

ROUTE 8

Taranaki Round Robin

Start

Inglewood

KMs/Miles

170/106

Taumaranui

184/115

Wanganui

2 DAYS

354 KILOMETRES

221 MILES

Route Information

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.

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY - INGLEWOOD TO TAUMARUNUI 170 KMS / 106 MILES

START AT TARANAKI VCC 1040 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SHW3A, INGLEWOOD

HOSPITALITY: TARANAKI VCC 1040 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SHW3A, INGLEWOOD

BRANCH CONTACT LES BOGNUDA 06-759-1270

E-mail: bogunda63@xtra.co.nz **Mobile:** 021-0229-7342

REFRESHMENTS: Light refreshments: Tea, Coffee, Milo, Toast etc. Free of Charge.
Max 60 vehicles

FINISH: KING COUNTRY VCC, 176, TARINGAMOTU ROAD, TAUMARUNUI

HOSPITALITY: KING COUNTRY VCC, 176, TARINGAMOTU ROAD, TAUMARUNUI

BRANCH CONTACT Norma & Ian Dougherty 07-896-8777

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REFRESHMENTS: BYO = Bring your own - Limited facilities

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY - TAUMARUNUI TO WANGANUI 184 KMS / 115 MILES

START AT KING COUNTRY VCC, 176, TARINGAMOTU ROAD, TAUMARUNUI

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FINISH: WANGANUI

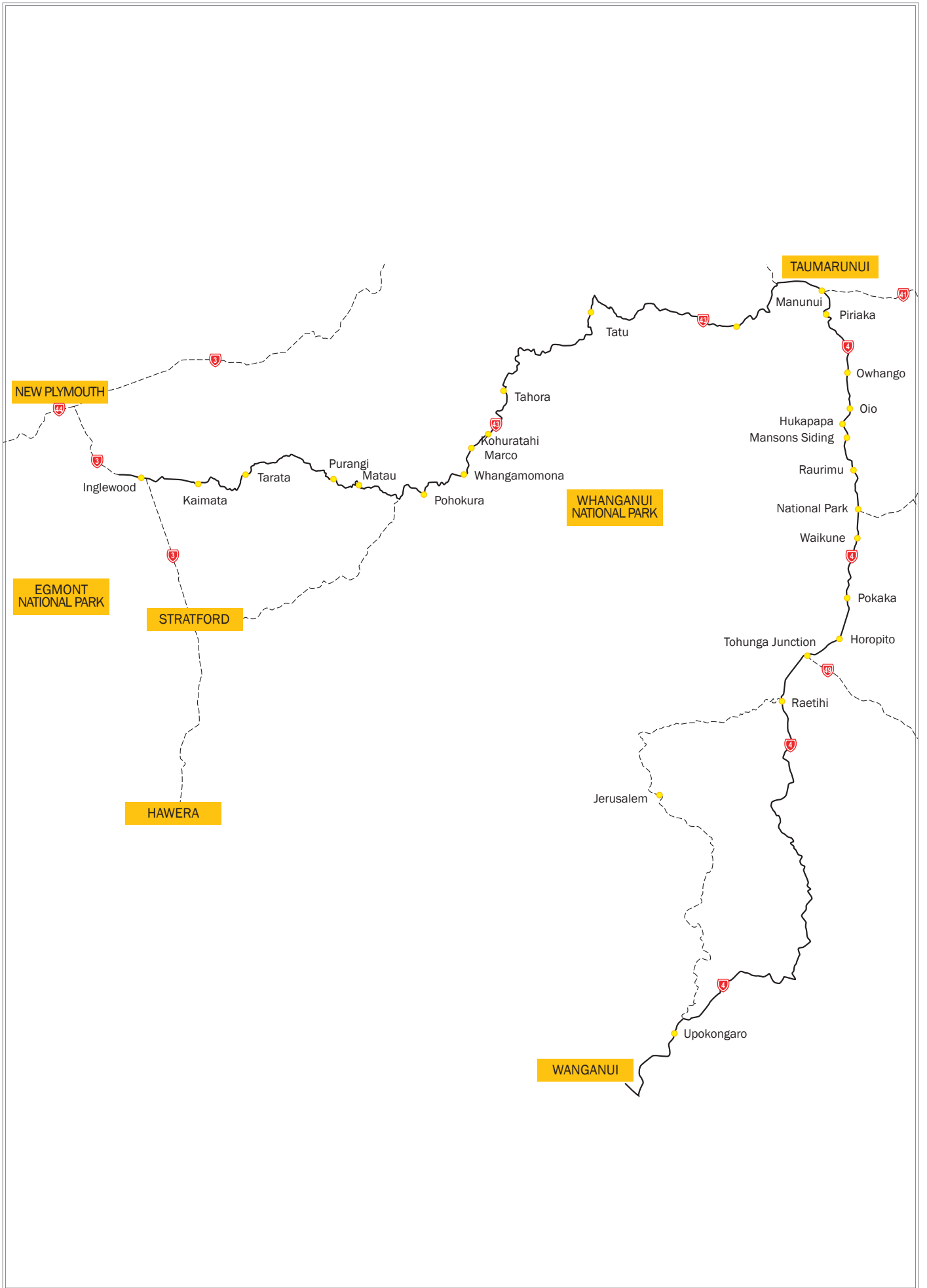
Please refer to the last page of the route for the 'Town Route' leading to the Rally Venue.

We hope you will enjoy your Rally.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT WANGANUI BETWEEN 1.00 P.M. – 1.30 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

Inglewood to Taumarunui

*Total Distance Today Approximately
Option 1: 107 miles / 171 km; Option 2: 96 miles / 153 km*

Meet at the car park in Moa St, Inglewood

Make sure you have a FULL TANK OF FUEL as there is NO MORE FUEL until Taumarunui.

Left out of car park

Right onto Rata St

Rata St becomes Tarata Rd

Stay on Tarata Rd

Ahead at Purangi 16Km to stay on Tarata Rd

Ahead at Junction Rd sign

Right to stay on Junction Rd leaving Matau North Rd on your Left

Bear Left leaving Matau Rd and Matau School on your Right

Left at Tee Whangamomona 18Km (Taumarunui SH43)

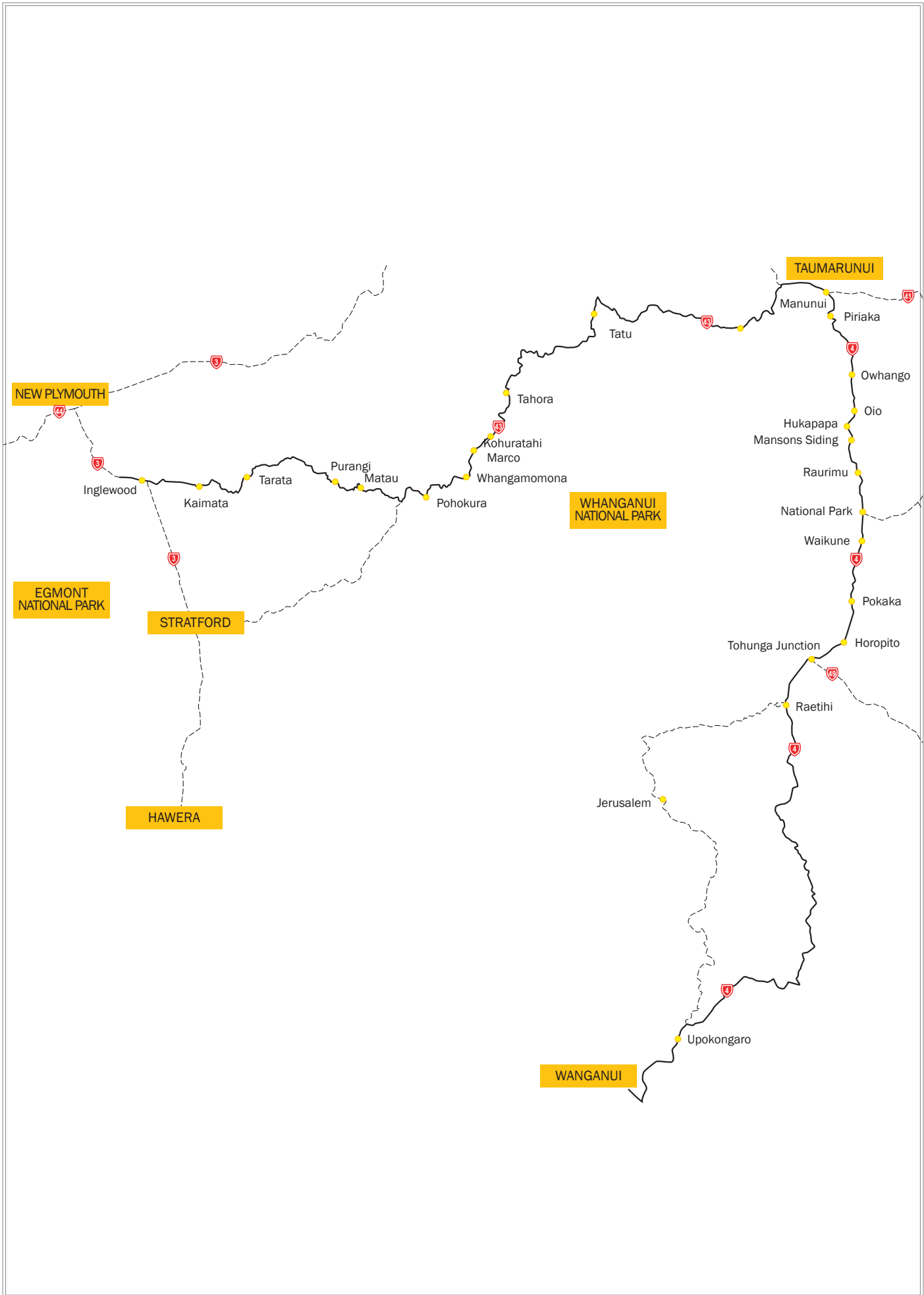
You are now on The Forgotten World Highway (SH43)

PLEASE TAKE CARE ON THIS ROAD AS A LOT OF TOURISTS AND CAMPERVANS USE THE ROAD.

*Whangamomona today is only a small settlement but was a lot larger in years gone by. It has a very interesting history a lot of which is displayed around the walls of the hotel and even some Heritage Buildings around the village. The hotel serves good bar meals. **NOTE: Last food until Taumarunui.***

Leave Whangamomona to stay on SH43 (Forgotten World Highway)

Cross bridge and Railway Line (**PLEASE NOTE: TREAT THESE RAILWAY CROSSINGS WITH RESPECT AS YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY MAY BE USED**)



Day 1

Inglewood to Taumarunui

At Kohuratahi Observe the Cenotaph on your left

Climb over the Tahora Saddle and observe Ruapehu. Ngaruhoe and Togariro mountains (if the weather is clear)

10Km Pass through Tahora

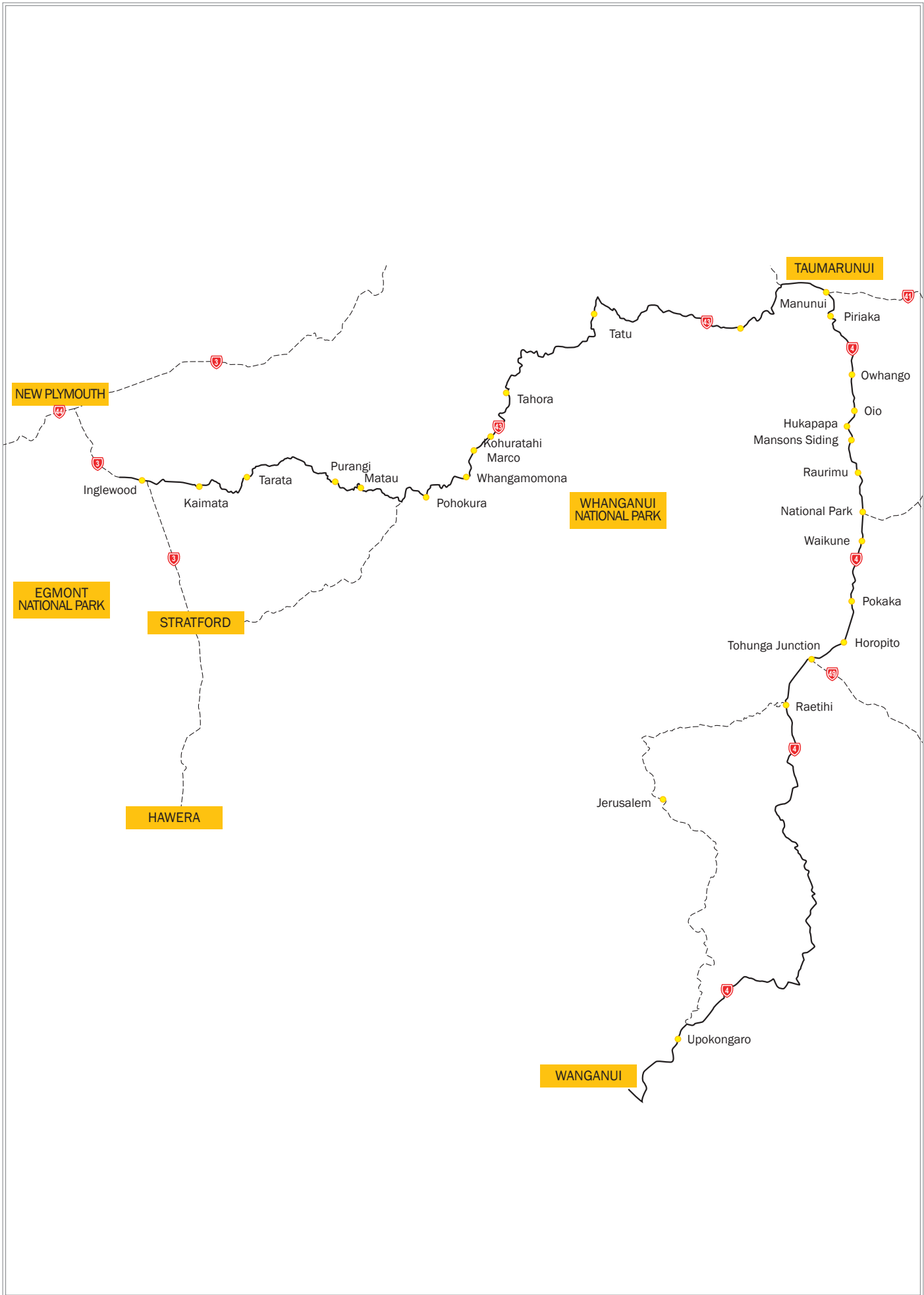
Travel through the Moki Tunnel (Also Known as Hobbitts Hole. The floor of the tunnel was lowered to allow sheep and cattle trucks through)

Veer Left leaving Raekohua Rd on your Right

Veer right to stay on SH43 travel through Tangarakau Gorge. This is a metal road and rather narrow in parts but plenty of beautiful Native bush

24Km Morgans Grave is on your left before crossing the Bridge

After leaving the gorge and travelling through farmland on a tar seal road



Day 1

Inglewood to Taumarunui

OPTION 1

Straight ahead to Ohura (Mangaparo Rd) leaving SH43 on your Right

Stay on Mangaparo Rd

Ignore Ohura Peak Trig Rd

Ohura was once a bustling coal mining town of reasonable size even boasting 2 motor garages. Since the closure of the mines the town has gradually declined. When you cross the bridge at the other end of town if you look to your left there is a large building complex. This was originally a mine workers hostel and more recently an open prison which was closed in 2005. It is now a backpackers, motel and eating house. In 1998 there was a very large flood through the town and it was isolated for days.

Pass through Ohura and cross the bridge and then immediately Right at the end of the bridge into Huia Rd

Stay on Huia Rd until Bear Right onto Roto Rd

Stay on Roto Rd

Ignore Kakahi Valley Rd

Bear Left at Y junction onto tar seal **WITH EXTREME CAUTION; this is SH43 but there is no sign**

Ahead into Kururau Rd (Gravel surface)

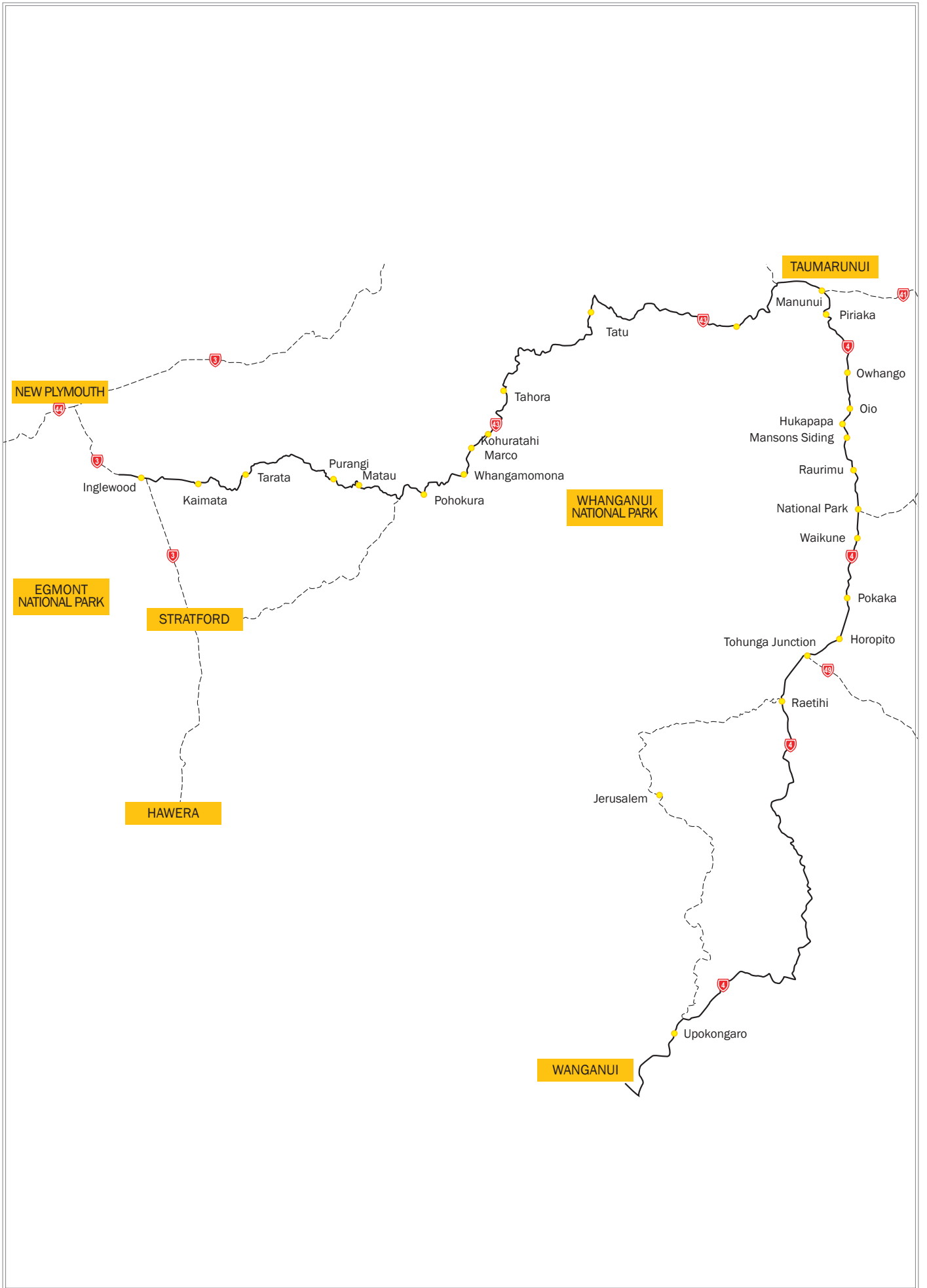
Ignore Otunui Nth. Rd. on your left

Ignore Otunui Sth. Rd. on your Right

Stay on Kururau Rd until ahead at Give Way to stay on Kururau Rd

Travel up the hill and pass Taumarunui Hospital on your Right

Travel down the hill and Right onto SH4 to cross the bridge into Taumarunui and your accommodation.



Day 1

Inglewood to Taumarunui

OPTION 2

Right to stay on SH43 (Taumarunui)

At the next large Taumarunui sign bear Right into Kururua Rd

Travel up the hill and pass the Taumarunui hospital on your Right

Travel down the hill and Right onto SH4 and cross the bridge into Taumarunui and your accommodation.

*Tomorrow morning meet near the Railway Carriage Cafe at the South end of Hakiatia St
SH4(the main street)*

NOTE: TO TRAVEL to the KING COUNTRY BRANCH CLUBROOMS

Pass New World and the BP Service Station then immediately Right after McDonalds into Short St.

Pass under the railway bridge and this leads into Golf Rd.

2nd Exit off Roundabout to remain on Golf Rd.

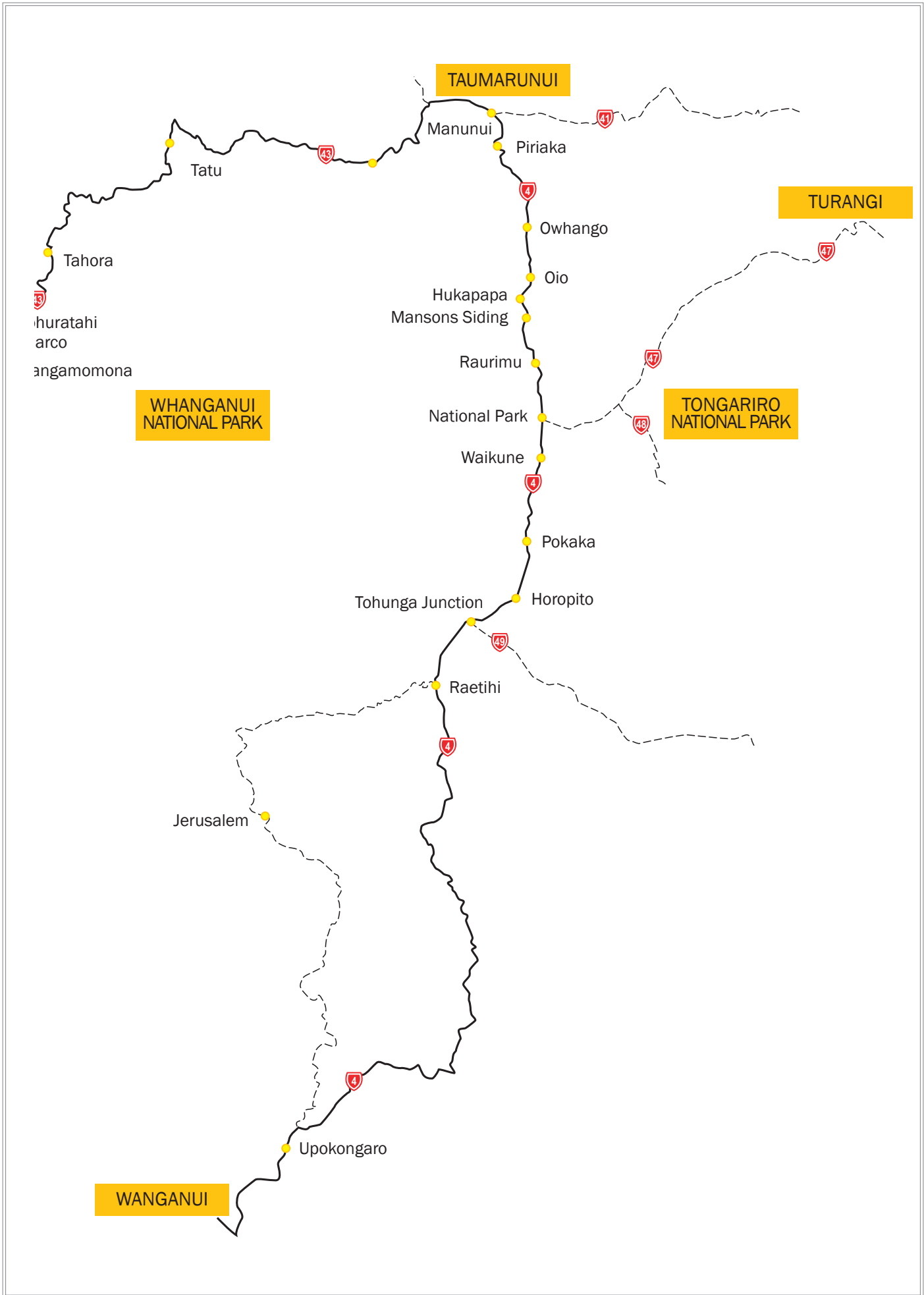
Pass the golf course on your right

2nd exit off Roundabout on to Taringamotu Rd.

Stay on Taringomutu Rd. which becomes Taumarunui – Ngapuke Rd.

The Clubrooms are on the Right at number 176 Taumarunui – Ngapuke Rd.

Return to Taumarunui the way you came



Day 2

Taumarunui to Wanganui

Approximate Distance from Taumarunui to Ohakune: 49 miles / 78 km

Meet at the railway cafe at the south end of Hakiatia St (the main street) SH4

Depart Taumarunui travelling south following following SH4 (Wanganui/National Park)

At Manunui Straight Ahead to stay on SH4 Wanganui

On your left is the Wanganui River. As the road starts to move away from the river note the Piriaka Power Station. The water for this comes from a weir in the river (not a dam) which diverts only a portion of the river flow through an open canal to the penstocks to the powerhouse. The station was commissioned in 1924

Pass through Owango staying on SH4 to Raurimu

At Raurimu on your left is the model of the North Island Main Trunk Spiral Railway. Also note the Dinosaur on your Right

At National Park ahead on SH4. **Note the 80Kmh speed limit; this is a favourite haunt for the law.**

Pass through Erua and travel down through the Makatote River Gorge and pass under the Makatote NIMT Viaduct.

Opened in 1908 this is the 3rd highest rail viaduct in New Zealand at 78.6 m high and is 262 m in length.

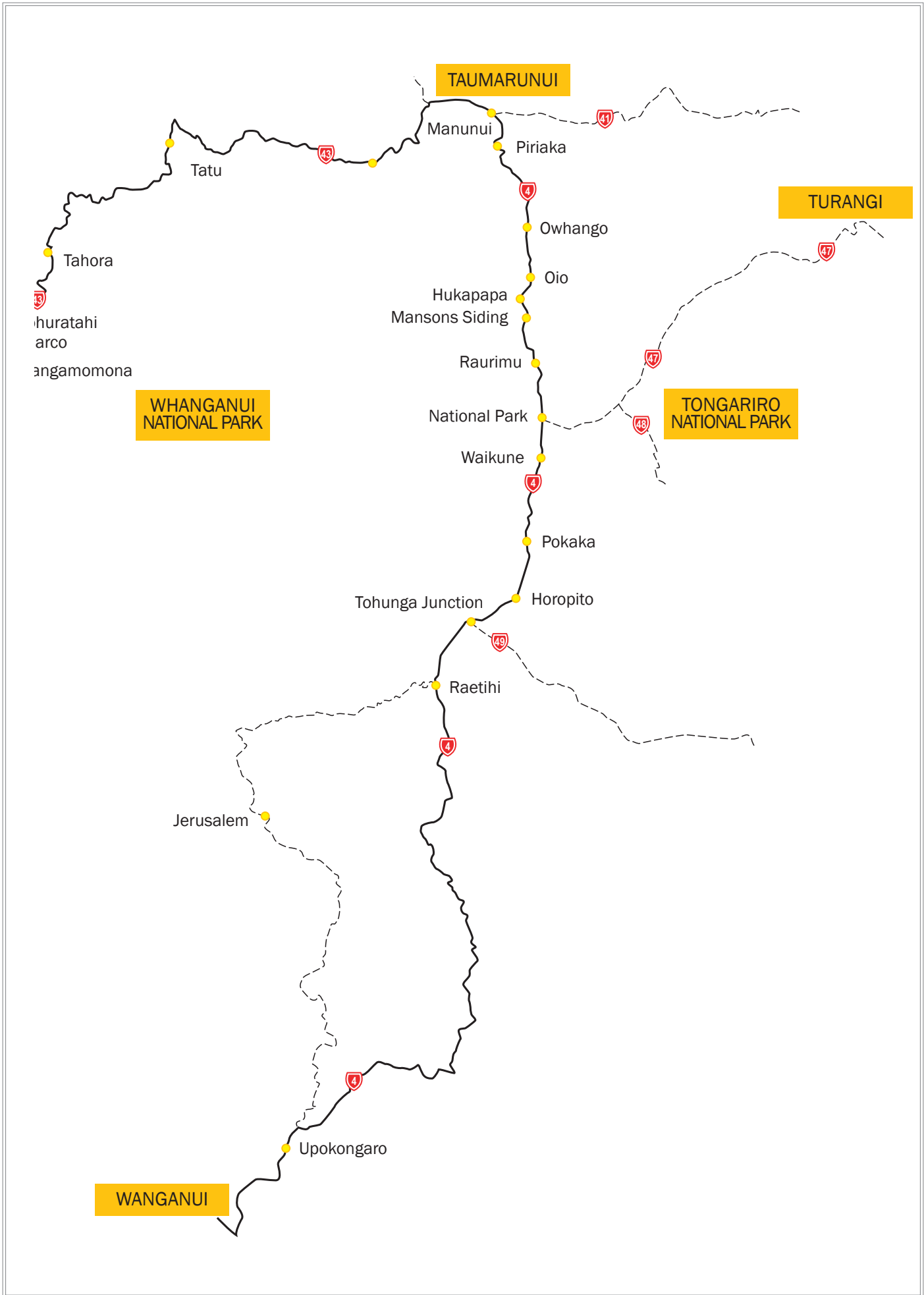
Located in the first Rest Area on the left (After passing under the viaduct) is the last spike Memorial that commemorates the driving of the last rail spike in 1908 thus completing the Auckland – Wellington rail link. The spike was driven by the then Prime Minister Joseph Ward.

Horopito Observe Horopito Motors (Smash Palace) and Museum on your left.

Horopito Motors is where the film "Smash Palace" was filmed. Horopito Motors was established by the late Bill Cole and is now operated by his daughter Barbara and husband Colin

Left at SH49 Ohakune/Waiouru

Follow SH49 to Ohakune



Day 2

Taumarunui to Wanganui

OPTION 1: OHAKUNE TO WANGANUI VIA FIELDS TRACK AND WHANGAEHU VALLEY ROADS. APPROXIMATE DISTANCE 77 MILES (123 KM) 50% GRAVEL

At Ohakune

LAST FUEL, FOOD AND TOILETS until Wanganui

Pass through Ohakune staying on SH 49

At approximately 6.75 miles(11Km) from Ohakune, Right at Wanganui Via Fields Track

Bear Left into Whangaehu Valley Rd. leaving Oruakukuru Rd on your Right.

Ignore Ngamokai Rd and stay on WhangaehuValley Rd until

Bear left to stay on Whangaehu Valley Rd. Leaving Fields Track on your Right

When passing Kowhai St on your right (Kowhai St crosses a swing bridge) you are at what used to be the settlement of Mangamahu.

Follow Fordell and Wanganui signs. The road name changes to Mangamahu Rd.

Note the Mangamahu Church on your left

After crossing the second swing bridge Right at Tee Kauangaroa Rd.- Wanganui 28Km

Stay on Kauangaroa Rd until Right at the Fordell Hotel (Station Rd)

Station Rd becomes Matarawa Valley Rd

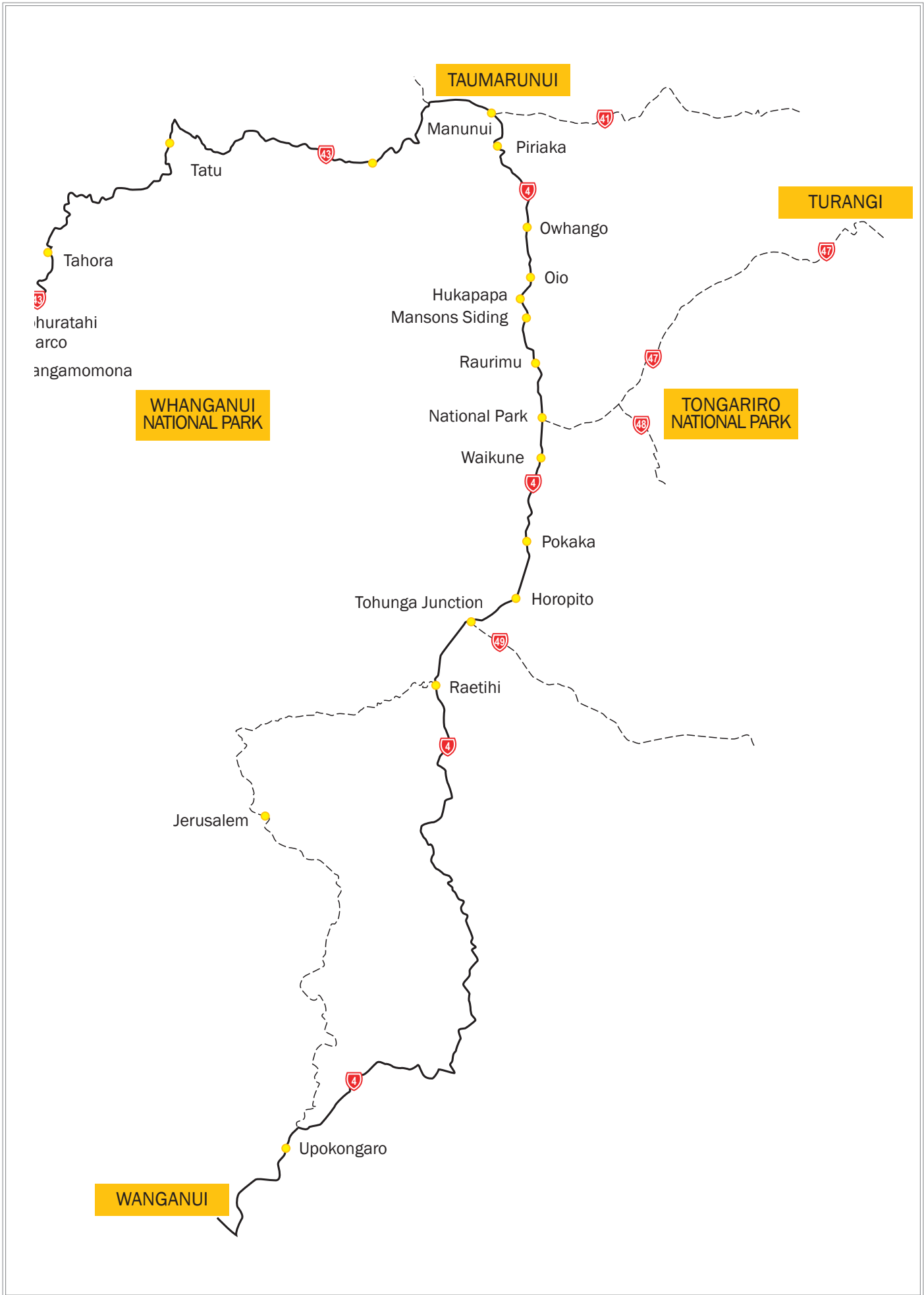
Bear Right to stay on Matarawa Valley Rd. leaving Matarawa Hill Rd on your Left

Right at Okoia Rd

After crossing Railway Lines (**WITH EXTREME CARE**) Bear Left

Left into No 3 Line

After 50Km sign move to the Right hand turning lane (on a left hand bend) to follow No3 Line which becomes Eastown Rd.



Day 2

Taumarunui to Wanganui

Follow Eastown Rd keeping the Railway Lines on your Left until

Left at Tee (Give Way) to pass under the Railway Bridge (This is Anzac Parade SH4 but there is no sign)

Right at Roundabout to cross the Dublin St bridge

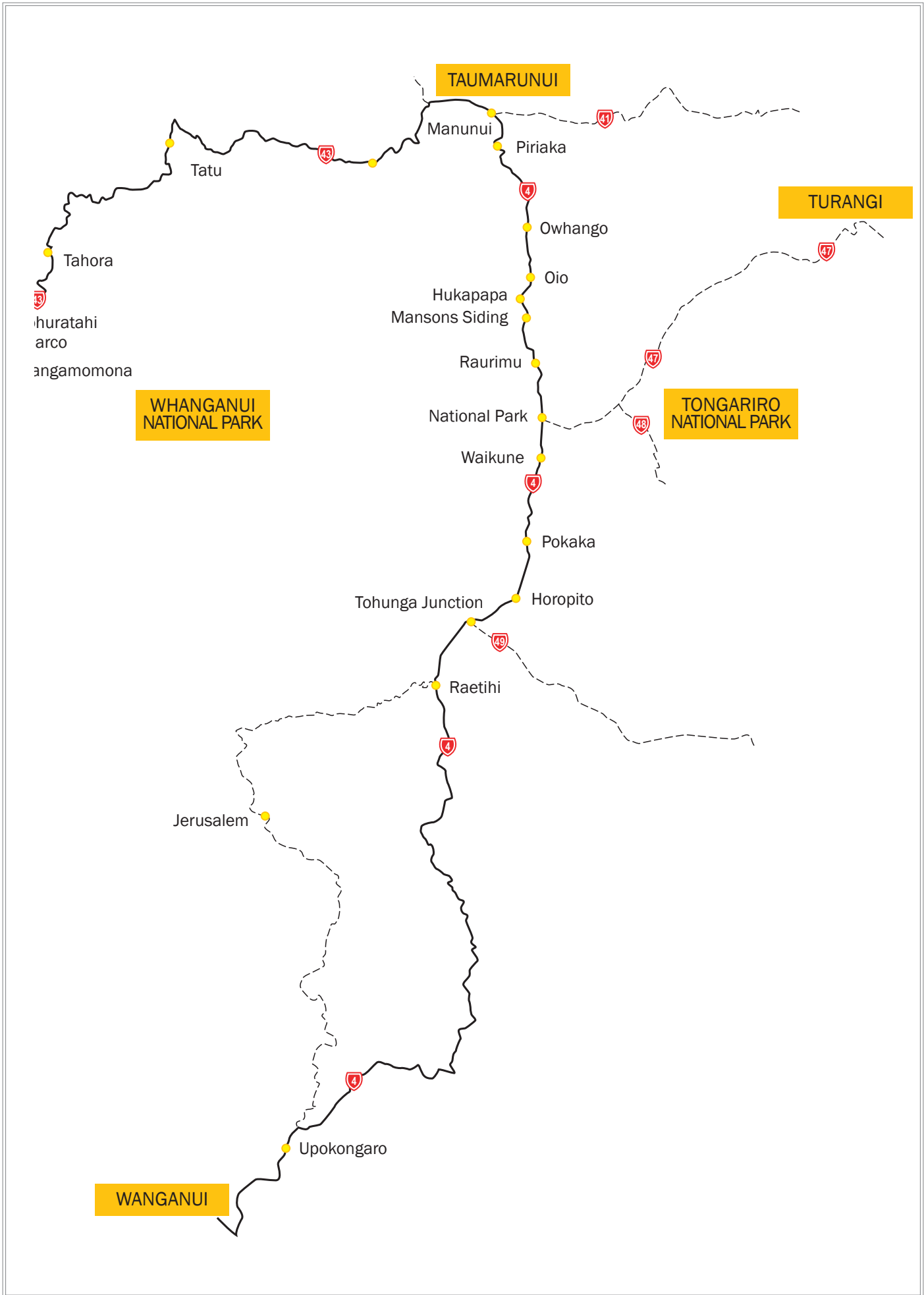
Left at the next Roundabout onto Somme Parade

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"

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



Day 2

Taumarunui to Wanganui

OPTION 2: OHAKUNE TO WANGANUI VIA PARAPARA RD SH4. APPROXIMATE DISTANCE 67.5 MILES (108 KM) ALL TARSEAL

At Ohakune

Right at BP to Raetihi and Wanganui

At Raetihi Left at Give Way to follow Wanganui SH4

Last Fuel, Food and Toilets until Awakino

Stay on SH4 until entering Wanganui

SH4 becomes Anzac Parade.

Right at Roundabout to cross the Dublin St bridge

Left at next Roundabout onto Somme Parade

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

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Please plan to arrive at the Rally Venue between 1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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