

Waikato River Tracks – Taupō

These tracks are all two way and are especially busy during the school holidays and long weekends. Please ride with care and watch out for other users.

Grade 2 (G2) - Beginner to Easy

Mostly flat with some gentle climbs on smooth track with easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks and potholes.

Rotary Ride

Length: Spa Park car park to Eastern Bypass heading north to Huka Falls 4.41km
Eastern Bypass to Spa Park car park heading south to Spa Park 5.16km

Direction: Two way

This is Bike Taupō's first track and it's the key to all the track system by getting you between Taupō and Huka Falls then into Craters MTB Park. Starts at the car park in Spa Park which is at the end of County Avenue (there is a pump track off County Ave on your right). Rotary Ride is a very a cool track to ride which splits in a number of places to a one way single track. A great ride from town after work in winter or summer.

Eastern Bypass Track

Length: 0.31km Direction: Two way

This short, pretty, native single track takes you to the start of both the Aratiatia Track and Rotary Ride. It allows riders to bypass all the people at Huka Falls and the Huka Falls walkway. Please walk Huka Falls Bridge if there are sightseers on it, Cheers.

Aratiatia Track - True Right

Length: Huka Falls to Aratiatia car park 7.2km Direction: Two way
Huka Falls to Aratiatia gate 6.9km
Spa Park to Aratiatia car park 11.3km

A DOC shared track two way track that follows the true right of Aratiatia dam (Waikato River), give way to walkers please. A mixture of terrain and vegetation with some lovely lookouts with views of Huka Falls and the Waikato River. Time your ride to see the Aratiatia Dam release which is worth a look. 10am, noon, 2pm and 4pm (summer only).

Aratiatia - True Left (no sign)

Length: Gate to gate 3.02km Direction: Two way

Track follows an old gravel road.

If you're heading south it's a cruisey uphill and if you're heading north it's a pleasant downhill. From the Aratiatia car park head left across the Aratiatia Dam Bridge then left again although a squeeze which is a tad tight. This is the start of the southern end of the track (340m).

From the north, follow the road past Contact Energy Wairakei Power Station onto a gravel road. There is a locked gate which you need to get yourself and bike through.

Contact Lookout Track (no sign)

Length: 1.84km Direction: Two way

It's a link track built for the Contact Huka Challenge and allows you to travel between Aratiatia True Left and Wairakei Tourist Track. Another two way track and more fun than the road, a cool lookout with an info board about Contact Energy Ltd - Wairakei Power Station.

Red Bridge (no sign)

Length: 1.25km Direction: Two way

A short cut that takes you from Aratiatia track across the Red Bridge of the ETA and then up the true Left of the Mighty Waikato to Ferguson's or Te Totara Gully track.

Wairakei Tourist Track

Length: 1.41km to Karetoto Road Direction: Two way
0.56km Karetoto to Ferguson's

The southern track entrance is just south of the steam bridge off Wairakei Drive. If entering from the north start at Te Totara Gut sign and head along the track beside Karetoto Road.

Redwoods

Length: To Huka Falls Road entrance 1.85km Direction: Two way

A fun ride in a stand of redwoods and native vegetation, it can be spooky through the Redwoods in the evening. Links you to Kev's Track/Western Bypass to Huka Falls or Craters MTB Park. You can also enter off Wairakei Drive on Rural Delivery and Huka Falls Road.

Rural Delivery (no sign)

Length: 2.94km Direction: Two way

Links from Redwoods track to Wairakei Drive then along the grass single track to Control Gates Bridge.

Acid Drop (no sign)

Length: 0.22kms of single track or 0.5kms to the North side of the Control Gate Bridge

Direction: Two way

Links off Rural Delivery on Control Gate hill a short sharp fun downhill, watch out for blackberry.

Western Bypass

Length: 0.28km Direction: Two way

Located on the western side of Huka Falls car park and links the end of Kev's Track to Huka Falls car park. It's a single track in very pretty native bush.

Café Track (no sign)

Length: 0.95km Direction: Two way

Named after the Heli Café, this track links Huka Falls car park to Heli Café. The track zig zags in native bush and pine uphill from Huka Falls and therefore, a mostly downhill from the Cafe. It is located on DOC land, give way to other users.

Riverside track (no sign)

Length:	To Cherry Island car park	1.03km
	From Cherry Island car park to Bungee	0.52km
	Total length	1.55km

From Taupō end (southern) of Control Gate Bridge turn left and follow the track on the true right of the Waikato River, past the sewage plant and down to Cherry Island car park. From here head across the car park (a great view of the Taupō bungee and big swing from here) head along the track for approx 60m then head up the hill on you right no track here sorry and it's an honest climb to link back onto the formed track and up to Taupō Bungee.

Day/Night Extension Mark I

Length:	1.40km	Direction:	One way
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This track was sponsored by Murray Fleming of Event Promotions to be ridden by all and is part of the Jamis Day Night Thriller track held here in September 2013. A fun undulating track, pops you out behind the Spa Hotel. Area logged in 2013.

Day/Night Extension Mark II

Length	0.26km	Direction:	One way
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This is a short fun downhill, links off the Day/Night extension Mark I (Approx 0.849km long track) and pops you out at the Rotary Bridge at Spa Park.

Grade 3 (G3) – Intermediate

Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure of the tracks outside edge.

Te Totara Gut

Length:	0.5km	Direction:	Two way
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Entry is off the Tunnel track or Te Totara Gully rack. It's a very pretty, native bush single track beside a stream and is undulating with some sharp climbs and descents. This is a DOC track.

Te Totara Gully

Length:	1.59km	Direction:	Two way
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Entry is off the Café Track or Ferguson's and it's a true blue single track in native bush. It has short sharp climbs and descents (challenging when wet) and runs beside the Mighty Waikato River. This is a DOC track.

Ferguson's

Length:	0.50km	Direction:	Two way
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A cool track through native bush links from Karetoto Road to Te Totara Gully Track and Red Bridge Track. It's downhill from Karetoto Road and an honest climb from Te Totara Gully/Red Bridge intersection.

Loop

1. Aratiatia Loop from Spa Park (County drive) on to Rotary Ride/Aratiatia track/Aratiatia Dam across bridge turn left on to True Left Aratiatia Track/past entrance to Contact Lookout track/Steam Bridge turn left/ Wairakei Tourist track/ head up to Karatoto Road past Volcanic Centre/ Fergusons / Te Totara Gully/Café Track/Huka Falls/Western Bypass/Kev's/Redwoods/Rural Delivery/Acid Drop/Bungy Track/Spa Park