

**NEW ZEALAND
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BIKING LAKE WAIKAREMOANA**

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Auckland

Hot Water Beach

Karangahake Gorge

Hobbiton

Opotiki

Rotorua

Waikite

Taupo

Gisborne

Turangi

Previously on NZ Photo Journal:

After sailing from Auckland to the Coromandel Peninsula, I cycled down the Karangahake Gorge, and visited the Hobbiton Shire. Taking a break from the saddle, I went on a four-day hike along the lakes outside of Rotorua. I then biked past the fabled Rere Waterfalls to Gisborne on the east coast of the North Island. Today, I'll be leaving the beach and pedaling inland through the Te Urewera National Park to see the legendary Waikaremoana Lake. Wow, so much to see - let's go!





December 27th: Up at 7am feeling refreshed, made coffee and a protein shake, packed my gear, went to the beach for an awesome yoga session, and got on the road at 9am to Morere.



As I was leaving the beach, a summer concert festival was just getting started. However, I was glad to be out here cycling and not in a party scene -- gently surrendering the ideals of youth.



The hills along the coast became steeper and longer until I was pushing my bike at the top.



Today, I rode 65km to the Morere Hot Springs, got an amazing riverside campsite, pitched my tent, and off to soak in the pools with my new paperback: *Papillion* by Henri Charriere.



December 28th: Up at 6am to the sound of a babbling river and strange bird songs. I made coffee and a protein shake, did a lovely yoga session in the grass with the rising sun, packed my camping gear, and started pedaling at 8am to Wairoa.

Today's Deep Thought:
The past is unchangeable,
The future is unknowable,
Peace is found in the now.



PROUD to be a KIWI



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I arrived in Wairoa for some heavenly fish-n-chips and a nice lunch break along the river.

TE UREWERA
RAINFOREST
ROUTE
TE ARA NGAHERE O TE UREWERA



Frasertown
Waikaremoana



Okay, here is my turn inland from the coast up into the mountains -- sublime trepidation!



After two hours of continuously rolling uphill, I stopped along this river to soak my feet.



This guy claimed to have traded a case of beer for this young horse to give to his daughter.

Thanks for joining me on this 15-page preview to visit Morere Hot Springs, to continue the adventure with me to Lake Waikaremoana, purchase the full 50-page eBook at Amazon.com.

Won't you join me for my next adventure to cycle the lakeshore of Lake Taupo to Turangi?

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