

2014 OTB Tour de Massif Central (Ile du Nord)

Greetings

This year we are planning to run the 8th tour around the central North Island, again over 4 days. The Tour will be based in Ohakune and cover around 400km in total. The proposed rides schedule is set out below.

The tour dates are: **Friday 17th - Monday 20th October**

Accommodation

We are currently holding 40 beds at the Powderhorn Chateau, Ohakune
www.powderhorn.co.nz

Cost Indication

Budget cost for the weekend including accommodation, all main meals and a support vehicle(s) is estimated at this stage to be around \$600 per person. It is assumed you will get yourselves to/from Ohakune.

The peloton will be followed by a support vehicle and will have a few seats available if necessary.

Registration

We are now seeking serious registration of interest by 9 May to gauge numbers and advance the planning and preparation of final costs.

We will then advise the final cost and seek commitment with a non-refundable \$200 deposit towards the end of June in order to secure accommodation bookings.

Be in early with your registration as there will likely be restrictions on total numbers to manage the logistics. In the event we have to scale back numbers preference will be given to riders who are regular Sunday riders, have purchased the OTB cycling gear and have been a regular supporter of previous tours.

Please confirm your interest by email to: fandj@ihug.co.nz
Include your full name, land-line & mobile phone numbers, please advise what group you ride with on Sundays, i.e., group 1, 2, or 3.

Draft Ride Itinerary

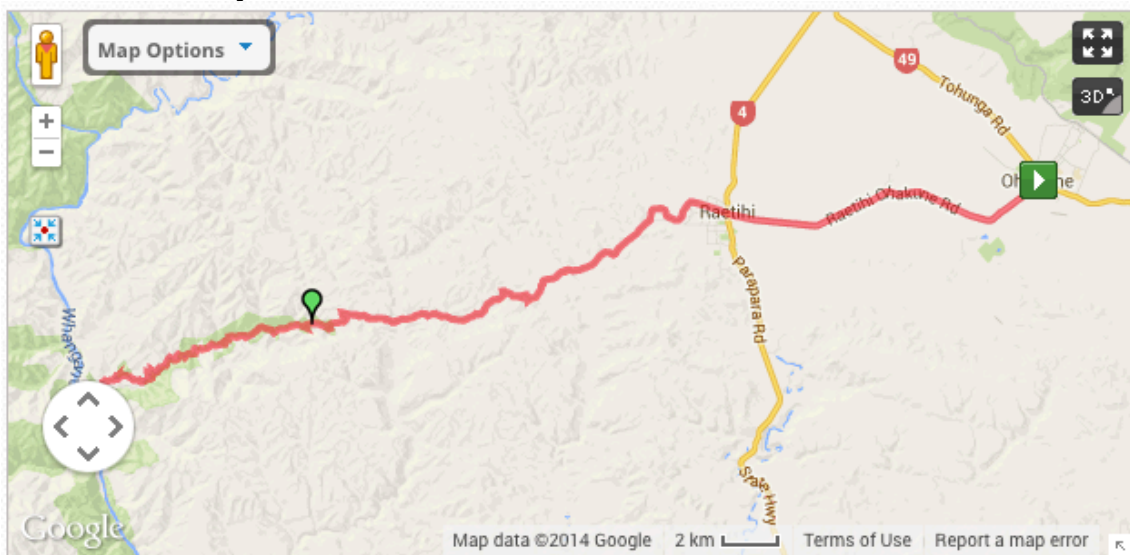
Day 1 Friday 17th

Drive Wellington to Ohakune ~4hr with break be in Ohakune around noon
fed and ready to ride early afternoon

75km Ohakune - Pipiriki (Whanganui River) out + back (900m climbing)
relatively easy grade

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/copy/391565324/>

3-3.5hrs back by ~4

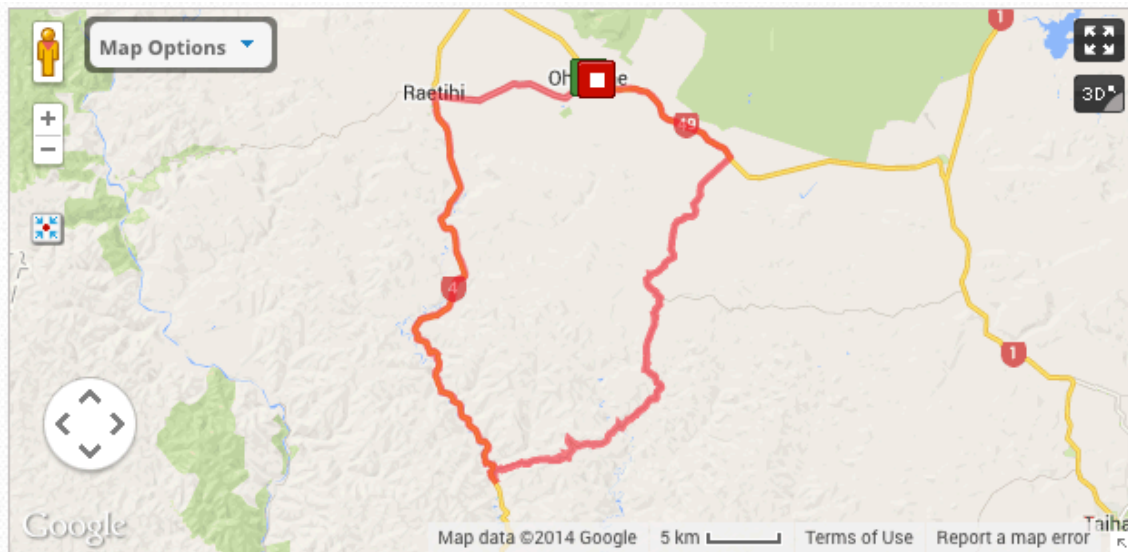


Day 2 Saturday 18th

90km Fields Track in the morning

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4-4.5hr

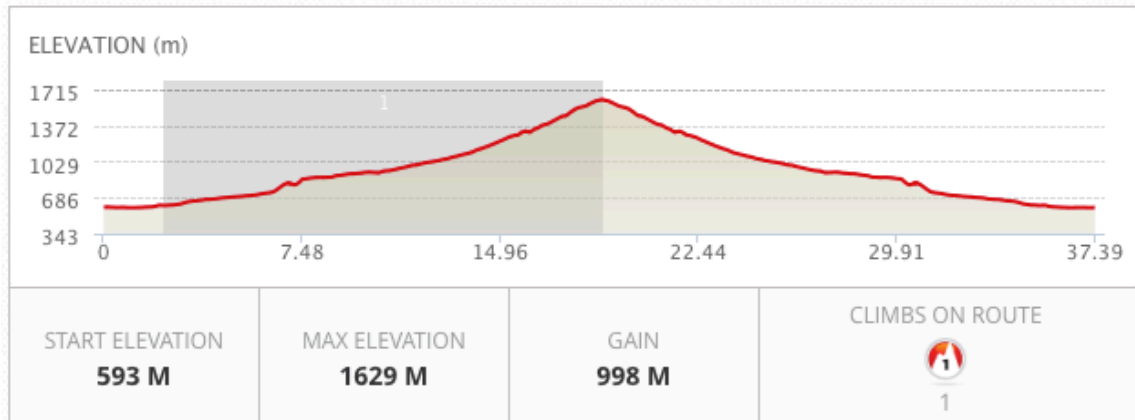
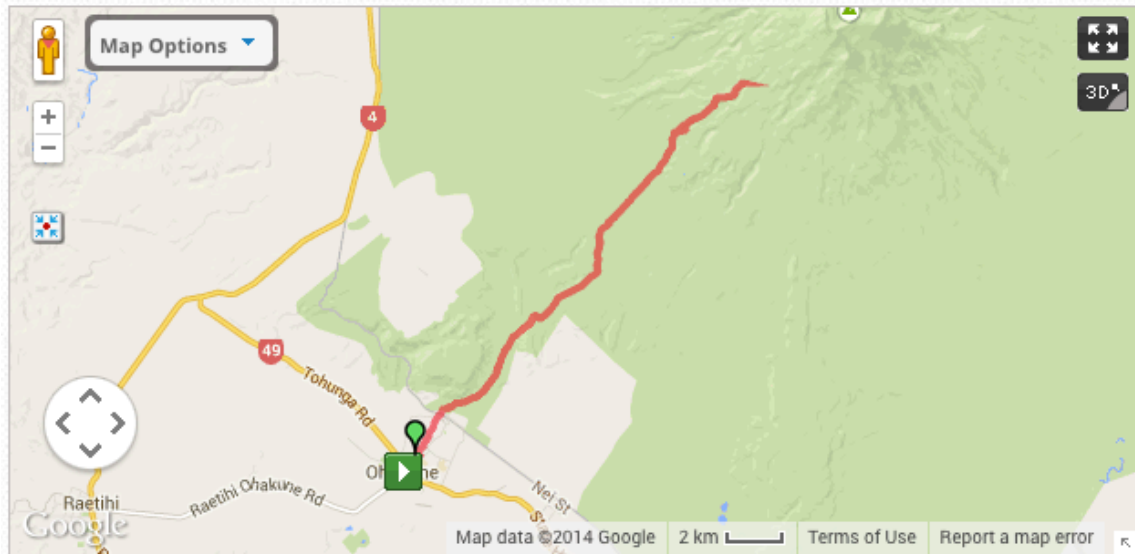


Lunch Ohakune afternoon options, R&R or....the Kune

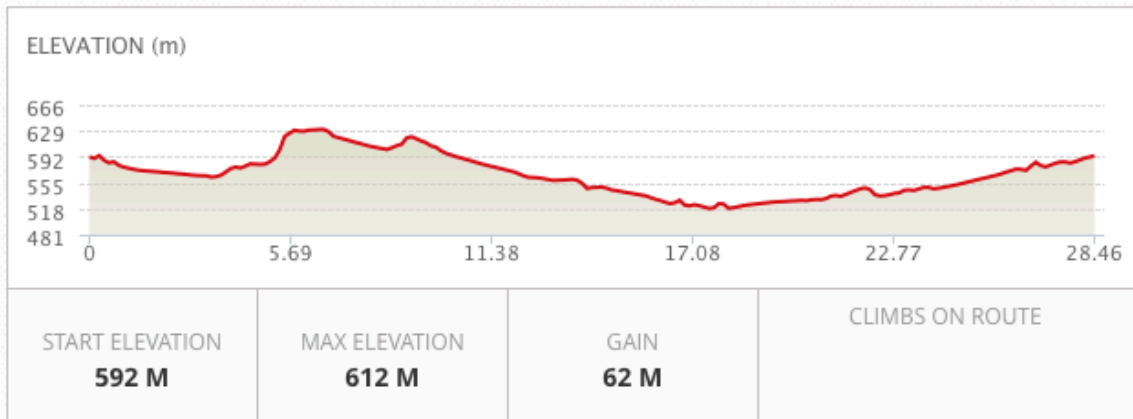
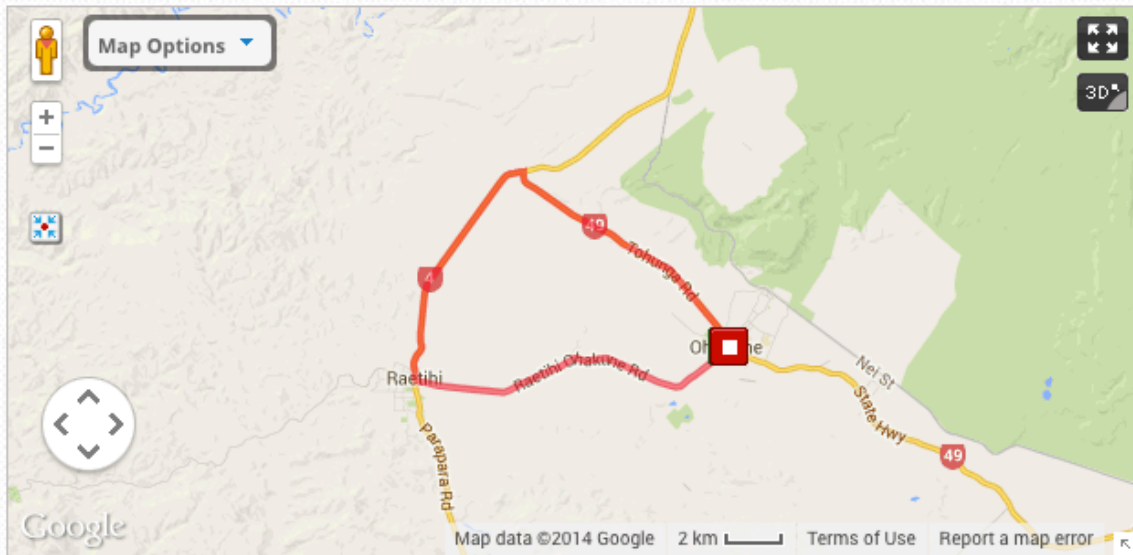
Turoa access road (The Kune) 17km Hors Category climb 1000m of climbing (a bucket list ride)

http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/add_to_website/390649254

1.5- 2hrs return



alternative for those not keen on NZ's only paved "Hors Cat" ride is a flat 28km Ohakune/Tohunga Junction/Raetihi flat recovery ride loop
<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/copy/391570936/>



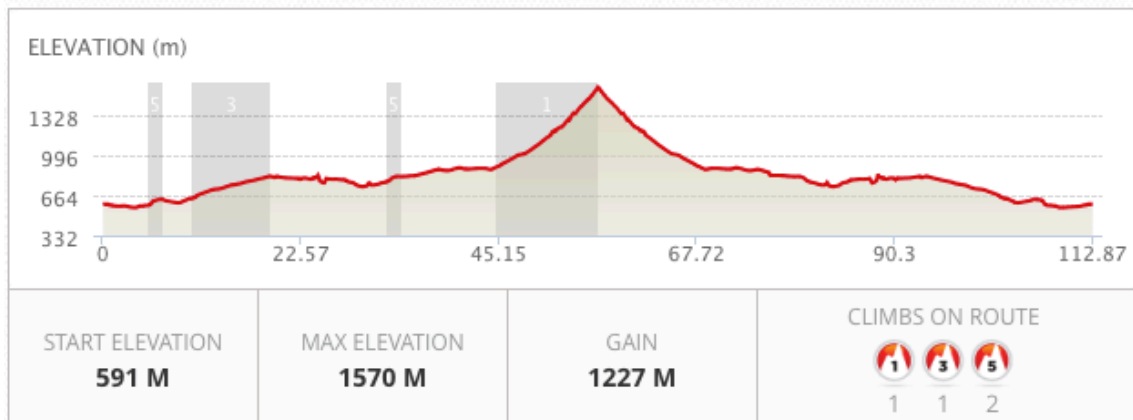
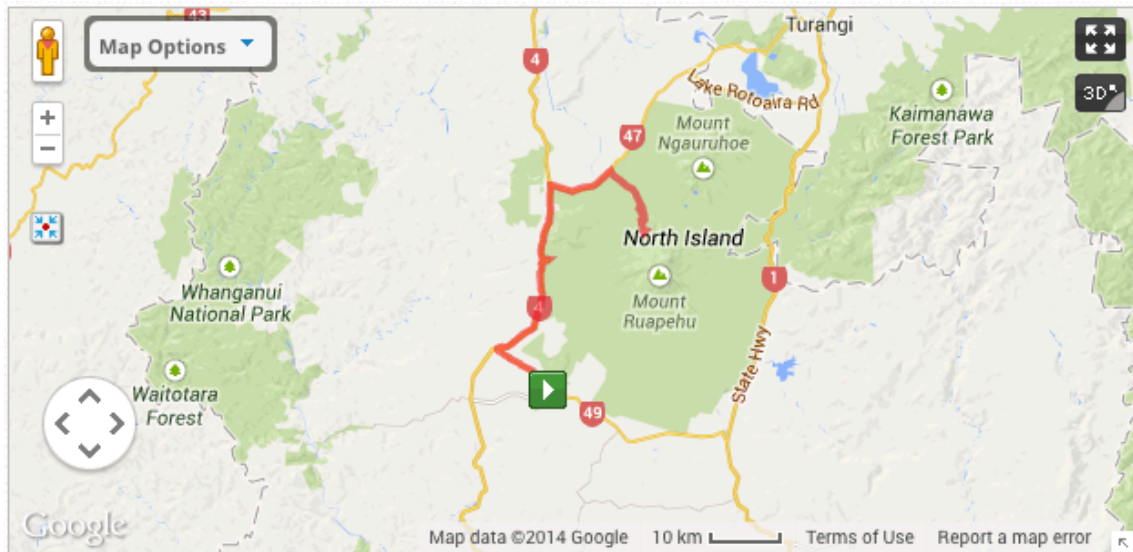
Day 3 Sunday 19th

112km Ohakune - Top of the Bruce return 1,200m of climbing

<http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/copy/390668332>

Lunch at Whakapapa village

Option to extend in the afternoon to Turangi, if mountain road closed or time permitting and return- same way to Ohakune -- all day exercise

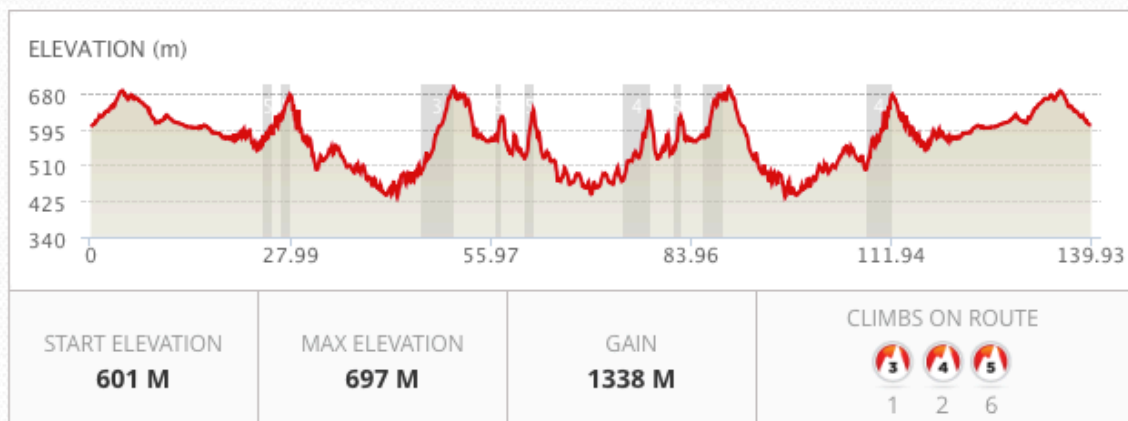
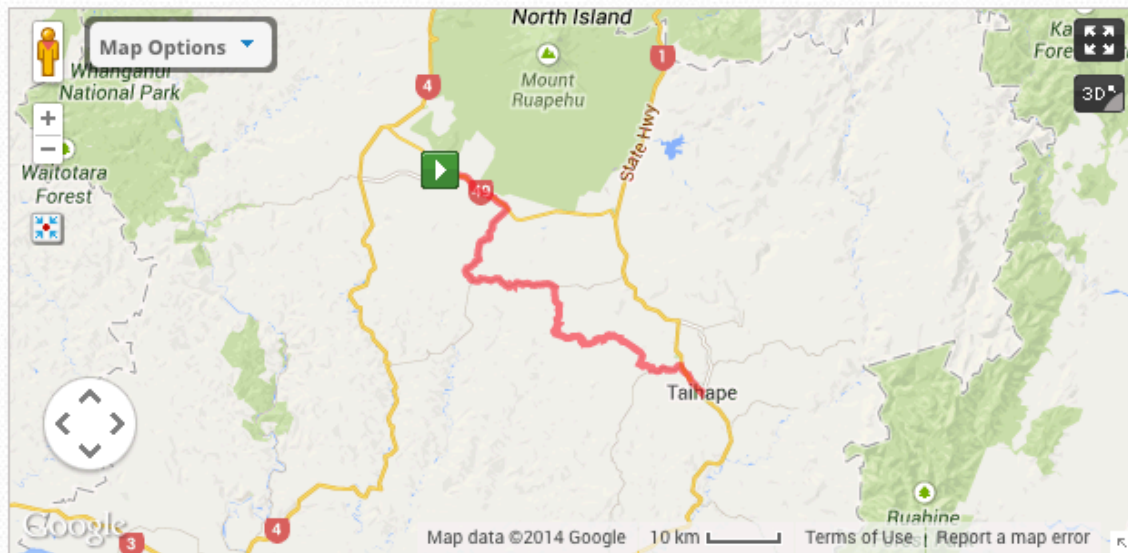


or if weather not good for around and up the mountain then...

Option 2

140km Ohakune - Taihape out+back (lunch in Taihape) 1300m of climbing

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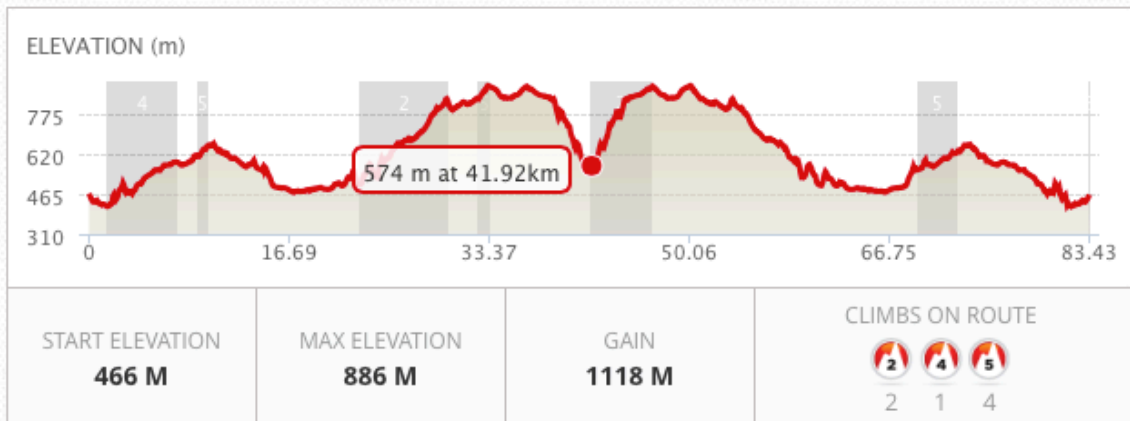
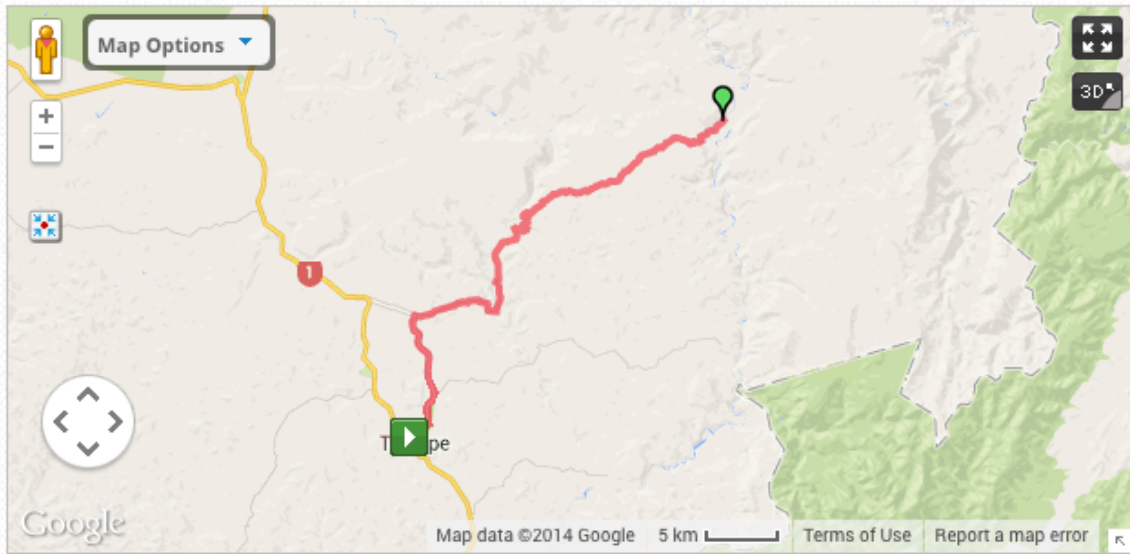
Day 4 Monday 20th

on the way home, decamp Ohakune accom after b/fast and drive the 40min to Taihape and park vehicles ~9am on the road, if bad weather or no legs left head on home or shorten the ride

83km Gentle Annie taster (out and back to the Rangitikei River) 1100m of climbing. option to turn back or for the keen to go on another 35km and climb to the summit

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3-4hrs



Head on home after late lunch in Taihape ~ 3hr drive

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