

**NEW ZEALAND
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BIKING COROMANDEL PENINSULA**

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After two days of wandering around Auckland, I was ready to start my bicycling adventure. I had initially thought about going north of the capitol into Northland, but I decided to skip this section as I felt a time crunch to get past Rotorua before the Christmas season. I had heard from locals that the northern coast and tourist towns will be just jam-packed with holiday vacationers and it might be best for me to be off in the wilderness. As well, I was informed that cycling out of Auckland is quite hectic and so I decided to take a ferry from Auckland over to the Coromandel Peninsula.





December 9th: Up at 5am, made coffee and a protein shake, quick yoga, three scrambled eggs, purified two liters of water, packed my bike, returned hostel key, and rode down to the harbour to catch the ferry. I met some cool guys going on a bike ride and they shared some really great advice about cycling in New Zealand -- great to get a local point of view!







Yes! Finally arrived at the Coromandel pier and I'm super excited to start my bike journey.



Biking the shoreline is surreal, but staying on the left side of the road will take some practice.



This is my turn off the main highway -- no surprise that I'm taking the 'Alternate Route'.



I soon understood why it was an 'Alternate Route' when the pavement turned to gravel road.

Shifting Water By Nature

Water from a low lying source is pumped almost 1km to a header tank on top of the hill opposite.

Water returns to the park at 95psi and is used to power our attractions.



The Waterworks

A unique and quirky kids experience

Waterworks is a cool place that I unfortunately didn't have time to explore, but the concept is awesome. They are pumping water one kilometer uphill to a holding tank and when it comes downhill at 95 psi, it is used to power a variety of kinetic sculptures in the park.



This is one of the sculptures where water is filling each of the end pails and turning the wheel, which then moves the red stick-figure man. Yet, it looks like the man is turning the wheel.

Not sure what these purple flowers are with their distinctive bell shape, but they are just littering the country side in New Zealand. Much better than the McDonald's sandwich wrappers and soda cans that litter the roads in the USA for sure.





This looks like a perfect place to take a lunch break and have a nice swim in the waterfall.

Thanks for joining me on this 15-page preview to cycle the Coromandel Peninsula, to continue the adventure with me to Hot Water Beach, purchase the full 50-page eBook at Amazon.com.

Won't you join me for my next adventure to cycle down through the Karangahake Gorge?

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