

Route Information

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ENTRANTS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE contact with the 'Branch Contacts' upon receipt of this notice, to confirm your reservation and the total number in your party for the refreshments offered by each Branch, irrespective of whether they are free of charge or a chargeable item on a pre-pay basis. Each Branch can then cater for the total number of Entrants visiting each Branch venue on this Rally Route, thank you.

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY - AWAKERI TO LOTTIN POINT OR HICKS BAY 212 KMS / 133 MILES

START AT WATCHORNS MUSEUM, AWAKERI

HOSPITALITY: EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY, WATCHORNS MUSEUM, AWAKERI

BRANCH CONTACT PETER AND CORAL WORRALL 07-312-4147

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REFRESHMENTS: Light refreshments – Tea, Coffee, biscuits - gold coin donation appreciated; Entry to Watchorn's Museum – gold coin donation

FINISH: STOP OVERNIGHT AT **LOTTIN POINT OR HICKS BAY OR GO TO**
GISBORNE

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY - LOTTIN POINT OR HICKS BAY TO GISBORNE 178KMS / 112 MILES

START AT: FROM LOTTIN POINT OR HICKS BAY AREA

FINISH: VCC GISBORNE, MAIN ROAD, MAKARAKA, GISBORNE

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BRANCH CONTACT TONY BARLETT 06-867-9850

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REFRESHMENTS: AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE – Free, but gold coin would be appreciated

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EVENING MEALS: AVAILABLE AT TATAPOURI SPORTS FISHING CLUB

FRIDAY 13 TH JANUARY - GISBORNE TO NAPIER 238KMS / 140 MILES

START AT VCC GISBORNE, MAIN ROAD, MAKARAKA, GISBORNE

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FINISH: VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

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BRANCH CONTACT DEREK GORDON 06-843-7537

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REFRESHMENTS: 3 COURSE EVENING MEAL \$20.00 PAY IN ADVANCE
CONTACT DEREK FOR PAYMENT DETAILS

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY REST DAY IN NAPIER

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY - NAPIER TO TAIHAPE 118 KMS / 118 MILES

START AT VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

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REFRESHMENTS: Morning Tea available - gold coin donation appreciated

FINISH: **OVERNIGHT STOP AT TAIHAPE**

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY - TAIHAPE TO WANGANUI 136 KMS / 85 MILES

START AT: TAIHAPE

FINISH: WANGANUI

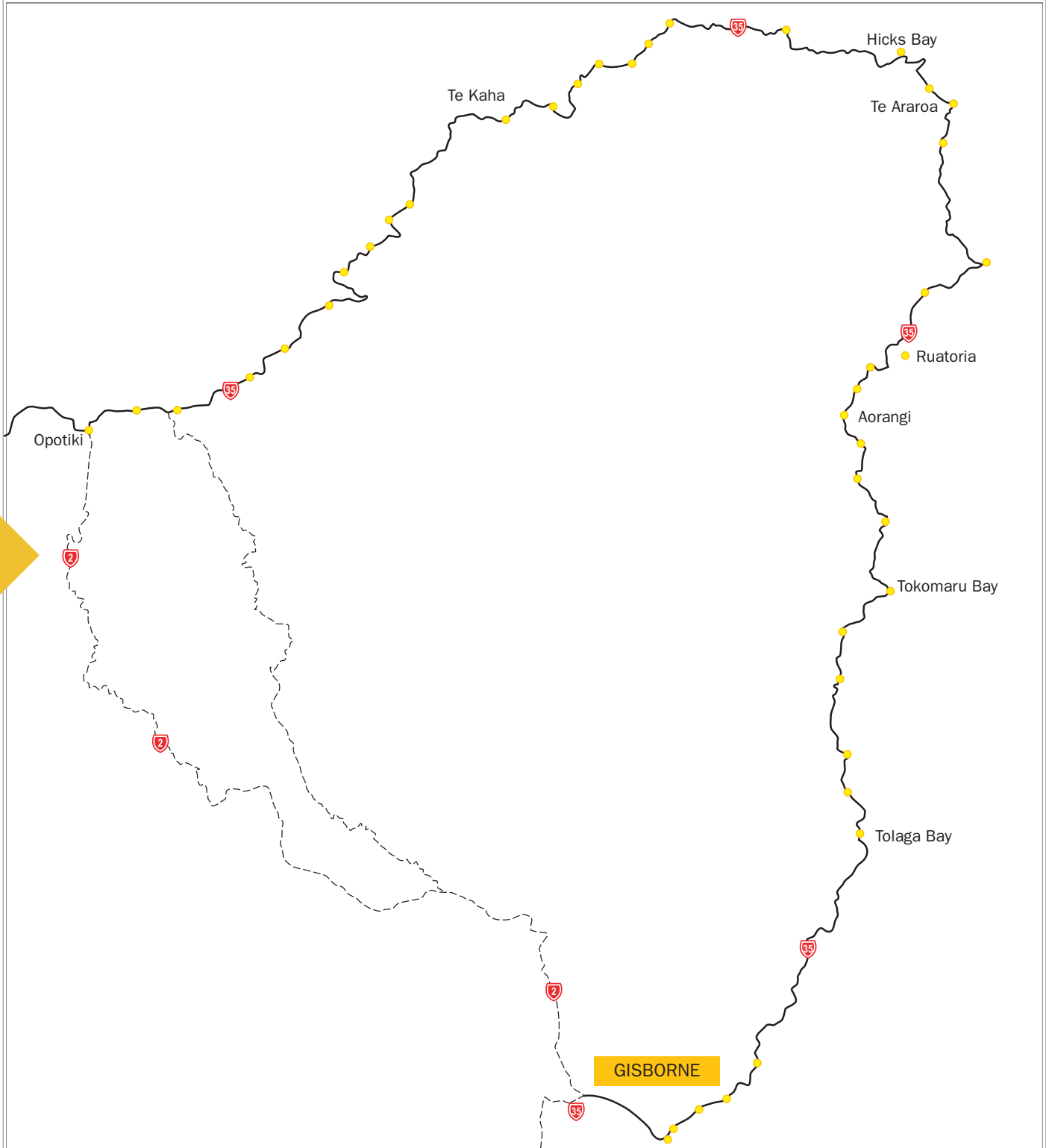
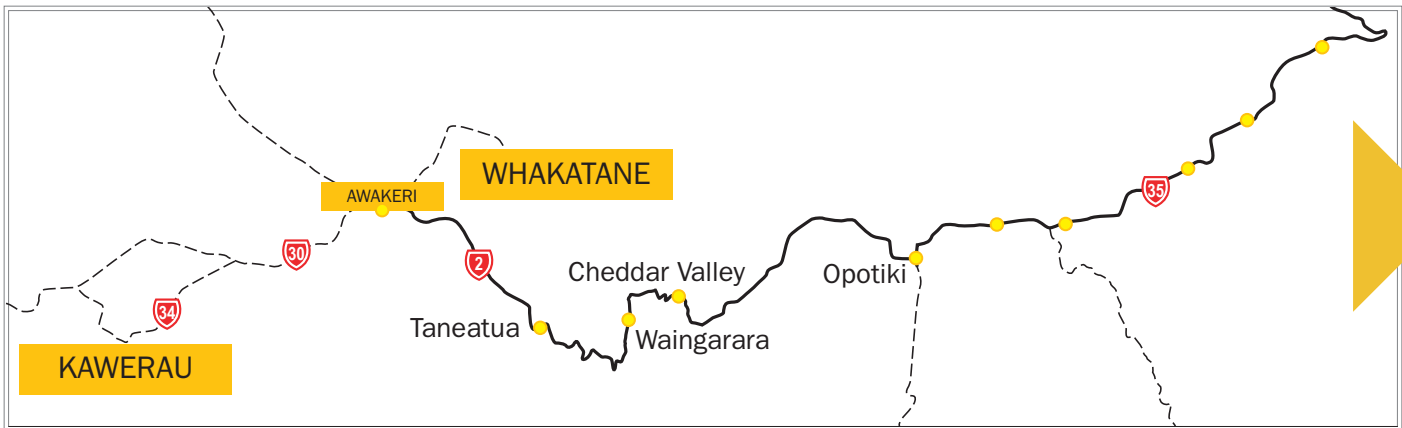
Please refer to the last page of the route for the 'Town Route' leading to the Rally Venue.

We hope you will enjoy your Rally.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT WANGANUI BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. – 3.00 P.M.

ADVISORY NOTES. FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND AND ENJOYMENT.

Your vehicle must be roadworthy for the Rally duration and should also be insured. It is advisable to start the Rally Route with a full tank of petrol each day. You should carry a mobile phone, have a recovery service in force such as the AA service, First-Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher, Road Triangle, Day-Glo Vest, Tow Rope, filled Petrol Can, Torch, Tool Kit and pertinent spares for your vehicle.



Day 1

Awakeri to Lottin Point or Hicks Bay

Depart Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch Clubrooms

Right onto highway

Right at Stop SH2 & SH30 Gisborne

Right to follow SH2 Opotiki Gisborne

Cross Road/Rail Bridge (Traffic Lights)

Right at Tee to Follow SH2 Opotiki Gisborne

At Taneatua Left to Follow SH2

Pass through the Waimana Gorge

Ignore Waimana 3Km

Ignore Waimana 2Km

Pass Nukuhou North

Stay on SH2

Pass through Kutarere

Pass Waitotahi Service Centre (on your Right) then take 1st Right Waitotahi Rd

Right to stay on Waitotahi Valley Rd

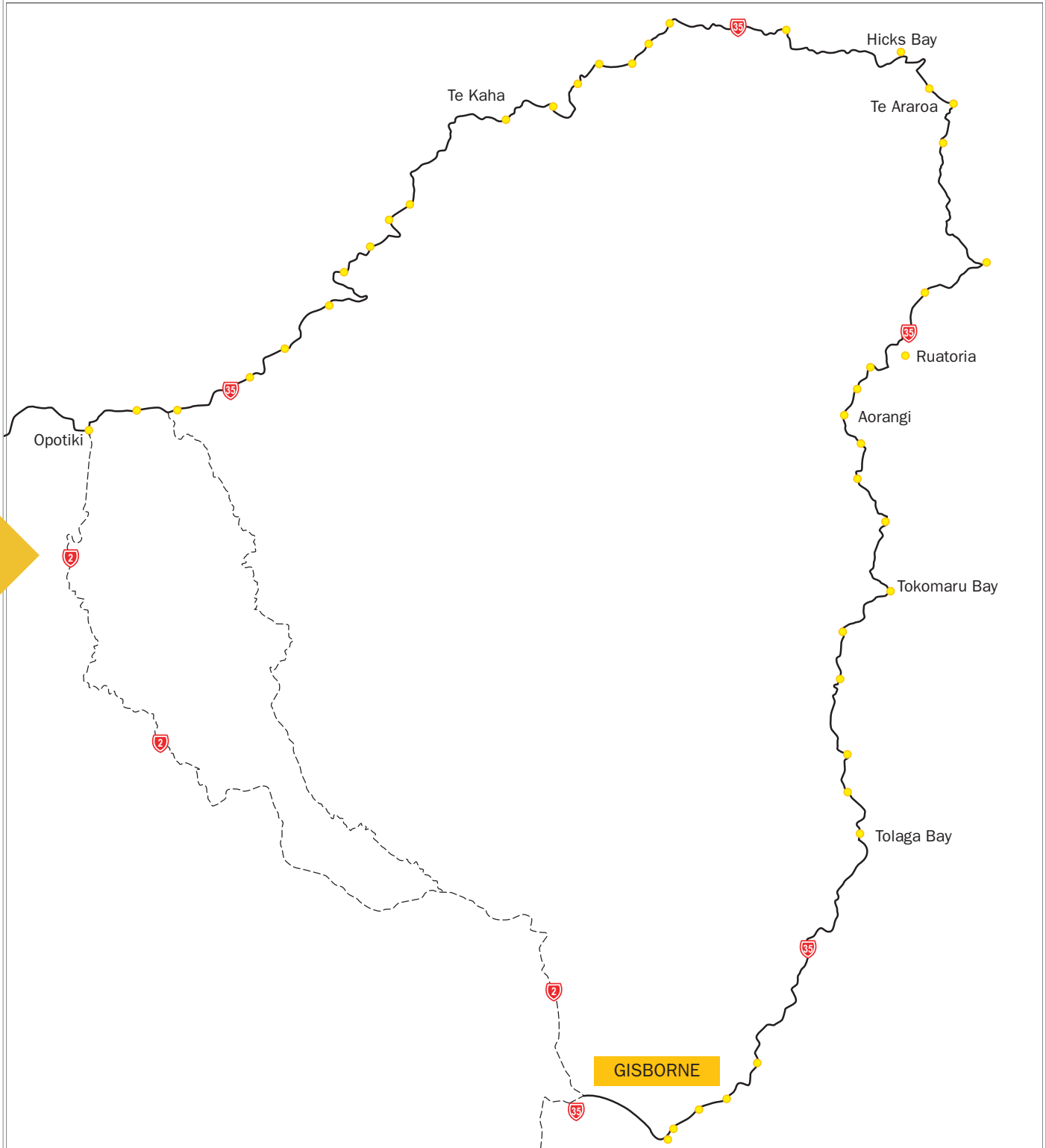
Ahead into Gabriels Gully Rd leaving Waitotahi Valley Rd on your Right

Left into Browns Rd

Right at Stop (Paerata Ridge)

Left into Paerata Ridge Rd

Acute Right into Old Creamery



Day 1

Awakeri to Lottin Point or Hicks Bay

Ahead leaving Mc Carthy Rd on your Right

Ahead to Opotiki leaving Dip Rd on your Right

Left at Stop (Woodlands Rd)

Right at Give Way to cross bridge (This is SH2 there is no sign)

After crossing bridge Right ignoring Forsythe St

Follow SH2 through Opotiki

Left to follow SH35 Te Kaha

Right at Roundabout to follow SH 35 Te Kaha

After crossing the Waiaua River stay on SH 35

You will pass through settlements of

OPAPE

TORERE

HAWAI

After several tight 25kmp corners up hill there is an unsignposted pull off area on left, a good view back along the coast and out to White Island/Whakaari, an active volcano.

At MARAENUI the road leads you inland following the Mighty Motu river.

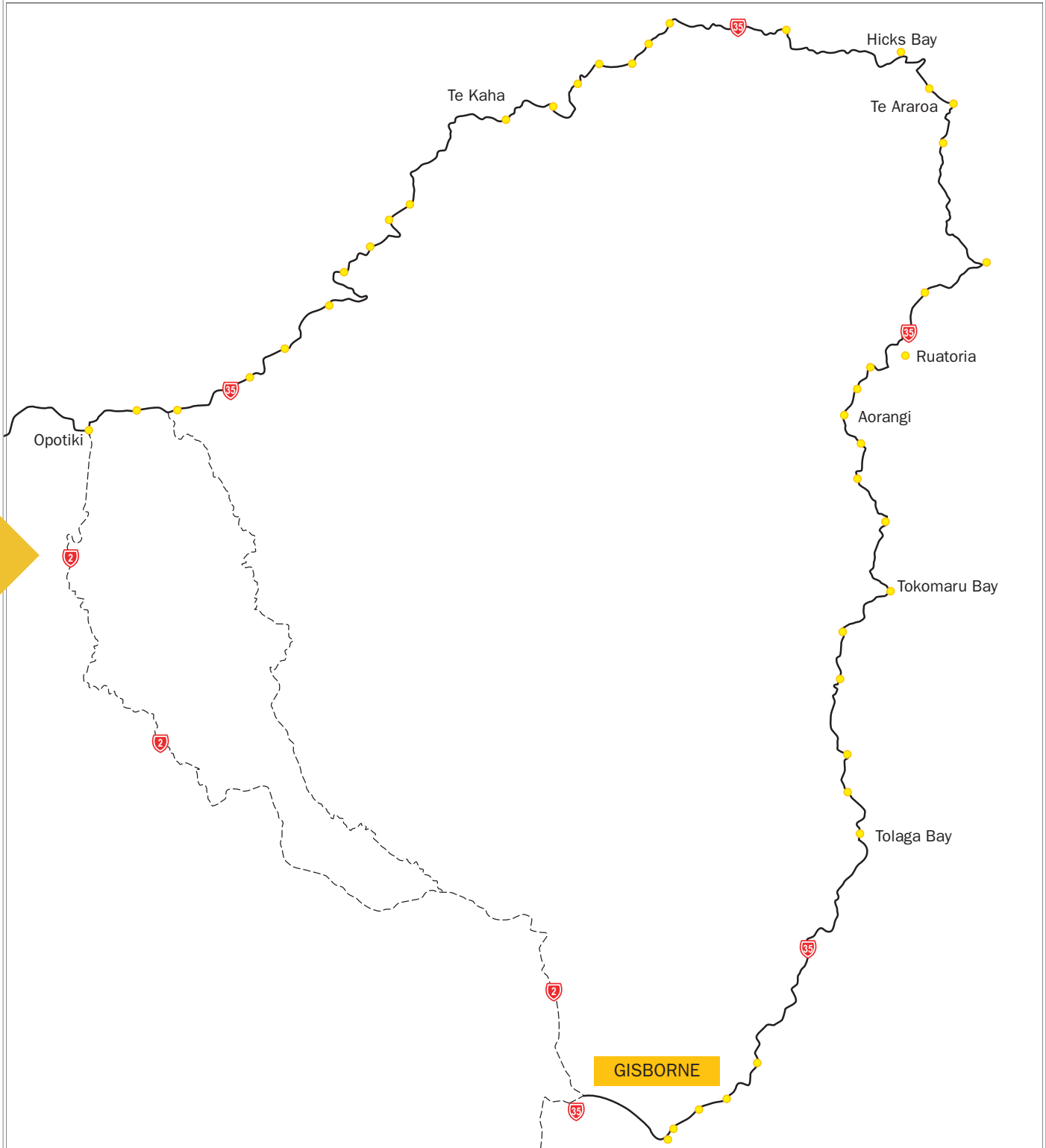
Cross river staying on SH 35, passing through settlements of

WHITIANGA BAY

OMAIO Shop and petrol stop.

TE KAHA / Te Kaha beach resort on left worth a drive in for view.

2km further on on right is Te Kaha General Store and Cafe.



Day 1

Awakeri to Lottin Point or Hicks Bay

Look out for remains of historic whaling station on beach after Copenhagen Rd

Macadamia cafe on left is happy for you to park and picnic, if you want a cafe lunch ring ahead from Te Kaha to 07-3252960 for reservation.

You will pass Raukukore church on left. Worth a stop to visit a well maintained and used Church.

Turn Left at "I" 500M /Oretre point sign. Historic settlement of WAIHAU BAY food and fuel stop.

Return to SH 35 left at Te Arora 55 km.

At WHANGAPAROA the road goes inland, Cape Runaway is on your left.

Pass through POKATA (School on your left)

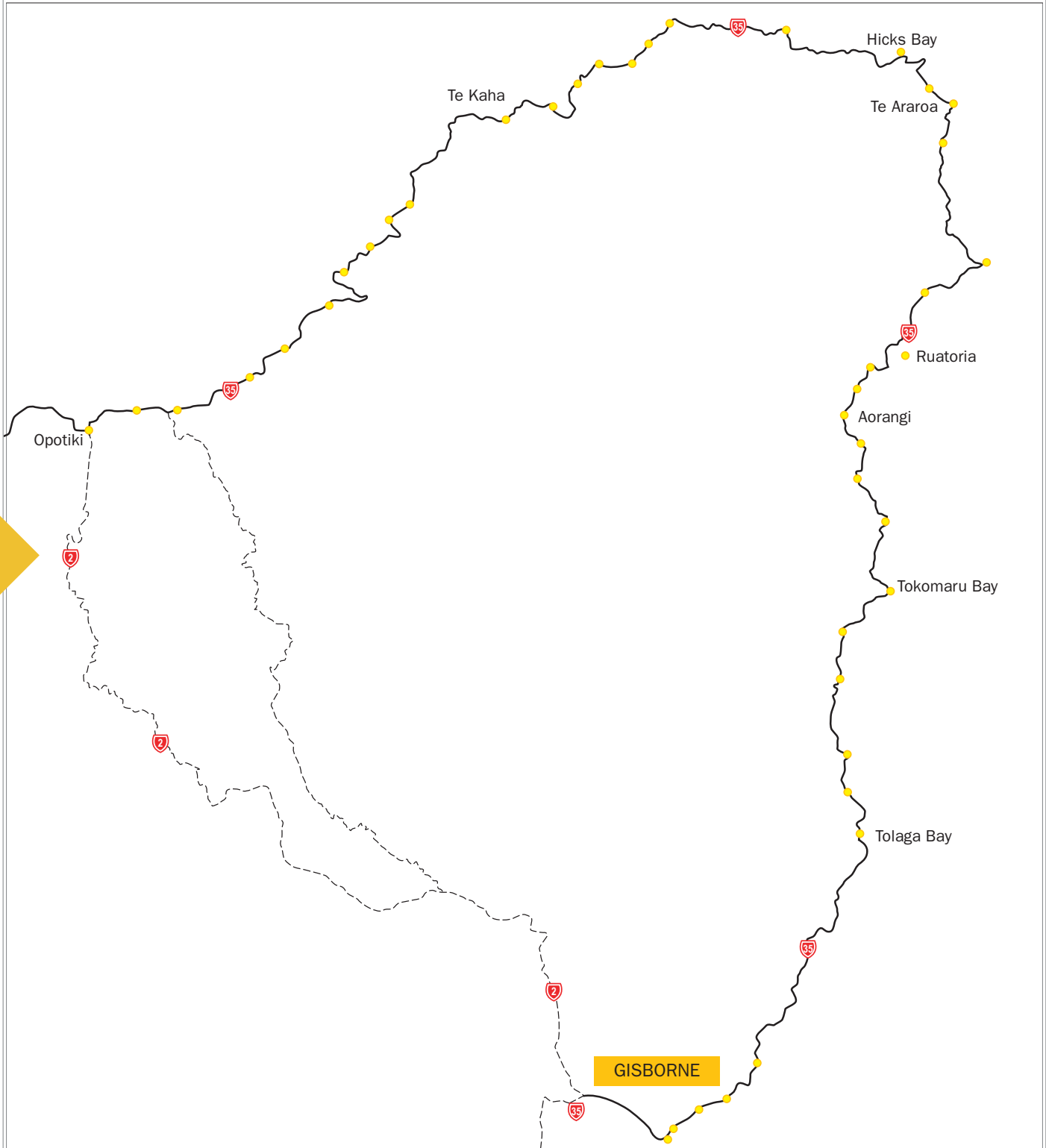
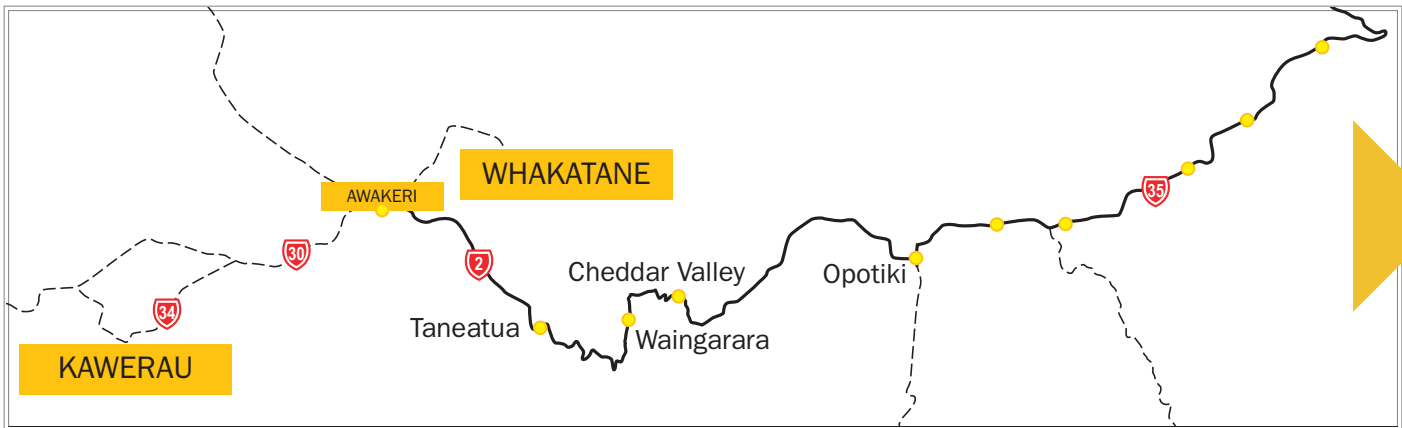
OVERNIGHT AT EITHER LOTTIN POINT OR HICKS BAY

If you are staying at Lottin Point take next left after School, narrow winding sealed road, left at fork with Potikirua Rd, Lodge is next left ½ km down hill.

HICKS BAY, for the township turn left at the sign, general store, school and wharf.

The freezing works (Now with category 2 Heritage Registration) were opened in 1920 and closed in 1926 due to a lack of good quality stock as drovers brought the stock from as far away as Tikitiki a very long walk. The wharf was opened in 1925 and operated until the 50's

For Hicks Bay Motel Lodge, stay on SH 35 left at top of hill.



Day 2

Lottin Point or Hicks Bay to Gisborne

Continue along SH 35 towards TE ARAROA.

Te Araroa holiday park is on left at the bottom of the hill.

Drive past the TIKITIKI GISBORNE sign to follow Te Araroa/East Cape

Bear left to the Central Business District of Te Araroa. Fuel available here on left.

Left at Tee and at approx 100m on your Left is **Te Waha o Rerekohu**, the world's largest pohutukawa tree and is around 600 years old.

OPTION 1

From here if you wish to visit East Cape Lighthouse, the eastern-most point in the world, make a U turn and continue along the seafront on East Coast road for 22km.

If you wish to walk up to the lighthouse there is approx 700 steps cut into the hillside. The lighthouse is 154 metres above sea level and the light can be seen for 35km. Great views.

OPTION 2

To continue straight to Gisborne continue along past the school at Tee go right then immediately left to follow TIKITIKI GISBORNE SH 35.

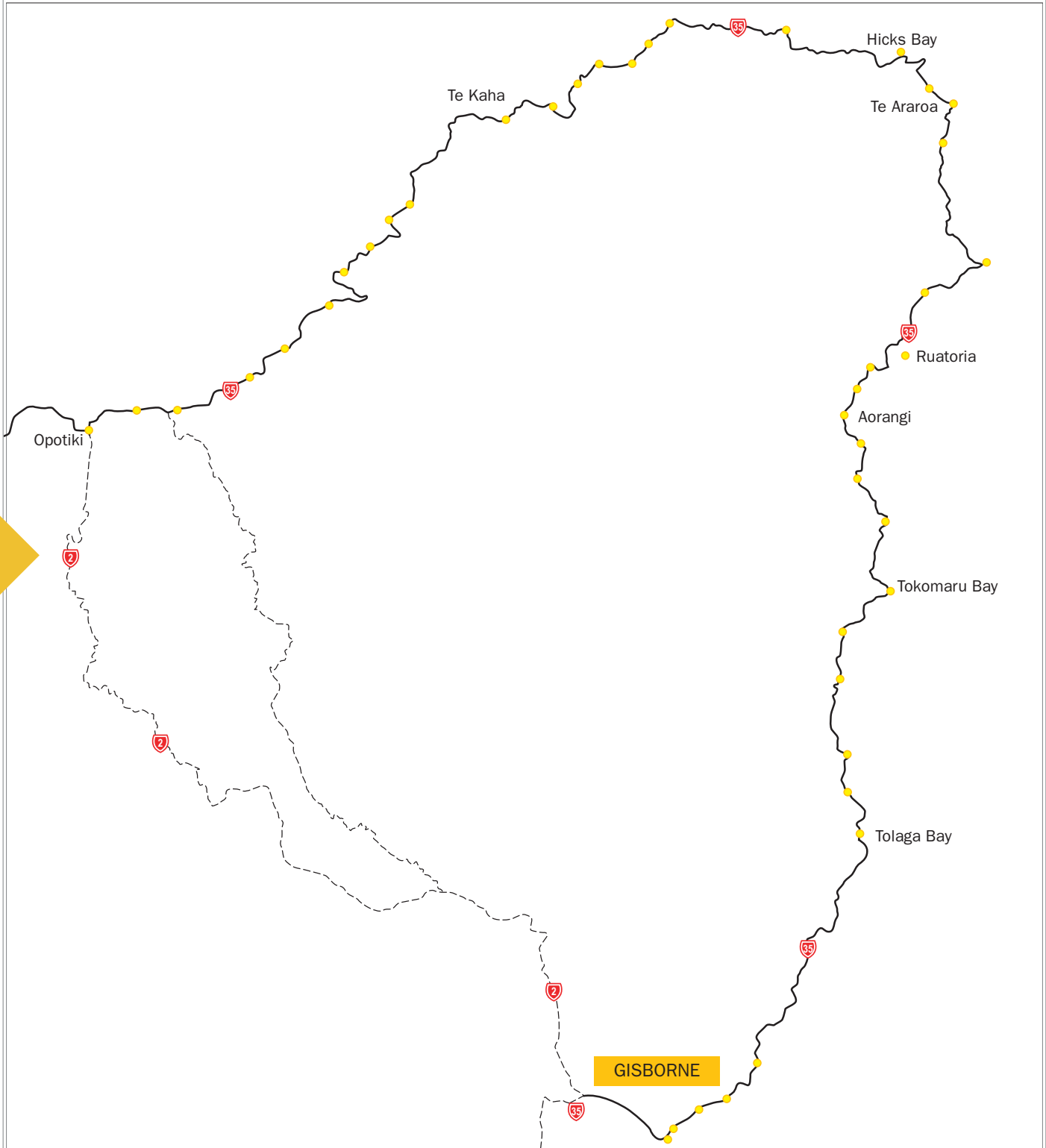
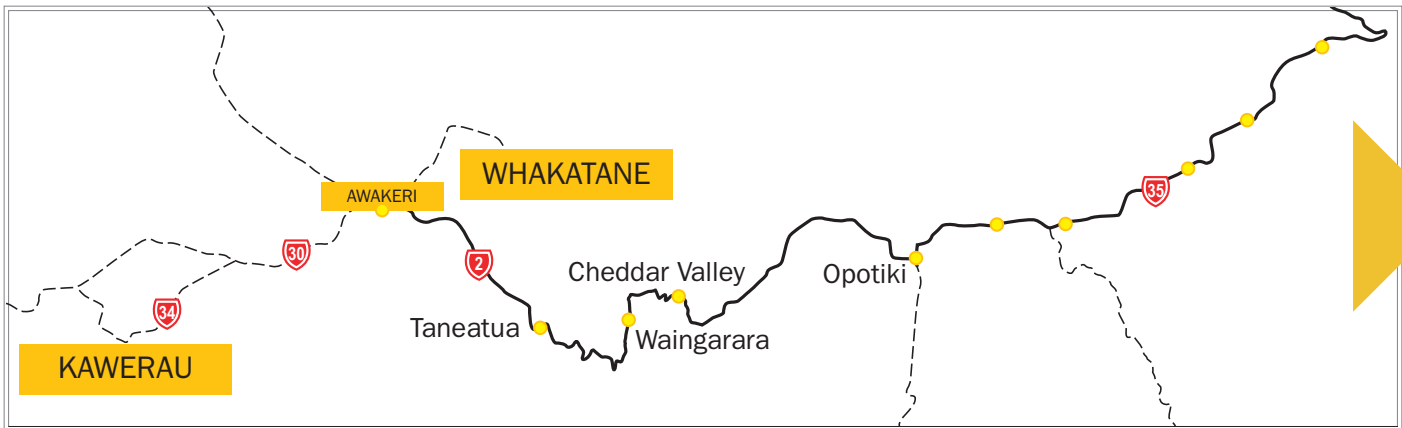
Next Settlement Tikitiki, Just as you pass the 70km on the right St Marys Church up on the rise to your right.

Saint Mary's Church is one of the finest Maori churches in New Zealand. It was built in 1924 and consecrated in 1926 as a memorial to the soldiers of Ngati Porou who died in World War 1. The interior is extensively carved and has extensive tukutuku panelling.

Continue on SH35 at the T go left to visit the township of RUATORIA.

RUATORIA is the largest town in Eastland. If you turn right into Tuparoa Rd drive past the schools, do a U turn at College Rd, and as you drive back along Tuparoa Rd in the distance you can see Mt Hikurangi, 1752 m, the highest non volcanic cone in the North Island. The first part of mainland NZ to see the sun.

Left at Give Way.



Day 2

Lottin Point or Hicks Bay to Gisborne

Ahead at Te Puia Springs / Gisborne SH35.

Bear left into Kopuaroa Rd / Waipiro Bay. Short section of metal road.

At Waipiro Bay to visit the beach take Waikawa Rd, U turn, left at Give Way.

At top of hill left at Give Way to drive through TE PUIA SPRINGS

TOKOMARU BAY fuel / beach

TOLAGA BAY fuel

Drive through Tolaga Bay cross the river and after Gisborne 53 take first left signposted to Historic Wharf / Cooks walkway. Park and enjoy the beach and enjoy the engineering of the 1920's and NZ longest pier.

Tolaga Bay wharf It takes half an hour to walk to the end of New Zealand's longest wharf. At 600 metres in length it is believed to be the longest in the southern hemisphere. It has a category 2 Heritage Registration and it was built in the period 1924-1929 at a cost of 60,331 pounds

Return and go left at 53km Gisborne

After passing Whangara Romney look out for Pa Rd on left. This is where the movie "Whale Rider" was filmed.

Drive along Gisborne's eastern beaches to city.

After crossing river bridge at Port take straight ahead right hand lane at Give Way to enter Gladstone Rd, passing through city centre.

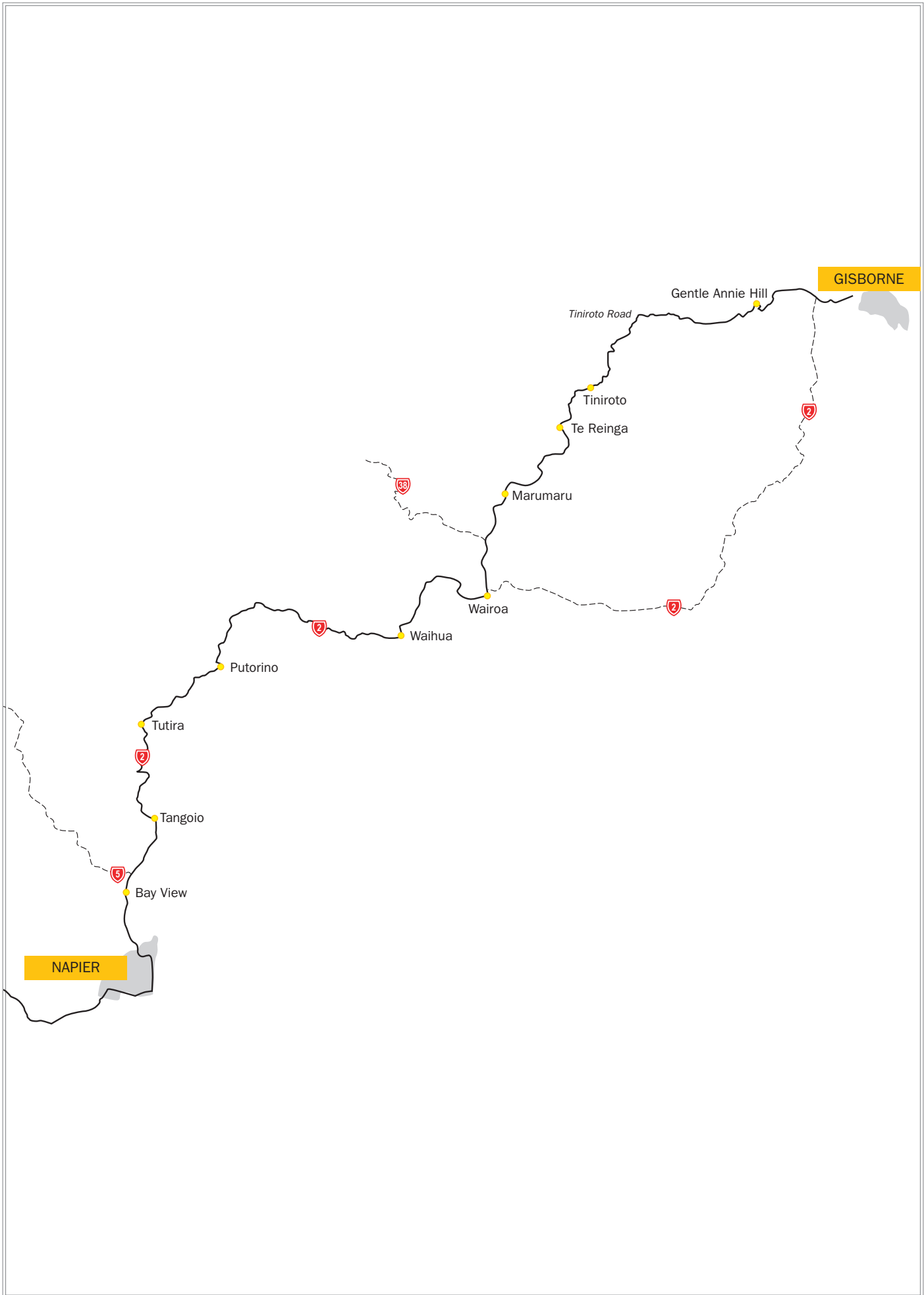
Stay on Gladstone Rd, straight through many roundabouts.

After passing golf course on the left then "Showgrounds" and GOLFMANIA, make a left turn at VINTAGE CAR CLUB signs into private gravel driveway.

Follow the gravel driveway and bear Right to keep the wooden fence on your left

Cross the disused railway line into Gisborne Branch Club rooms.

Overnight in Gisborne



Day 3

Gisborne to Napier

LAST PETROL UNTIL WAIROA APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES

Leave Gisborne Branch Clubrooms and turn left onto the tarseal

Follow SH2 WAIROA NAPIER

Note the Matawhero Hotel on your right. Matawhero is the site of the "Poverty Bay Massacre" when in 1868 Te Kooti and his followers attacked the settlement resulting in 54 deaths

Cross the river then ahead at the Roundabout to follow TINIROTO WAIROA (Tinirototo Rd)

This was the first Gisborne to Wairoa route undertaken by regular coach services.

Leave Rockhill Rd on your left

Left to leave Ruakaka Rd (Donneraille Park) on your Right

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

Ahead into Ruakaka Rd leaving Tinirototo Rd on your Left.

Pass Donneraille Park native bush reserve

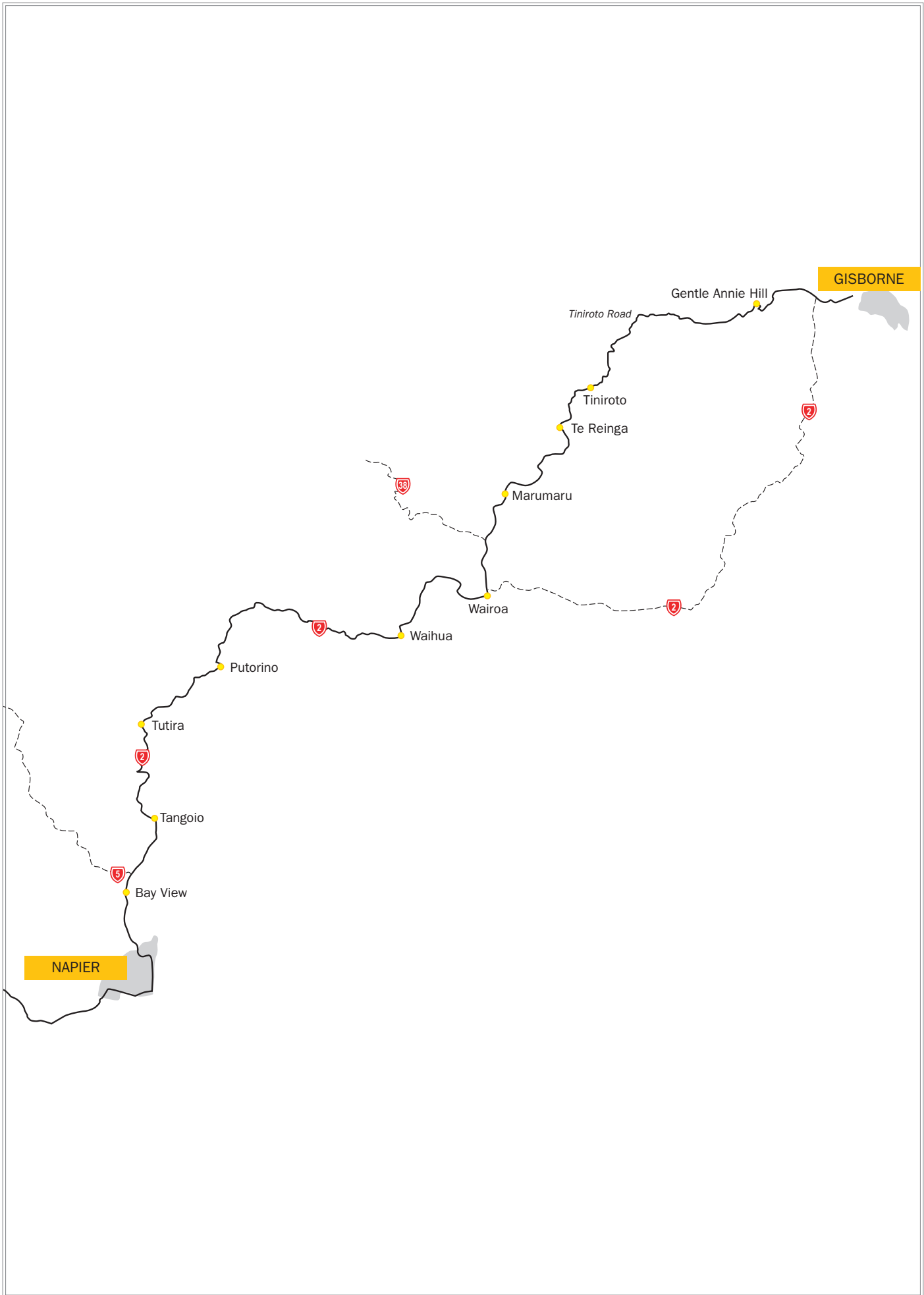
Stay on Ruakaka Rd until Right onto Tinirototo Rd leaving Tinirototo

Hotel on your Left

Stay on Tinirototo Rd to pass the Tinirototo Hotel on your Right

Te Reinga Falls *Right into Ruakituri Rd pass Whakarite Marae and pass over the bridge where you will see the confluence of the Hangaroa and Ruakituri Rivers on your right which then cascade over a 35 metre waterfall into a chasm on your left. There is a car park at the end of the bridge and a short walk will take you to a lookout. Rocks in this area are of great interest to geologists as they are heavily encrusted with ancient shell fossils. Return to Tinirototo Road to proceed to Wairoa.*

At approx 16km (10miles) from Te Reinga Falls note the Marumaru Tavern on your right



Day 3

Gisborne to Napier

The original Marumaru Hotel was one of the earliest in the area. The area was also a military settlement

Left at Tee onto Frasertown Rd (SH38) to Wairoa

Frasertown Rd becomes Carroll St at Wairoa.

Left into Mahia Avenue

Right at SH2 NAPIER WAIROA

Cross the Wairoa River Bridge

After crossing the bridge note the lighthouse on your left. This is New Zealand's only inland lighthouse. The lighthouse came from Portland Island, off the southern tip of Mahia Peninsular, after an automated lighthouse was located at Table Cape on the far eastern point of the peninsular

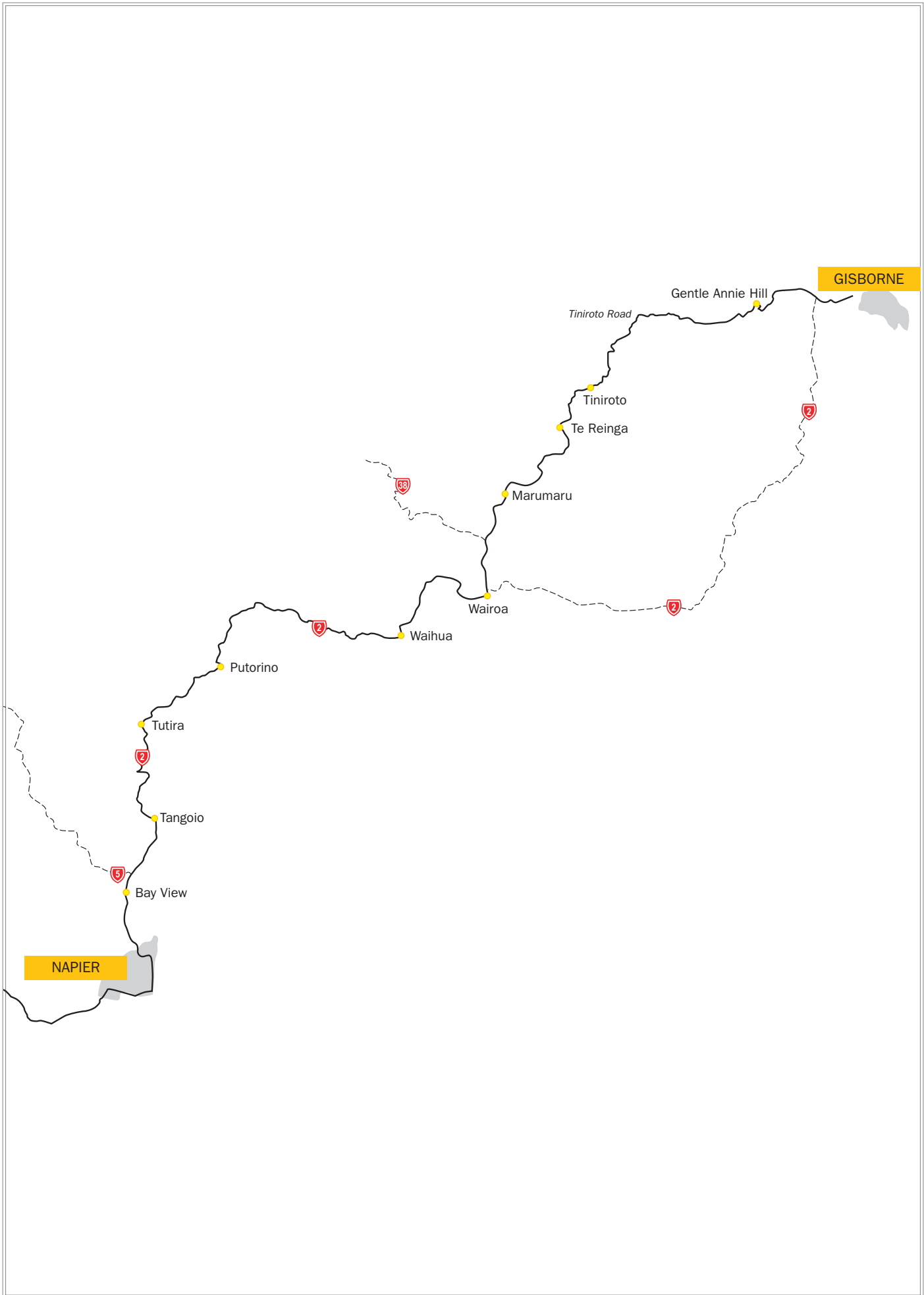
Ahead at roundabout

The township of Wairoa was established from 1840 as a port and service centre for northern Hawke's Bay, reliant on the river until the 1920's when road and rail access caused a decline of the port facilities. The northern side of Wairoa is known as North Clyde and was once a thriving business district

Follow through Wairoa staying on SH2

APPROX. MILES

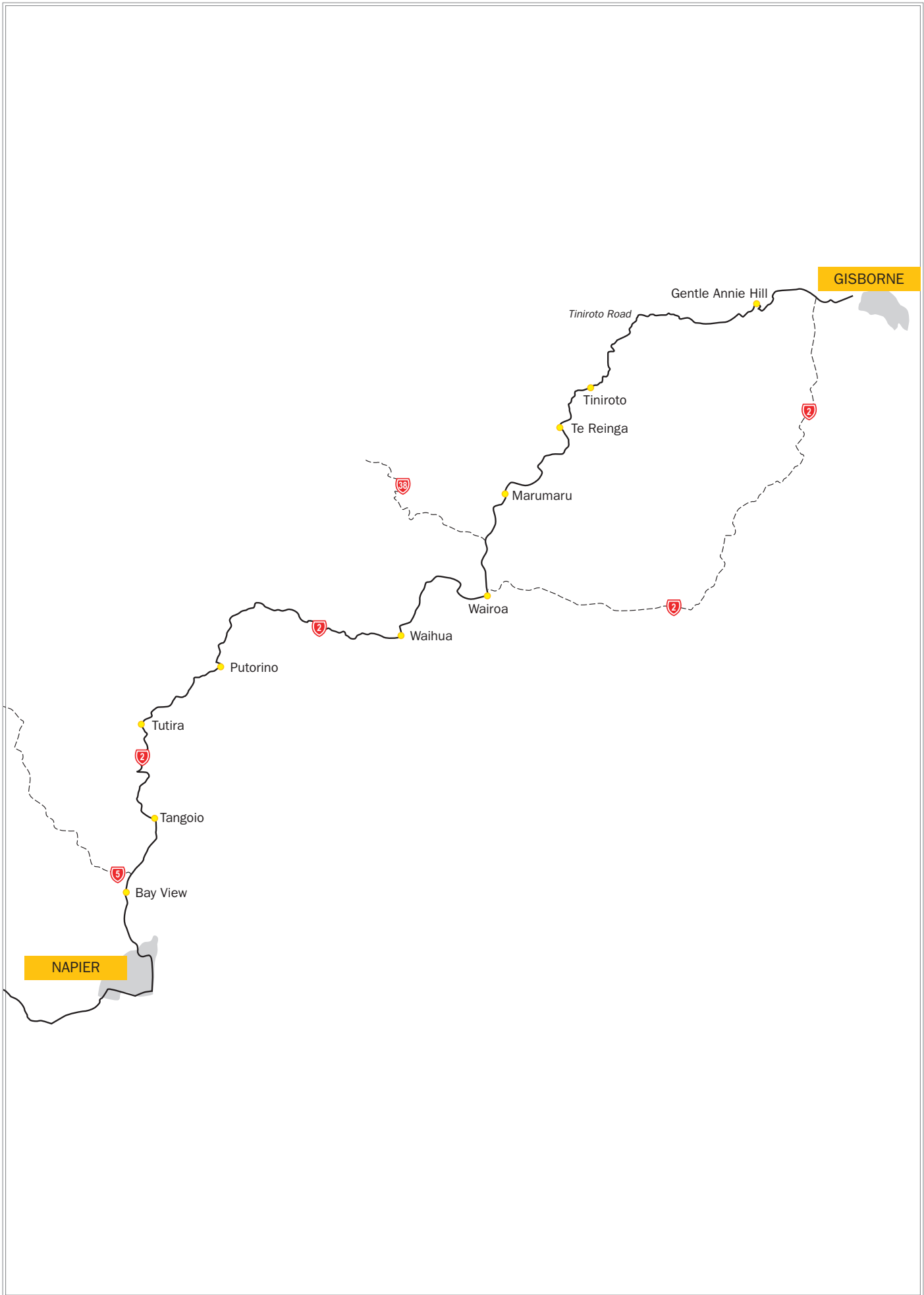
- 0 Depart Wairoa via SH2 (**LAST PETROL UNTIL NAPIER 85 MILES**)
 - 2.9 Second Left after 100km sign into Kiwi Valley Rd
 - 3.9 Stay on Kiwi Valley Rd until left at Give Way onto tarseal (SH2 not sign posted)
 - 5.3 Leave Cricklewood Rd on your Right
 - 11.1 Leave Glendining Rd on your Left
 - 12.0 Pass Waihua Beach Rd on your left
 - 16.0 Stay on Main Road until turning left into Mohaka Township Rd (watch out for goats)
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Day 3

Gisborne to Napier

- 18.4 Leave Mohaka Township Rd on your Right and proceed ahead to Mohaka Coach Rd.
 - 19.1 Stay on tarseal to cross bridge
 - 19.2 After crossing the bridge Right into Mohaka Coach Rd.
Keep right to enter Mohaka Coach Rd
 - 21.6 Pass Springhill Station on your left
 - 22.3 Go over cattle stops to pass through Springhill Forest
 - 25.3 Ignore Ponui Rd on your Left to stay on Mohaka Coach Rd.
 - 30.4 Left at Stop onto tarseal (SH2 not signposted).
 - 39.8 Stay on SH2 until taking a comfort stop at Putorino (TUI)
 - 43.9 Stay on SH2 to cross over new \$32 million bridge.
 - 48.8 Stay on SH2 to pass through Tutira (cafe and petrol on your right may be open)
 - 49.1 Continue on SH2 and turn Right Waikoau Rd (Holt Forest)
 - 53.7 Leave Mokamoka Rd on your Right
 - 54.4 After Holt Forest Rd (on your Right) Waikoau Rd becomes Darkys Spur Rd
(some signs say Darkey Spur and some say Darkys Spur). Stay on Darkys Spur Rd until....
 - 57.5 Right into Waipunga Rd leaving Kaiwaka Rd on your Left
 - 59.3 Leave Turnbull Rd on your Right
 - 69.6 Cross bridge over Esk river and then cross railway line and immediately Left at Tee onto SH5 (Not signposted)
 - 71.4 Right at Hill Rd and Stay on Hill Rd until
 - 73.6 Turn Right onto Main North Rd (SH2) Petrol available on left at Mobil.
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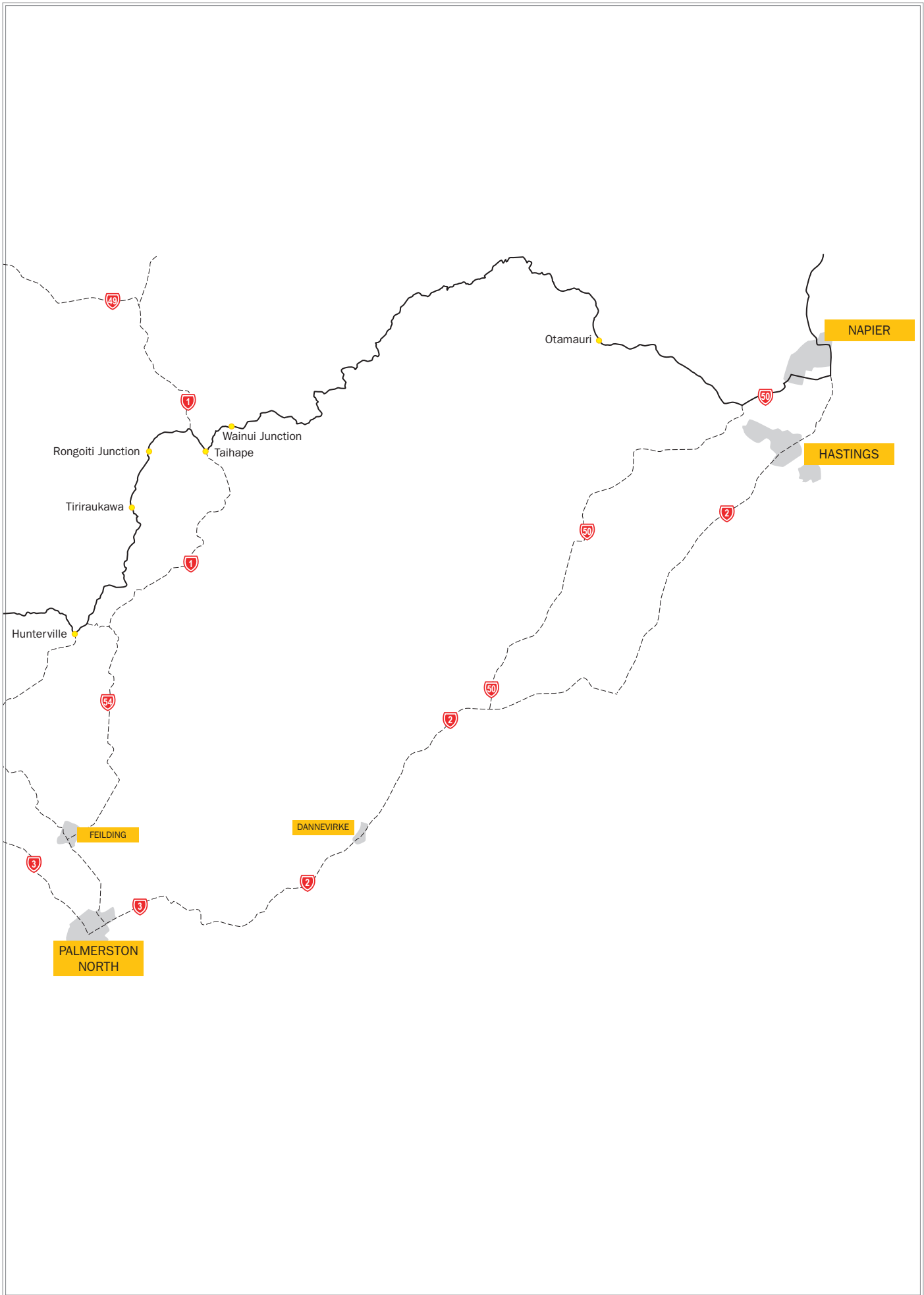
Day 3

Gisborne to Napier

- 77.1 Stay on Main North Rd (SH2) to pass Napier Airport on your Right
- 77.4 Bear Left at Meeanee Quay City Centre sign to stay on SH2 (watch out for speed cameras)
- 78.6 Stay on SH2 until Left at West Quay (view fishing boats on left and cafes on right)
- 79.0 Left at traffic island, stay Left and then turn Left into Nelson Quay.
Continue into Hardinge Rd.
- 80.0 Left at tee onto Chatham and continue onto Breakwater Rd.
- 80.1 Keep Port of Napier on your Left.
- 81.1 Follow Breakwater Rd onto Marine Parade.
- 81.3 See Soundshell on your Left and Dome on your Right.
- 82.6 Continue on Marine Parade and then straight onto SH2. (see Cape Kidnappers in distance on your left).
- 84.4 Turn Right at Awatoto Rd and cross the railway line **WITH CARE**.
HAWKE'S BAY VINTAGE CAR CLUB clubrooms are immediately on your Left.

OVERNIGHT IN NAPIER

Day 4: Rest Day



Day 5

Napier to Taihape

LAST PETROL UNTIL TAIHAPE APPROXIMATELY 118 MILES

- 0 When leaving clubrooms continue along Awatoto Rd in the same direction as before and turn Right into Awatoto Rd at Meeanee Taradale Sign.
- 1.2 At crossroads continue onto Sandy Rd and (1.7) go past Meeanee Speedway on Papakura Domain (site for proposed new HBVCC clubrooms).
- 2.5 Straight ahead onto Brookfields Rd. (not left). Stay on Brookfields Rd until
- 4.4 Right at Tee onto Pakowhai Rd
- 5.9 Left onto SH50/50A, get straight into Right hand lane and turn Right into Links Rd (SH 50 FERNHILL TAIHAPE).
- 7.4 Great chocolates and cafe at Silky Oaks on your left.
- 7.6 Left at Tee onto Koropiko Rd. (SH50 FERNHILL TAIHAPE) Follow Koropiko Rd until
- 11.7 Turn Right with care onto Taihape Rd. (PUKETAPU TAIHAPE) Taihape Rd becomes Taihape/Napier Rd.

Follow Taihape signs for approx 55.8 miles until
- 67.5 Turn Left into MANGAOHANE ROAD just past River Valley 60 minute sign

NOTE: There is gravel road for the next 33 miles

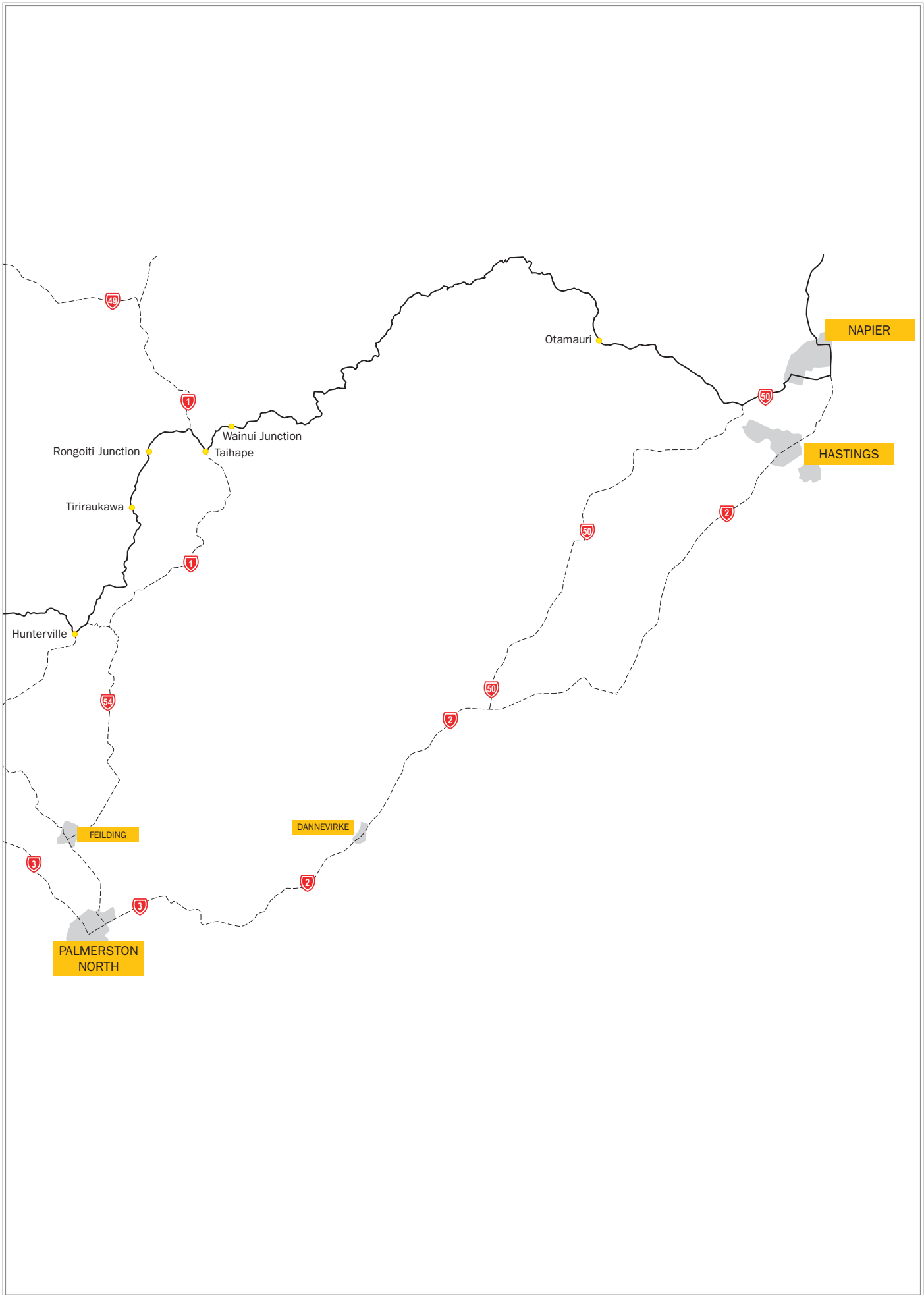
For a few miles after crossing the Ford, you will be travelling through the middle of a Farm (Otupae Station) As there are no roadside fences please watch out for stock. Also watch for tractors, and shepherds on motor bikes as they may not be expecting you.

- 86.7 Turn Left into MANGAHOATA ROAD (no exit) just after school and carry on to the end of this road and to the River Valley Lodge for a Lunch Stop

Take care on entering River Valley, slow to 18 mph,

- 89.5 There is a steep narrow down hill section, so watch out for tourists coming the other way

Food and Drinks and toilet are available at the Lodge.



Day 5

Napier to Taihape

92.5 On leaving River Valley, proceed back to the MANGAHOATA ROAD
turnoff and Bear Left

92.7 1st Left into PUKEOKAHU ROAD

100.5 Left at TAOROA JUNCTION 3km Sign to follow Gravity Canyon sign

102.1 Straight Ahead at TAOROA JUNCTION into MOKAI ROAD (no exit)

104.5 Turn Right at carpark sign into Gravity Canyon

Food, Drink and Toilets available at the café, and if you dare, there is New Zealand's highest Bridge Bungy, a Giant Swing, and a 100 mph Flying Fox

67.5 Turn Left out of Carpark

106.9 At TAOROA JUNCTION turn Left into TORERE ROAD

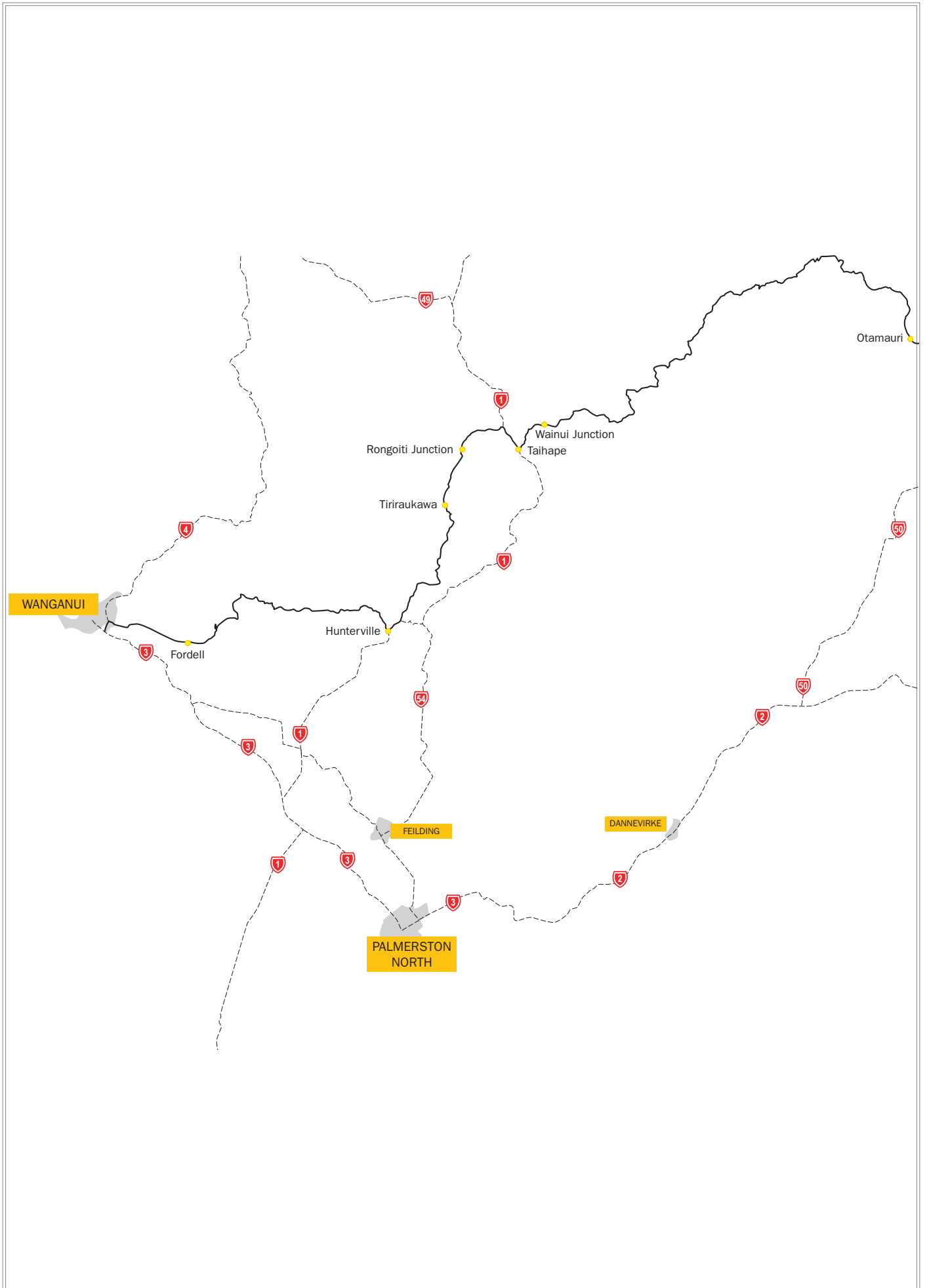
113.9 Turn Right at Giveway into GORGE ROAD

EXTREME CAUTION CROSSING THE RAILWAY LINE

The trains are quite fast along here

114.2 Right at T on to **SH1 WITH EXTREME CAUTION** and proceed to TAIHAPE

118.2 **OVERNIGHT IN TAIHAPE**



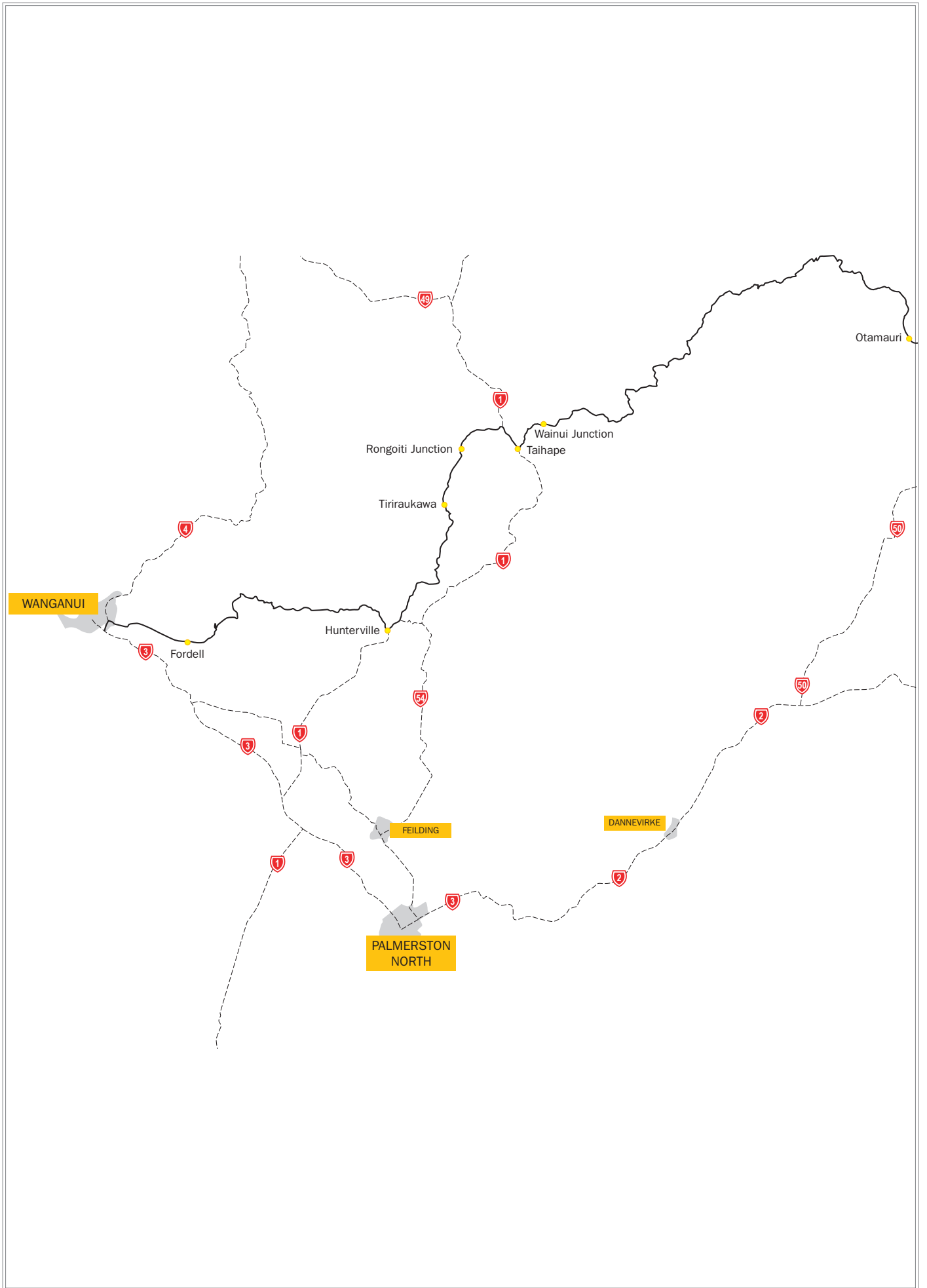
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Taihape to Wanganui

APPROX. MILES

- 0 Leave TAIHAPE heading North on SH1
- 1.6 1st Left after 100kph sign into PUKENAUUA ROAD
(GRAVEL ROAD FOR THE NEXT 6 MILES)
- 6.6 Take the Extreme Acute Right at Crossroads
- 11.4 Left at Crossroads into RONGOITI ROAD
- 14.6 Straight ahead at RONGOITI JUNCTION
- 21.6 Straight ahead into WATERSHED ROAD at MANGAONE JUNCTION.
(GRAVEL ROAD for the NEXT 11 MILES)
- 34.4 Right at T into KIEKIE ROAD
- 35.8 Bear Left into MURIMOTU ROAD to stay on seal
- 40.3 Right at Giveway onto **SH1 WITH EXTREME CAUTION**
- 41.3 Straight ahead off SH1 into KOTUKUTUKU ROAD
- 41.8 Right at T into HIGH STREET

PUBLIC TOILETS ON YOUR RIGHT AFTER CROSSING BRIDGE.
- You are now in HUNTERVILLE. This is the last toilets, food and petrol until Wanganui.
There are several places here where you can get food and only one service station.
- 42.0 Straight ahead at COMPULSORY STOP to cross SH1 (**with caution**) into BRUCE STREET
- Bruce St becomes ONGO ROAD
- 45.9 2nd Left into MANGAHOE ROAD
- 55.6 Straight Ahead at Giveway into TURAKINA VALLEY ROAD
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Day 6

Taihape to Wanganui

56.4 First Right into MANGATIPONA ROAD

Continue Straight through FORDELL on No 2 Line

80.8 No2 Line becomes Portal St

Stay on Portal St to proceed down the hill

At the bottom of the hill (make sure you can stop or you will need to swim)

Right at Give Way onto Anzac Parade (No sign)

Stay on Anzac Parade until Left at Roundabout to cross the Dublin St Bridge

Left at the next Roundabout onto Somme Parade

Stay on Somme Parade keeping the Wanganui River on your Left and you will come to a
CONTROLLED AREA.

At the CONTROLLED AREA please follow directions to the "WELCOME AREA"

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. TO 3.00 P.M.

85.0 After you have been welcomed to WANGANUI CITY and the VCC RALLY 2012 please
proceed to your accommodation.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the tour to Wanganui.