

**NEW ZEALAND
PHOTO JOURNAL #8
CYCLING LAKE TAUPO**

Adventures by Scott David Plumlee

Published by Davidchain at Amazon

Copyright © 2015 Scott David Plumlee

Thank you for downloading this ebook. It is licensed for your personal enjoyment only and may not be re-sold or given away to other people. If you enjoyed this book, please post a book review and encourage your friends to download their own copy -- *Thank you.*

NORTH ISLAND ZEALAND

NEW



N



- Previous Route
- Current Path
- Cities

Auckland

Hot Water Beach

Karangahake Gorge

Hobbiton

Opotiki

Rotorua

Waikite

Gisborne

Taupo

Turangi

Stratford

Previously on NZ Photo Journal:

After sailing from Auckland to the Coromandel Peninsula, I cycled down to the Hobbiton Shire, and then did a four-day hike outside of Rotorua. Next, I biked past the Rere Waterfalls to Gisborne on the east coast and westward through the Te Urewera National Park to see Lake Waikaremoana. Today, I'll be pedaling south to Taupo for some civilization, and then around Lake Taupo to Turangi, where I am planning to hike the Tongariro Crossing. Wow, so much to see - let's go!





January 1st: Up at 6am for a sunrise soak in the Waikite Thermal Pools -- I just love this place!



I enjoyed a coffee-n-protein shake while reading my *Papillon* book till it got too hot at 8am.



Te Ara Ahi

go thermal by bike...

45 km

Rotorua

Te Kopia Road

3 km

Waihunuhunu (Lake Ohakuri)

21 km



Finally getting motivated, I packed my gear and started pedaling south at 10am to Taupo.



After way too many days of rain -- the blue skies with fluffy white clouds are a blessing to me.



New Zealand traffic jam actually had a few cars stopped, but I just weaved through the cows.



TWIN PINE
MINIATURES

The sign is a large, rectangular piece of weathered wood with a pointed top. It is covered in a thick layer of moss and lichen. Two simple line drawings of pine trees are cut into the wood, one on the left and one on the right. The sign is supported by two wooden posts. In the background, there is a green field, a line of trees, and rolling hills under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.



Even with a few clouds, I'm still getting sunburnt on my knees through 50 SPF sunscreen.



Passing Lake Ohakuri - unfortunately, the road is above it without any access down for a swim.



Crap! I just realized that my detour down the valley added 20km onto my journey to Taupo.

People in New Zealand just love their wacky mailboxes, but this one wins the weekly prize for its sculptural quality, humor, and originality.

You would rarely see this in the USA -- Why is that?

Are we all trying so hard to be 'normal' that we cannot get outside of the box and make a playful statement with our mailboxes?





Today, I cycled 81km (50 miles) to Taupo, found the Kiwi Holiday Park, pitched my tent, took a hot shower, sent some emails, and then walked to town for a steak dinner and a movie.

Thank you for joining me on this 15-page preview to cycle down to Taupo, to continue the adventure with me around Lake Taupo to Turangi, purchase the full 50-page eBook at Amazon.

Won't you join me for my next adventure to hike the Tongariro Crossing from Turangi?

The author, Scott David Plumlee, seen with a monkey on his head below, is an avid world traveler, photographer, and writer. He has traveled to over 40 countries, taken millions of photos, and is always willing to share his jokes, stories, and philosophies. Plumlee is also the author of the five book Chain and Bead Jewelry series, and currently loving life in Asheville.

Discover more adventures at:

www.davidchain.com/travels.htm

Visit my Amazon author page at:

www.amazon.com/author/plumlee

Friend me on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/scottdavid.plumlee

View my jewelry designs at:

www.etsy.com/shop/Davidchain

