

**A** Auckland  
Airport

## Collect VEHICLES, TRAILERS, PEOPLE, LUGGAGE, BIKES

Early Arrivals accommodate yourself; we request your attendance International YHA by 6pm Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> with your bikes. Bicycle hire if using Natural High is at the Airport precinct. Airport Pickups are not guaranteed but we try – often it simply is too many flights. We will be hiring Natural High trailers. Airport shuttles do go to International YHA. Having a minibus available early on Saturday will greatly assist all.

### ACTIVITY 1

Maybe we will have enough time to **RIDE**  
**THE PINK Lightpath** and the CBD Ring Shared Path ▼



**STAY 1**

**STAY at AUCKLAND  
INTERNATIONAL**

**YHA**

**5 Turner St  
Auckland**



DAY 2 SUN FEB 23rd 2020

4 Hour Morning Drive departing at 7:30

We cross the harbour bridge, morning tea Whangarei, it is  
**276km** from Auckland to Paihia

ACTIVITY 2



**Choices:** (questions we ask each evening)

1. Riding 26km to Waitangi Treaty grounds & Haruru falls (not flat & some unsealed)?
2. Ferry to Russell?
3. Afternoon cruise (\$100) bay of islands?
4. Stay put: Go for a swim? or a walk? Hire a kayak, go paddle? Chill out with a Gin & Tonic?

**TIP:** *When you need an excuse not to ride because you're tired and won't admit it - we always need drivers, so you just simply claim your turn to drive 😊*

[Paihia Video 1](#)

[Paihia Video 2](#)

[Paihia Video 3](#)



**DAY 3 MON FEB 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**BIG DAY depart 7am, 215km 3 hr drive to Cape Reinga. ETA 10am Cape Reinga**

This day is going to be very Wind, Weather, Tide dependant. We can predict the tide will be ebb at 4pm so beach ride is between 1.30 pm and 6.30pm. Sounds good if the wind is Westerly or better still from the Northern quarter, but a strong Southerly headwind will be unpleasant out on the exposed beach. We could reverse the ride if a southerly and ride south to north but that will get us very late home at about 9.30pm all do-able but heavy rain is not desirable whatever the wind comes from.

**BE A TOURIST AND WALK or ▶**

**ACTIVITY 3**

**BIG Bike Ride we start off riding in Te Paki stream and finish 70km later at W Coast Rd.**



Five hours on mostly rock-hard sand but tide is a factor (4pm ebb tide means we have from 1.30 to 6.30pm)

[\*\*90 Mile Beach Video 1\*\*](#)

[\*\*90 Mile Beach Video 2\*\*](#)

[\*\*90 Mile Beach Video 3\*\*](#)

**STAY 3**

**PAIHIA TOP 10 second night**



DAY 4 TUE FEB 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ACTIVITY 4

Ride the [Twin Coast Trail](#) Stage 1: 45km Opua-Kaikohe

One group drives with Trailer to Kaikohe and rides back to Paihia

The other group rides to Kaikohe loads the trailer and drives back to Paihia

Heros can do the 90 km out and back if so desired – its downhill on the way back.

[Twin Coast Trail Videos below](#)



DAY 5 WED FEB 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ACTIVITY 5

Ride the [Twin Coast Trail](#) Stage 2:

42km Kaikohe-Horeke We drive to Kaikohe and ride downhill to [Horeke Tavern](#). Probably have lunch and refreshments at the idyllic Tavern. Then load bikes & drive 75km to Kauri Coast Top 10.



[Twin Coast Video 1](#)

[Twin Coast Video 2](#)

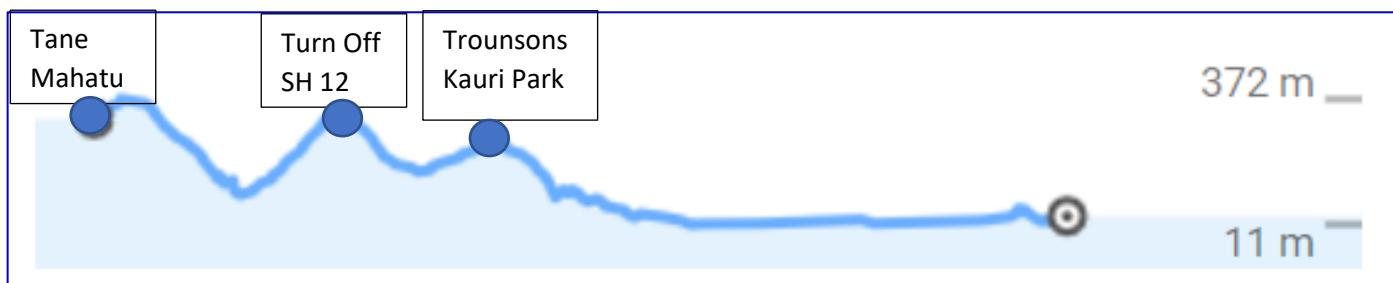
[Twin Coast Video 3](#)

[Twin Coast Video 4](#)



**ACTIVITY 6**

We drive back 1 hour 50km from Kauri Coast Top 10 to Omapere to view the Hokianga Harbour. Then we drive 20km 20min to Tane Mahatu the worlds largest Kauri Tree 2000 years old. We could release the riders at Tane Mahatu to ride 65km to Dargaville but the ride is mostly on SH 12. The first 17km winding down then up through Waipoua Forest sealed but narrow shoulder and impatient tourist traffic. We turn off the winding state highway onto Katui Rd and Trounsons Park Rd for 8kms reaching the Trounson Kauri Park. Trounson's would be a good start point for riders as it avoids the traffic and is 'mostly' downhill 40km to Dargaville



**VIDEO TROUNSON KAURI PARK**



Dargaville Holiday Park



Stay 1 night ☺

We drive 40km to the Clarks Bay intersection, Ride [Missing Link Trail](#) 30km to Pouto Point. A boat trip \$50ea

across Kaipara Harbour from Pouto to Parakai, pre 1.30pm, for tides. All on board at Parakai, drive 37km to Lincoln Rd intersection with North-western Motorway then all riders use the 15km cycleway Auckland by 6pm - total ride 45km

Note: the Ferry is \$500 – so, minimum 10 riders for \$50 each the boat ride is 40km across the Beautiful [Kaipara Harbour](#)

Non-riders get to be tourists – depending on numbers you could go straight to Auckland for the whole afternoon or soak at Parakai Hot pools. We return bikes and trailers late Afternoon to Natural High Auckland Airport.



SOME STAY  
HERE 7

[International YHA](#) others

Flight to Christchurch

[Try Juicy Pods](#)



**We need 6 Drivers (up to 10) to fly Friday Night to Christchurch. We hire a room of 8 [Juicy Pods](#) to overnight in (A little fun). The rest have a leisurely night in Auckland and a direct flight to Queenstown on Saturday**

**Friday or Saturday Flights?**



Friday. 28

we arrive back in Auckland

Friday evening

Some of us will need to fly to Christchurch Friday evening to get bikes and trailers for Queenstown.

Saturday. 29

Drive Christchurch to Queenstown 3 Vehicles plus Trailers and Bikes

We return the bikes and trailers Friday Late afternoon to Natural High.

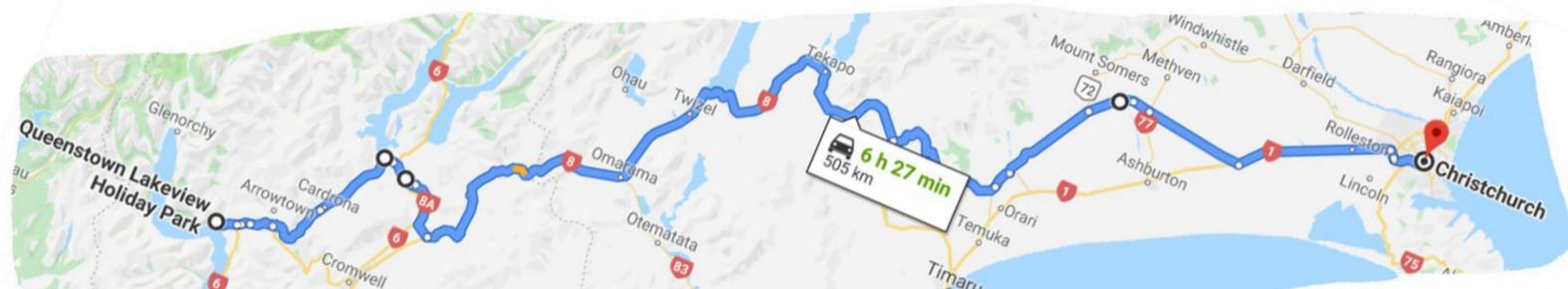
Do you want to fly direct to Queenstown? If so stay a night in YHA Auckland then fly Saturday.

**ACTIVITY 8**

1 You stayed at Auckland international YHA Friday night and you are flying to Queenstown some time during Saturday. **Play in Auckland or take the early flight and play Queenstown.**



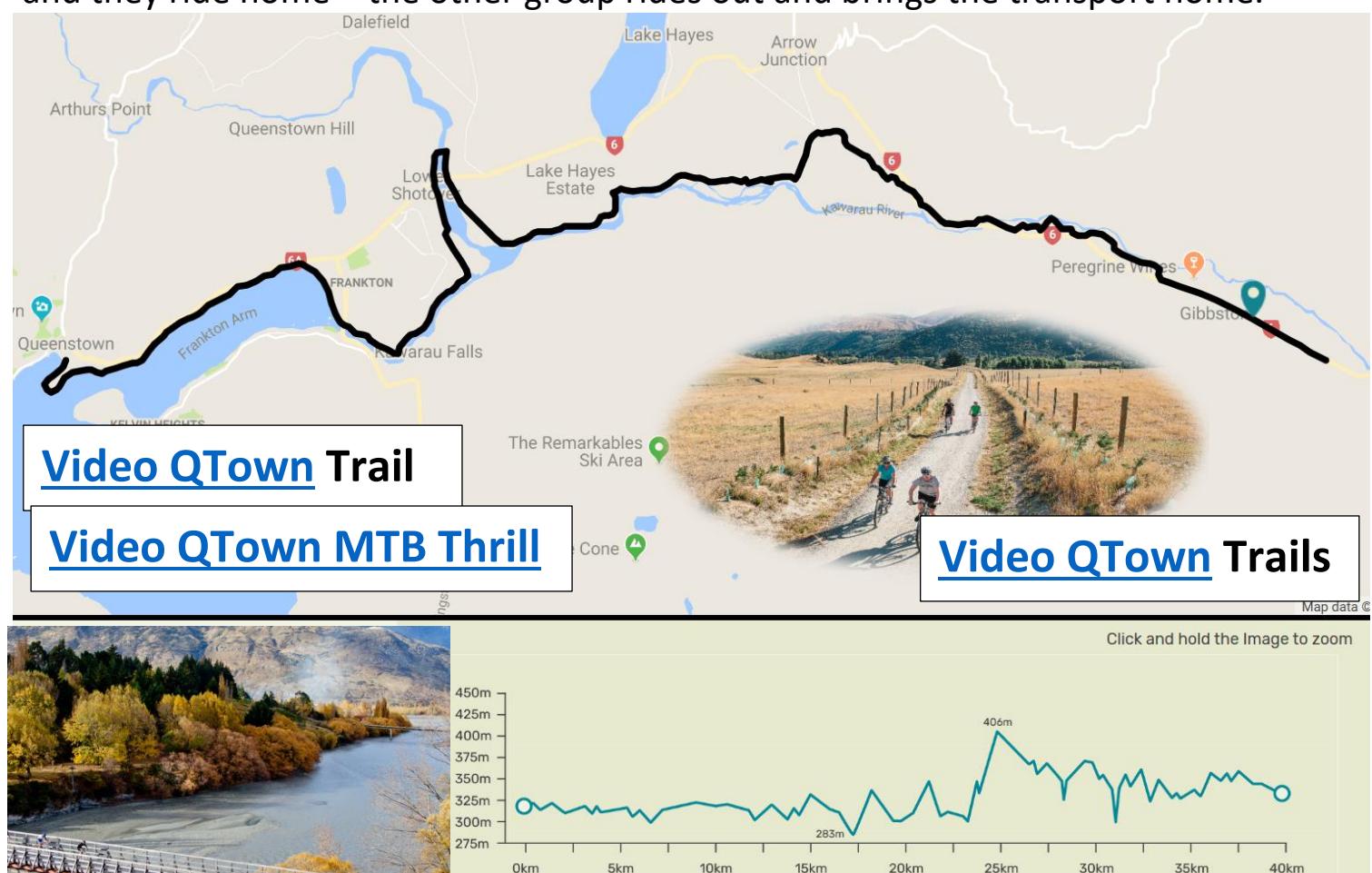
2 You have travelled to Christchurch Friday evening and stayed with friends/relatives or 8 of us take a room of Jucy Pods. Cos we can 😊 As early as we can we collect our minibuses, Trailer and all bicycles we will head for **Queenstown by road 505Km 6½ hours** journey sharing the drive. We will be swapping drivers at Geraldine and Omarama. Starting 8-9am should see us in Queenstown 3-4pm or if we play on the way maybe 5-6pm, sunset is 8.30pm.



**DAY 9 SUN MAR 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**ACTIVITY 9**

Ride Queenstown Trails to Gibston one way **40km** enthusiasts can return i.e. **80km**. The concept is we drive one group out to Gibston and they ride home – the other group rides out and brings the transport home.



DAY 10 MON MAR 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

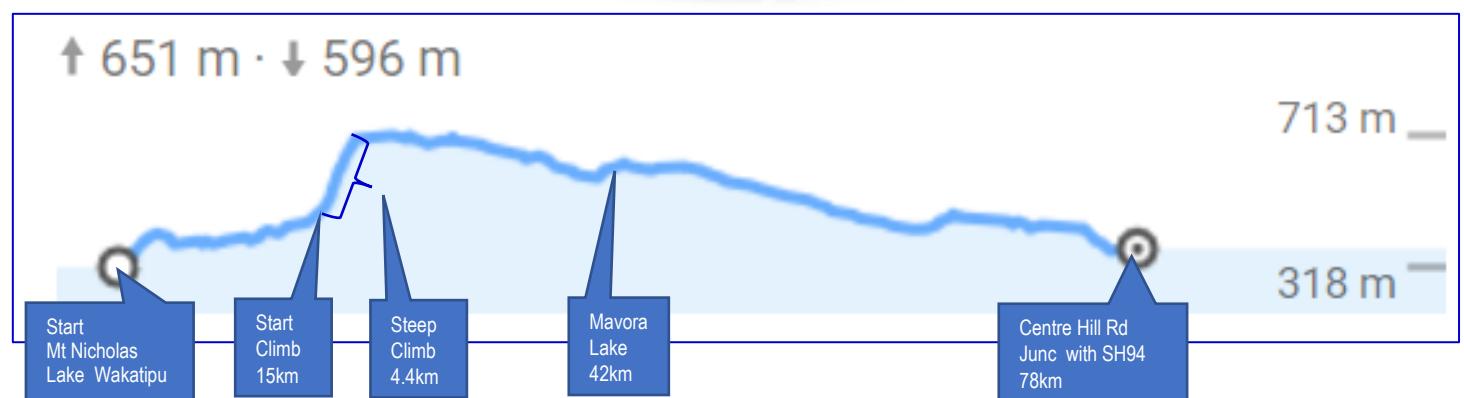
**ACTIVITY 10**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Cruise to Mt Nicholas for some to ride [Around the Mountains](#) up 42km to Mavora then 36km to Mossburn total **78km**. Then transfer for overnight at Te Anau. We need a group of walkers/riders to drive round to Lake Mavora at the top of the Trail climb – beautiful lake walk or ride down.



[VIDEO 1](#)

[VIDEO 2](#)



**DAY 11 TUE MAR 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

6am start drive to Homer Tunnel; ride through and down 18km to Milford, Lights are critical (no light no ride). We return in minibuses to the Divide and optionally ride downhill sealed road 85km to Te Anau

[\*\*VIDEO DOWNHILL\*\*](#)

**ACTIVITY 11**



↑ 744 m · ↓ 436 m

The Divide ▾

525 m

▼ Te Anau

216 m

**STAY 11**

[\*\*TE ANAU LAKEVIEW KIWI  
HOLIDAY PARK\*\*](#) second night



DAY 12 WED MAR 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ACTIVITY 12

Drive to Mossburn ride the second half of  
Around the Mountains 67km to Kingston. Pickup and drive to Clyde



ACTIVITY 13



[VIDEO 1 Roxburgh](#)

[VIDEO Roxburgh Gorge](#)



WE start with a ride on the 150th Anniversary River Track This Central Otago ride follows the Clutha River on the true right bank between Clyde and Alexandra. It is 12km very picturesque and will take 1 hour to complete. The track stays within 20 meters of the river and in the shade of willow trees. A great bike ride that can be taken as a 25km loop returning on the start of the Otago rail trail on the left bank. This ride we need one driver to go take the people mover forward to Clutha Gold Cottages this is needed to ferry back to Clyde 46km to pick up the minibuses. The ride is an easy **12km** down to the trail start at Alexandra's Blue Bridge then **10km** easy ride to Doctors Point we get on board a jet boat for 13km ride to Shingle Creek and **11km** later we cross the Roxburgh Hydro Dam then a further **8km** on the Clutha Gold Trail. We left turn at Roxburgh East Rd to the Accommodation

STAY 13

<https://www.cluthagoldcottages.co.nz/>



**DAY 14 FRI MAR 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

You get up eat breakfast the start riding 1km back to the Clutha River on Roxburgh East Rd to re-join the Clutha Gold Trail. We ride 65km to Lawrence at the end of the trail with a break at Beaumont 42km down the trail.



AFTER the Clutha Gold Trail we do have a long drive from Lawrence to Queenstown it is 187km will take 3 hours singing or sleeping all the way.



DAY 15 SAT MAR 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## ACTIVITY 15



Last Ride:  
We Dive up to Crown Range  
Summit then ride 12km  
Downhill to Arrowtown.  
Play in Arrowtown then  
meander around Lake  
Hayes 32km to  
Queenstown. Evening  
Awards night Dinner



STAY 15

Last Night

Welcome to Queenstown Lakeview Holiday Park

The Original and Most Centrally Located Holiday Park In Queenstown

Scroll down to see what we can offer you.

DAY 15 SUN MAR 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Final DECISIONS!

We need 6 Drivers (maybe all of you) to drive Sunday to Christchurch to return trailers, bikes and vehicles.

This may suit those who would like to stay on and enjoy more of New Zealand or perhaps fly out on Monday from Christchurch. The rest of you can have a leisurely direct flight from Queenstown on Sunday. Queenstown to Christchurch is **485Km 6 hour** scenic journey sharing the drive. Swapping drivers at Omarama and Geraldine. Starting 8-9am should see us in Christchurch 3-4pm

