

Puketutu Island Safari June 7th 2025



Intro: This ride will take in many of the lovely sites, parks, beaches, and particularly the quality cycling infrastructure the [Māngere-Ōtāhuhu](#) area has to offer.

Start/Finish will be at the Bike Hub near the Onehunga Train Station. So all being well, you will be able to catch a train to and from the event.

Timing: We will start riding at 10:00am, we should be back in Onehunga before midday.

What kind of bike: You do not have to have an eBike for this ride, it is around a 25km ride, with few hills. We will be riding on gravel roads along the [Watercare Coastal Walkway](#) and the grass walking paths around the harbour edge of the [Ambury Regional Park](#). There is a gravel road around the south side of [Puketutu Island](#) that will take us to a lookout point west toward the Manukau Heads.

Who should ride: We will be riding around 2 hours, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. While most of the ride is off road, the sections we are on are busy areas so you will need to be comfortable with this. In saying that, you will be in a guided group which makes things easier.

Route: About three quarters of the route will be on off road shared paths. We start by riding across the new walking and cycling bridge, [Ngā Hau Māngere](#) then along the [Kiwi Esplanade](#) to Ambury Farm. The route around the edge of the farm can be bumpy in places, but you will be amazed that you can be out in the peaceful midst of the Manukau Harbour so close to the city. The Watercare Coastal Walkway offers excellent birdwatching, especially for shorebirds wintering in the Manukau

Harbour. Look for South Island pied oystercatchers, wrybills, New Zealand dotterels, and pied stilts. Resident birds include pied shags, white-faced herons, royal spoonbills, pūkeko, kingfishers and black swans.

Coffee: We will have morning tea at The Gaff Cafe 64 Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge.

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