

MAHAANUI FARMSTAY EXPERIENCE

DRIVING DIRECTIONS 2023 / 24 SEASON

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PRINT / DOWNLOAD / TAKE A SCREENSHOT OF THESE DRIVING DIRECTIONS BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME, AS THERE IS LIMITED PHONE SERVICE. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE GOOGLE MAPS WON'T ALWAYS SEND YOU ON THE CORRECT ROUTE TO TINIROTO.

IMPORTANT: The Tiniroto Road from Gisborne has been closed from the 36 to 39km mark (as of July 2023). Therefore, the easiest route from Gisborne is via Wairoa (SH2), as the road is mostly tar sealed with the exception of Ruakaka Road (18km). Travel time will be approximately 2 to 2.5 hours (one-way).

Alternatively, there is a bypass route to Tiniroto via the Parikanapa Road which starts at Wae-renga-o-kuri. This is a 23km narrow, winding, gravel road which may be used by forestry trucks between 1 to 10km. So please ensure you drive slowly and stay on the left. Travel time will be approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (one-way).

If coming from the North, the Te Urewera route (SH38) is very scenic; however, it takes longer and has 150km of driving on gravel roads. Travel time will vary depending on your starting location.

Please remember that Parikanapa Road, Ruakaka Road and SH38 (in parts) are long, gravel roads. They are narrow and winding, and can be driven either way, so please drive slowly, stay on the left and expect oncoming traffic and stock at all times. They can also be slippery in some places after rain and are very dark at night.

IMPORTANT: There is currently no access onto Ruakaka Road via the Donneraille Park turn-off (due to the Donneraille Bridge being destroyed during Cyclone Gabrielle). You must enter via the Tiniroto School turn-off.

Cyclists Only – If you contact us in advance, we may be able to provide boat transport for you and your gear across the Hangaroa River below the Donneraille Park turn-off.

Further driving directions below. If unsure which route to take, contact us directly before starting your journey.

FROM GISBORNE

For 2X2 vehicles and drivers who are not keen to drive the Parikanapa Road (bypass).

Follow signs to Wairoa on SH2 out of town (cross the Waipaoa River).

Turn Left ← onto SH2 at the roundabout and drive to Wairoa.

Then follow the directions below from Wairoa.

For 4X4 vehicles (2X2 OK when road is dry) and drivers who are confident driving on gravel roads.

Go Straight ↑ onto Tiniroto Road at the main Gisborne South roundabout.

Stay on the Tiniroto Road until you get to the Parikanapa Road turnoff (30km / 28 mins) at Wae-renga-o-kuri. Turn Left ← and stay on the Parikanapa Road for 23km.

Turn Left ← onto Tiniroto Road and continue for approx. 5km.

Turn Right ⇒ onto Ruakaka Road at Tiniroto school entrance and drive approx. 18.5km / 25 mins to Mahaanui.

FROM WAIROA

Follow signs towards Lake Waikaremoana on SH38 for approx. 9km.

Turn Right ⇒ onto Tiniroto Road (just before Frasertown) and head towards Te Reinga.

Stay on main Tiniroto Road until you get to the Tiniroto School turnoff (approx. 35km, 35 mins).

Turn Left ← onto Ruakaka Road and drive approx. 18.5km (25 mins) to Mahaanui.

Sadly, we are now the last farm on Ruakaka Road (until bridge is replaced) instead of the first. If you get to Donneraile Park, or what remains of the bridge, you've gone too far and will need to turn back and drive 1km.

