

# Mountain Bike – 25k

## Course Description



ALL AGES  
ALL ABILITIES  
ALL AMAZING

All Mountain Bikers start at Whitireia Polytech on south side of Transition area, facing west.

**Multisporters (solo & teams)** exit Transition to the south and turn right to head west on a service road around the back of Whitireia Polytechnic.

**Duathletes (solo & teams) and Mountain Bike Only** participants line up together at 9:00am on the south side of transition, in the entrance to Polytech service road, facing west.

- Do not block multisport exit from transition.
  - Do not line up on Wi Neera Dve.
  - Duathletes and Mtn Bike Only participants will have a neutralised start where they will ride behind an official across Titahi Bay Rd before being released on Takapuwahia Reserve.
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- All Mountain Bikers head west along the back of Whitireia Polytech, then veer right onto a wide grass verge leading to the traffic lights at the corner of Titahi Bay Rd and Wi Neera Dve.

**Warning:** The traffic lights will be controlled by traffic management, but riders must take responsibility for their own safety by checking for traffic, being aware and following marshal instructions.

- Mountain bikers cross Titahi Bay Rd, to the corner of Te Hiko St and Titahi Bay Rd where they will ride onto Takapuwahia Reserve headed north.
- Continue north, staying on the grass, for 500m to the far left hand corner of Takapuwahia Reserve (end of Tangare Dve) and through a gate onto a grass track.
- You are now on private land open to us thanks to the goodwill of local Ngati Toha families.
- Turn left and ride 100m to the second track on your left, which takes you over a series of steep humps onto a long uphill section.

**Warning:** Outgoing riders may meet faster returning riders in the first 50m of this track. Both parties keep hard left. Be aware and follow marshal instructions. Outgoing riders must give way at all times.

- The climb is initially on grass. After the first steepest section, veer left alongside the top of Takapuwahia Cemetery, then turn right, heading west toward an intersection of two 4WD tracks.
- Continue uphill, crossing one 4WD track and continuing uphill into the other 4WD track.

**Warning:** Watch for returning riders on your left hand side. You must give way. Be aware, follow marshal instructions and give way to returning riders at all times.

- Continue uphill, still heading west. After 500m you will see a track to your left and cones on the track ahead. Continue straight ahead uphill, riding on the right hand side of the cones.

**Warning:** The next 200m has riders going both ways. Uphill riders must stay hard right. Be aware, follow marshal instructions and give way to returning riders at all times.

- After the cones continue uphill for another 250m to the top of the 4WD track, then turn left into a downhill single track that brings you back to the coned section of 4WD track. Be aware; this downhill single track is steep and is slippery, especially when wet. Start it slowly and keep speed down.
- Back on the 4WD track, keep to right hand side of cones and restrict speed ready for a tight right hand turn.

- At the end of the cones turn right and continue downhill on a very wide 4WD track that back around to the 4WD intersection above Takapuwahia Cemetery. Be aware; the best line around this track is on the right hand side. The left side has large ruts.
- At the 4WD intersection keep going straight on your 4WD track, headed north now.

**Warning:** Watch for outgoing riders crossing from your right. Be aware and follow marshal instructions.

- Continue north on your 4WD track, which veers right to the end of Mawhare St. But do not exit into the street.
- Continue to your right, headed east now along the back of a school, then turn right down a short steep downhill, over a small bridge, then left onto a track that leads back to Takapuwahia Reserve at gate to Tangare St.

**Warning:** On the final 50m back to Takapuwahia Reserve returning riders may meet outgoing riders. Both parties should stay hard left. Be aware and follow marshal instructions.

- At the gate to Tangare St, turn left and follow markers on the grass for 500m back through Takapuwahia Reserve to the traffic lights on the corner of Titahi Bay Rd and Te Hiko St.

**Warning:** The traffic lights will be controlled by traffic management. But riders must take responsibility for their own safety by checking for traffic, being aware and following to marshal instructions.

- From the traffic lights, follow the normal traffic flow across Titahi Bay Rd and then left into Wi Neera Dve.
- Heading east now, ride on the normal left hand road lane around Wi Neera Dve, continuing south past transition.
- Immediately after the Transition area, turn left onto a concrete footpath/cyclepath beside the water.

**Warning:** This is a public footpath/cyclepath. Give way to the public at all times. Watch for bollards on the path!

- Follow the path south for 1.5k, past the railway station area toward Kenepuru Dve.
- Marshals will direct you out of the cyclepath onto a footpath beside Station Rd to Kenepuru Dve, where you will be directed across a pedestrian crossing into Bishop Viard College.
- Riders are heading west now for approx. 1.5k, around the back of Bishop Viard College, across sporting fields onto a single track that continues west to pop out onto Rahia St opposite Colonial Knob/Rangituhi.

**Warning:** During this 1.5k outgoing section, riders may encounter returning riders. Outgoing riders must keep to the left hand side of the track and give way to returning riders and the public at all times.

- Riders cross Rahia St straight to the other side and head straight into Colonial Knob as directed.
- NB: The first 2k of this section are different to 2016.
- The course heads uphill on a grassy 4WD track, steeply for the first the first 150m , then flattening out for 600m before exiting onto the Farm Rd.
- Ride approx. 20m up Farm Rd and then turn left, dropping into a single track called Tumeke (lower Tumeke entrance). Follow this downhill through bush for approx. 1.5k to the Spicer Link Track at bottom of Colonial Knob.

**Warning:** On Tumeke, riders at the rear of the race may be caught by the leaders. Riders in front must give way if asked. Riders passing must pass with due care. All riders be patient and polite.

- From the bottom of Tumeke, the course heads south, following the Spicer Link single track for 2k to the Broken Hill Botanical Reserve.
- At the Botanical Reserve continue south, veering left of the ford over a bridge to ride clockwise around the 1k long Botanical loop track. The track starts with 600m uphill, then 400m downhill before turning hard left into the Reservoir track.
- The Reservoir track heads uphill steeply for 100m, then veers right past the actual Reservoir onto a track called "The Doctor". This travels for 2k north, eventually meeting the Farm Rd approx.. halfway up Colonial Knob/Rangituhi.
- The course turns left now, heading uphill on the 4WD Farm Rd for approx. 3k almost to the top of Colonial Knob.

**Warning:** During the last 1k of this climb outgoing riders may encounter returning riders. Outgoing riders must keep to the left hand side of the track and give way to returning riders and the public at all times.

- Just before the Spark Towers (2<sup>nd</sup> set of towers up Colonial Knob) the course turns left up a steep farm track for 100m and then follows a 4WD track on a 2k loop back to the Farm Road about 1k below where it went in.
- The route then goes back down the Farm Rd for 1k and then turns sharp left into a track called Chimney Sweep.

**Warning:** During the 1k back down to Chimney Sweep, returning riders may encounter outgoing riders and runners. Returning riders must keep to the left hand side of the track and give way to outgoing riders, runners and the public at all times.

- Chimney Sweep starts as narrow single track and opens up to a 4WD track called Rough Justice.
- At the end of Rough Justice you are back on the Farm Rd. Turn left and head downhill for 250m back to the Tumeke single track (lower Tumeke).
- Turn right into Tumeke and follow it all the way to the bottom of Colonial Knob/Rangituhi.
- At the bottom of Tumeke, head left (north), crossing the Farm Rd into a short single track back to the controlled road crossing at Raiha St.

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- After exiting Colonial Knob/Rangituhi the course returns the same way via Bishop Viard College and the cyclepaths to finish back at Whitireia Polytechnic.

**Note:** There will be traffic controls on the course, but riders must take responsibility for their own safety by obeying all road rules, giving way to all traffic and public, and following marshal instructions.

**Multisport and Duathlon solo participants** change to running gear and then head out of transition to the south, crossing the timing mats, to start the run along the same service road around the back of Whitireia Polytech.

**Mountain Bike Only** participants run into the finish chute and continue to the finish line inside the main quad.