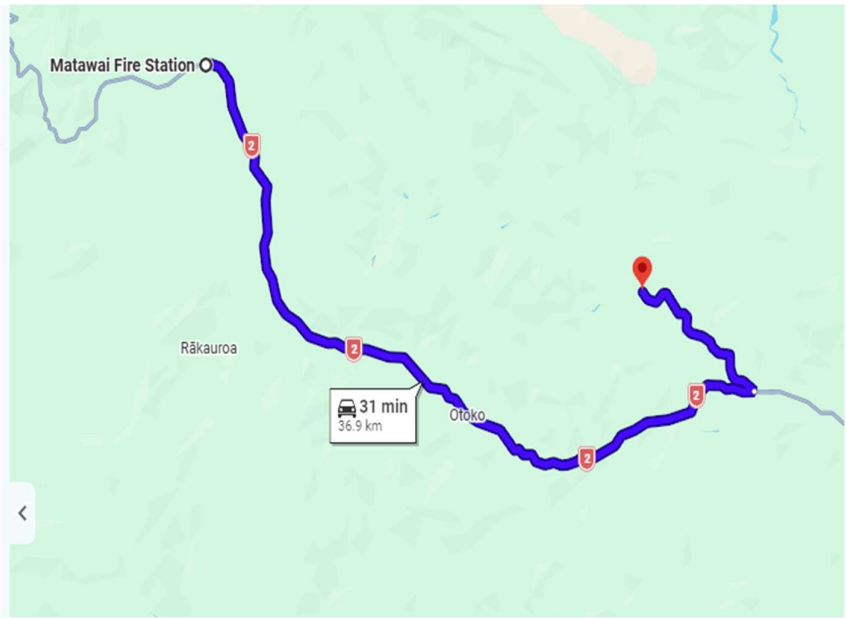
30.2 km

Turn left onto Whakarau Rd

Destination will be on the right

6.5 km

637 Whakarau Road
Otoko 4092



Touring from the end of SS22 to the end of Day 3 Service at the A&P Showgrounds

33 min (42.2 km)

via State Hwy 2

Fastest route, the usual traffic

637 Whakarau Road
Otoko 4092

- Head southeast on Whakarau Rd
  6.5 km
- Turn left onto State Hwy 2
  34.5 km
- Turn left onto Main Rd/Pacific Coast Hwy (signs for Gisborne/Te Araroa)
  1.2 km

23 Main Road
Makaraka, Gisborne 4010



End of Day 3 Service, car wash and Parc Fermé

Showgrounds Park Gisborne



There will be a gathering at the Wharf Bar for drinks and a chat before dinner. They are opening especially to cater for us as there are very few options open on a Monday night in Gisborne, so please try to support them. Photos of the day will also be shown. Directions to the Wharf Bar & Grill, 60 The Esplanade, Inner Kaiti, 4010, are shown below.

10 min (5.1 km)

via Gladstone Rd/Pacific Coast Hwy and Pacific Coast Hwy

Fastest route, lighter traffic than usual

Showgrounds Park & Event Centre
Gisborne Showgrounds 20 Main Road, Makaraka, Gisborne 4010

- Head east — 64 m
- Turn left toward Main Rd/Pacific Coast Hwy — 180 m
- Turn right onto Main Rd/Pacific Coast Hwy — 4.9 km
- Turn right onto Esplanade — Destination will be on the right — 19 m

Wharf Bar & Grill
60 The Esplanade, Inner Kaiti, Gisborne 4010

