

NORTH ISLAND
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Welcome to Cook Islands



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North Island 2nd part



My driving on North Island (Part 2)

Saturday 23.01:

Auckland Airport-Bream Bay
Directions: 216 km of which at least 60 km
was the detour.
Accommodation: Bream Bay Camp: \$ 11

Sunday 24.01:

Bream Bay-Paihia.
Directions: 116 km
Accommodation: Beach Holiday Park: \$ 20

Monday 25.01:

Boat trip to Russell.
Directions: 0 km .
Accommodation: Beach Holiday Park: \$ 20

Tuesday 26.01:

Paihia, Dargaville.
Directions: 150 km.
Accommodation: Dargaville Holiday Park,
\$ 14th

Wednesday 27.01:

Dargaville-Holden's Bay, Lake Rotorua.
Directions: 442 km.
Accommodation: Holden's Bay Top 10 Ho-
liday Park: \$ 19

Thursday 28.01:

Holden's Bay, Lake Rotorua-Waitetoka,
Lake Taupo
Directions: 170 km.
Accommodations: Private Holiday Park: \$
25

Friday 29.01:

Waitetoka, Lake Taupo, Lindale Motor Park
Directions: 385 km.
Accommodation: Lindale Motor Park: \$ 18

Saturday 30.01:

Lindale Motor Park
Directions: 0 km .
Accommodation: Lindale Motor Park: \$ 18

Sunday 31.01:

Southland Car Museum
Directions: 15 km.
Accommodation: Lindale Motor Park: \$ 18



Wednesday 27th January 2010

Dargaville - Holdens Bay, Lake Rotorua

Given the problems I had to get out of Auckland and the east and instead I came up north when I started my tour, I was a little concerned once again hitting the same road works and thereby get out on the same long detour.

So I decided to drive to SH1 and take it all the way through Auckland and down to Hamilton.

Therefore - Villa Ducato should move from Dargaville on the West Coast and preferably down near Lake Rotorua. What might be of interest to look at this piece may come along the road.

The day started early - as usual - kl. 5.30 with waking up to a fantastic morning, it had barely begun to lighten yet. Today's transport length was around. 450 km, so I might as well run immediately after breakfast.

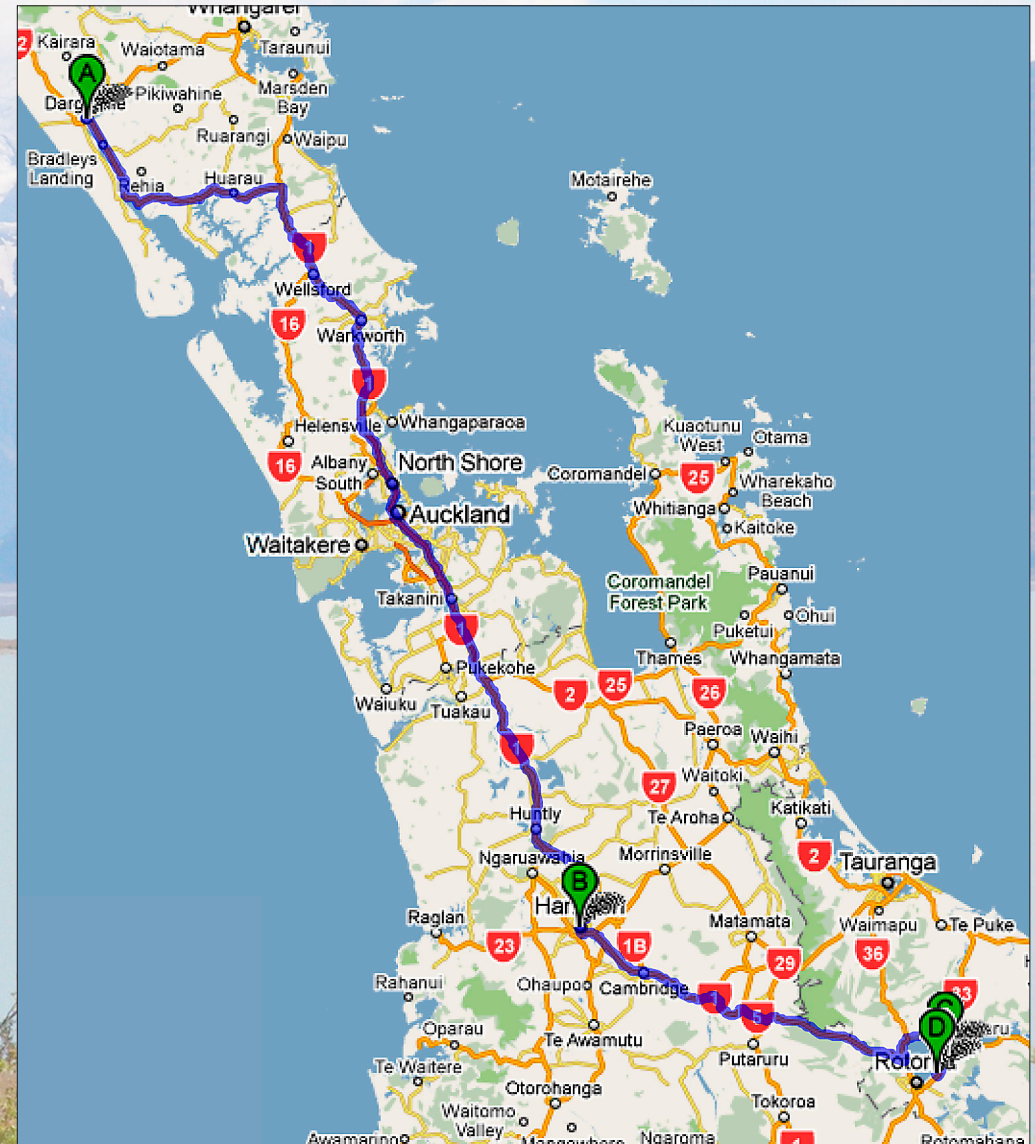
There were also diesel on the "beast" for the first time. It had eaten well 49 liters out of a tank that took 80 liters. The price for 1 liter of diesel was around. 3.96 DKK per. l - converted. Villa Ducato has actually run over 12 km / l, which is said to be beautiful. From Dargaville went steadily downwards and later towards Auckland. Anything north of Auckland I hit SH1 Motorway. It is really an impressive entrance to Auckland when you come north.

The area around Auckland that appear to be highly volcanic. Jo approached I arrived at Auckland Motorway'en, was at one time I decide whether I would continue through the tunnel had been drilled through a

mountain north of Auckland and pay the \$ 2.50 per either. phone or via their web-site. I chose to continue along the highway and then later to pay. Neither worked, so I left New Zealand with an unpaid toll. After returning, it appeared that the camper was hired toll included.

When I hit Auckland showed the sign on the Motorway, I just had to keep the right lane all the way through Auckland, which I would hit Hamilton Road and from there on the last more than 110 km to Rotorua from Hamilton.

I drove north on Lake Rotorua and found Holden Bay Holyday park that almost was situated on the lake. Really it was just a lot with location, I would still further the next morning.





Thursday 28th January 2010

Lake Rotorua - Lake Taupo

There was late afternoon and evening before been a rain and thunderstorm at an hour that would really matter.

This morning was no exception, I awoke as usual, suffered in 6 up to turn a great fantastic day - cloudless horizon.

It is incredibly quiet on pitches around New Zealand. 9 PM were all dead and dark.

From this time on tour, I also met many of the same people again in other places, which I got a little talk with.

After breakfast I drove the small 14 km out to Hell's Gate. If I did not know already, why it smelled so strange to camper site, it was certainly confirmed by the Hells Gate. It's hard to tell about Hells Gate, it must be seen, but the closest I can get it - no sulfur smell - Soby lignite deposits in the old days but without bubbling ponds.

After Hell's Gate, I chose to drive south of Rotorua to look at the Buried Village. An area in 1886 were suddenly surprised by the earth's internal forces. As from a cloudless sky rolled a great part of town sammem. Today there is a park where there is an opportunity to walk around and see some of the houses, and effects which were subsequently excavated. A very nice walk in the park that have emerged on top of a tragedy. There shall be regular excavations, when funds are available.

From Buried Village, I was around Lake Tarawera, with the weather that day was offered a beautiful view over the cliffs and out over the lake ..

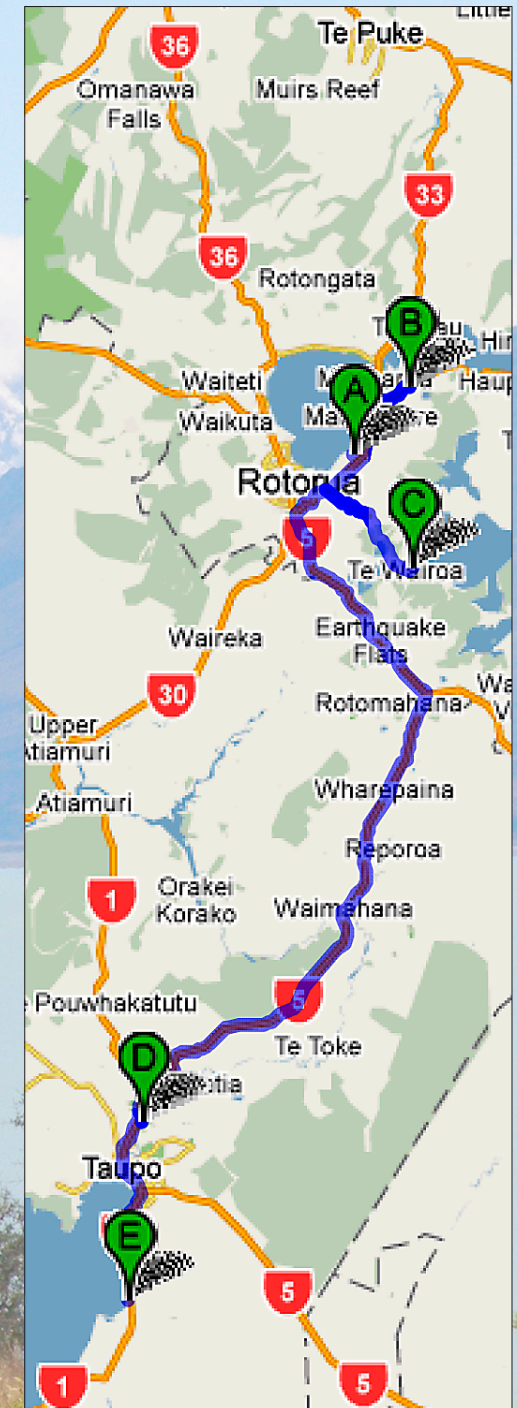
Then it went quietly on towards the Huka Falls just north of Taupo, which I would see and experience before it was too late in the day.

In another blow succeeded in finding the way down to the waterfall. Of course, road works and entrance to the Huka Falls was relocated. It was definitely also worth sacrificing time on the waterfall. The waterfall is not very high but which burst so much wa-

ter through a gap that could fill two Olympic swimming pools of 1 second.

After Huka Falls was my opinion, to run the few km to see Moon Crater, located in the same area as the Huka Falls, but our Lord had not voted for this. He opened simply the locks - and there was just water down! But it did not last more than a quarter of an hour, so the sun was there again.

Therefore I continued to Turangi to be at the end of Lake Taupo and found a camper space for the night well midway down along the lake.





From Holden Bay Holiday Park at Lake Rotorua continued the journey next day by running back and up to Brunswick Park and turn right to run toward Tikitere where Hells Gate stood. Hells Gate, I chose instead it might be something bigger Whakarewareware on the southern outskirts of Rotorua.

The good half hour walk among bubbling hot tubs and a waterfall where the water is pouring down with 40 degrees, as well as numerous film and video footage at Hells Gate, I continued the trip and drove back to Rotorua, where I am on the outskirts of the city swung to left to run out to the Buried Village. On the way to the Buried Village, I did two short stays at both Blue and Green Lake, before I stopped at the Buried Village, where there was a half hour with a walk in the park.

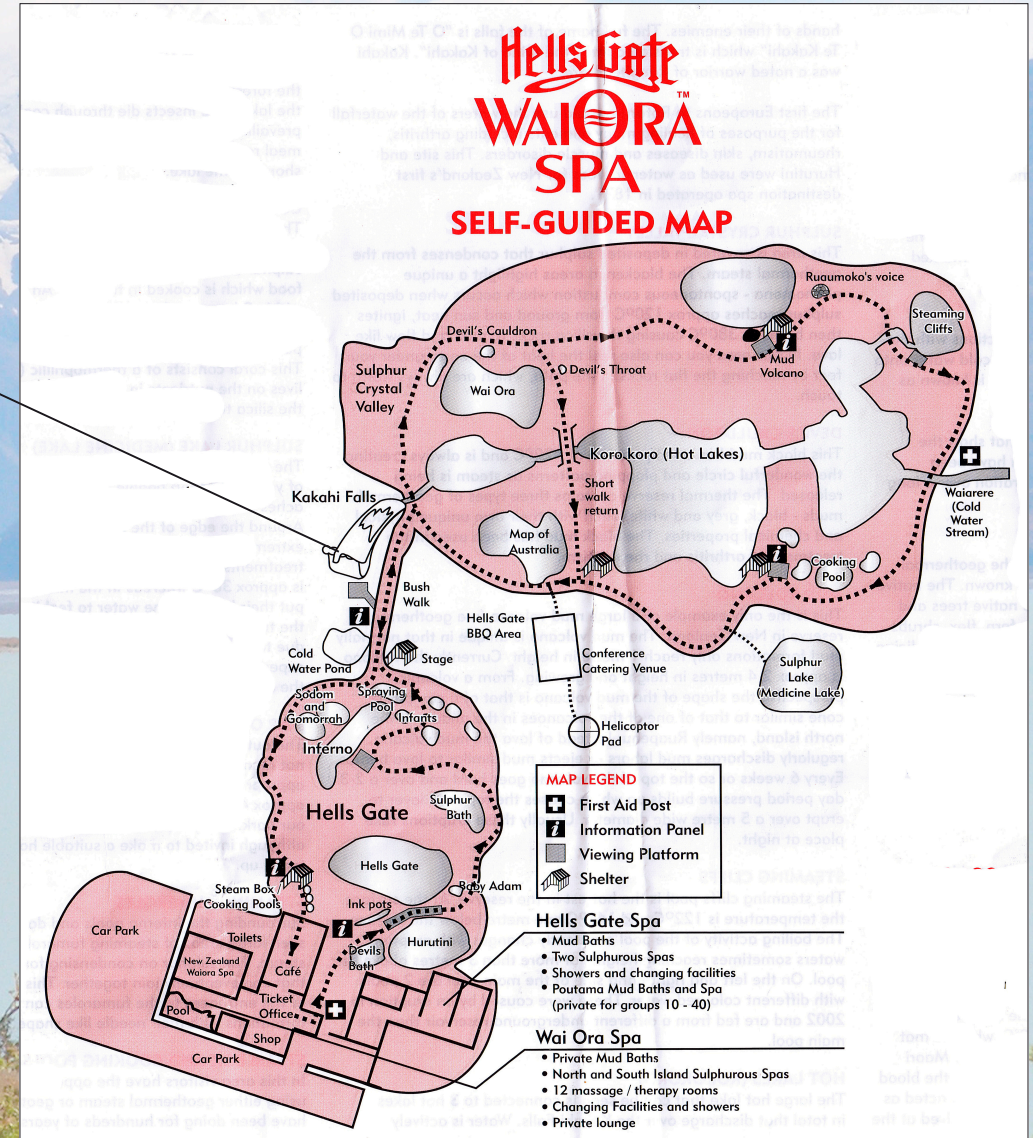
From Buried Village, I drove out to the end of the road to look out over Lake Tarawera, before the tour continued back towards Rotorua and then down towards Taupo Lake Taupo.

Before I got that far, would I pass Huka Fall's just north of Taupo.





This clip is of Hot Water Fall's. The water is around 40 degrees all year round.

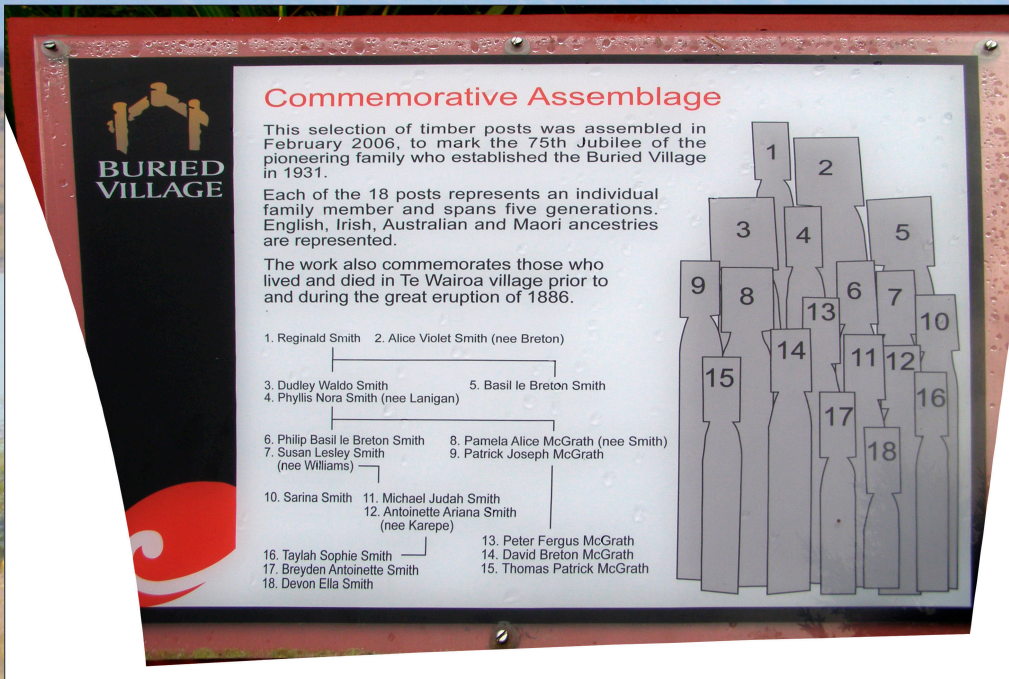




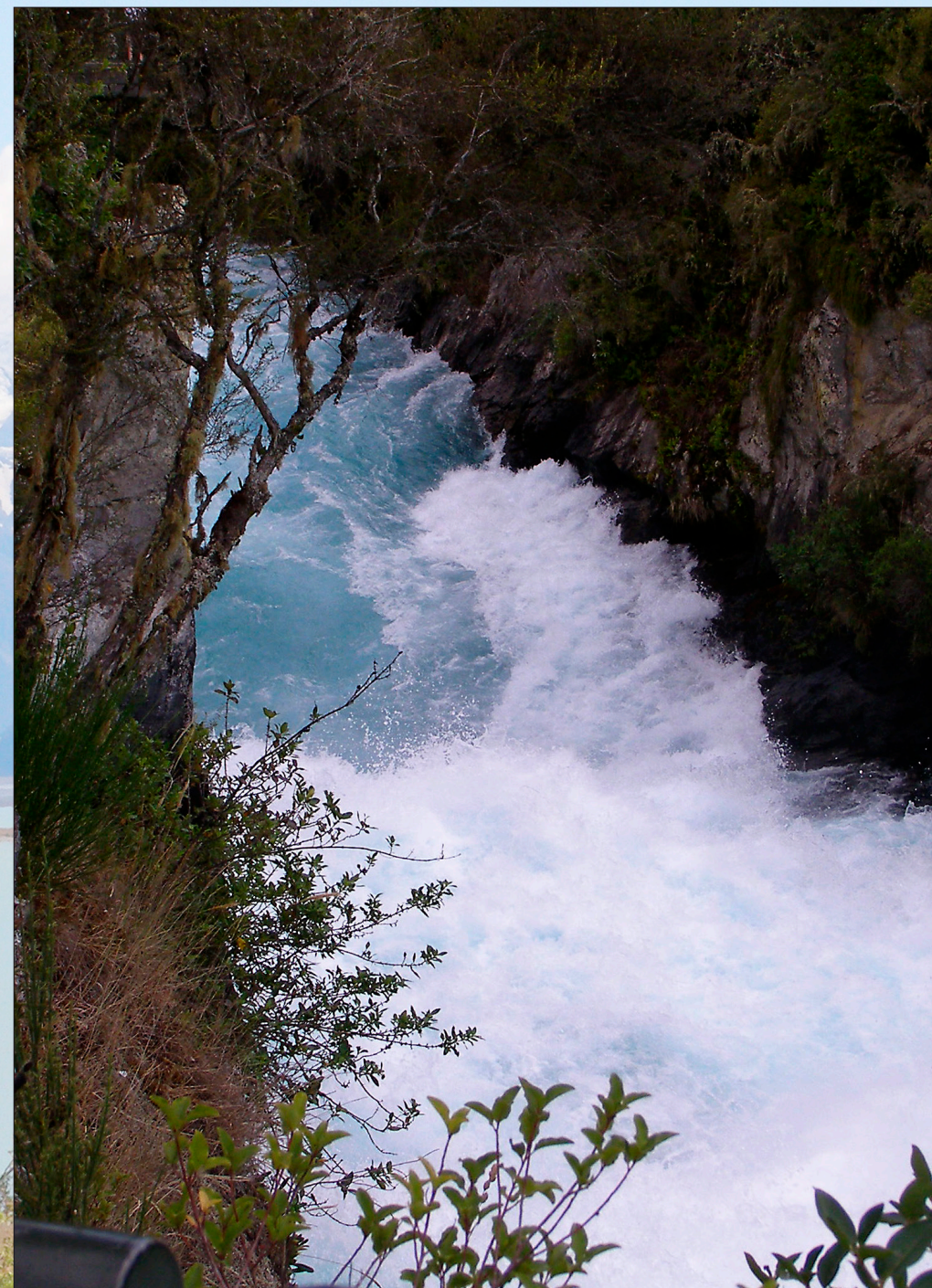
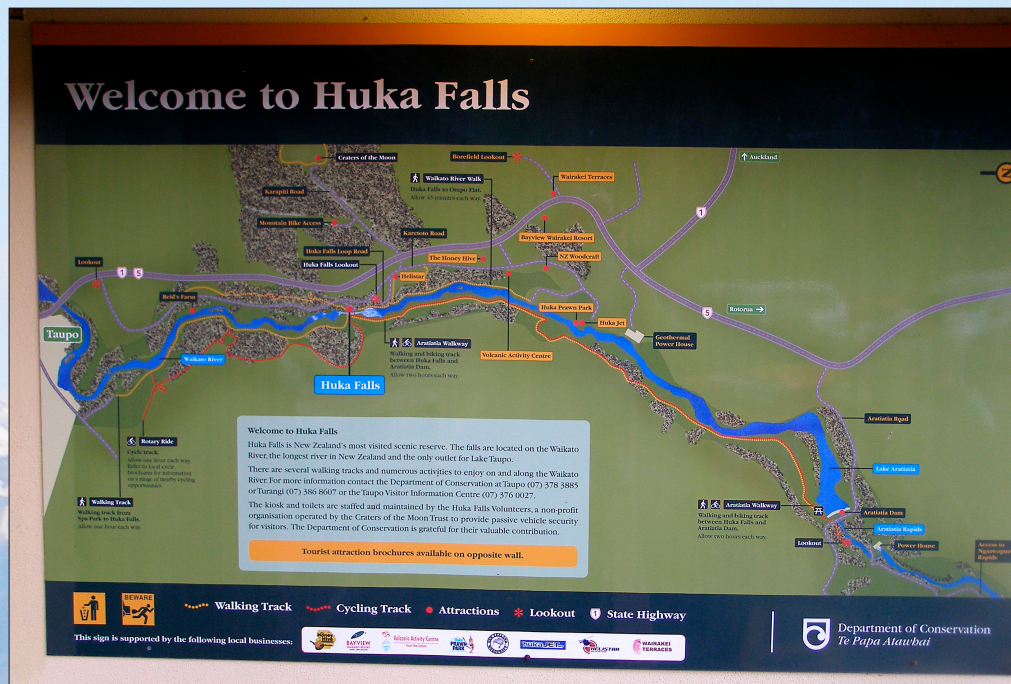


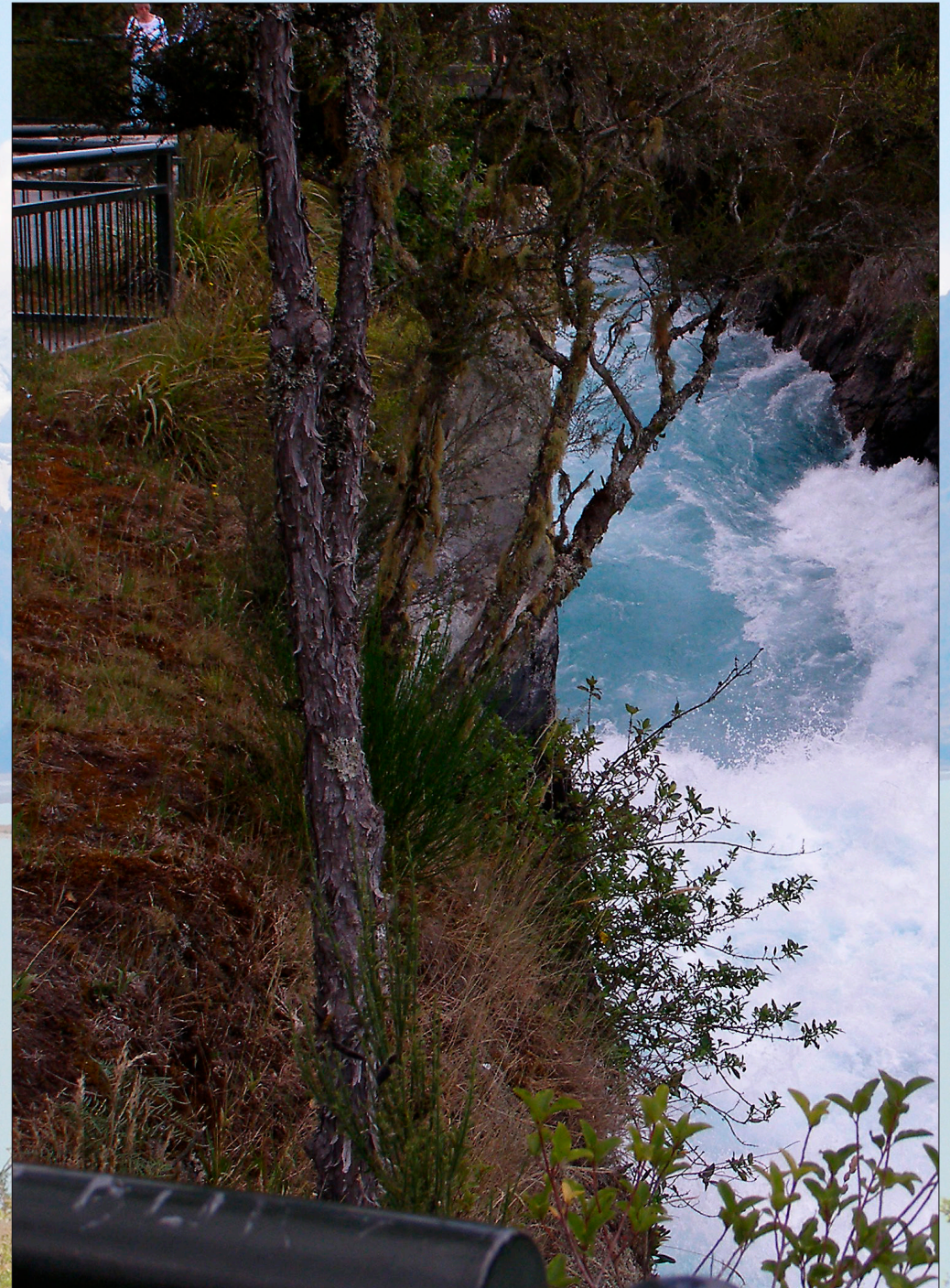
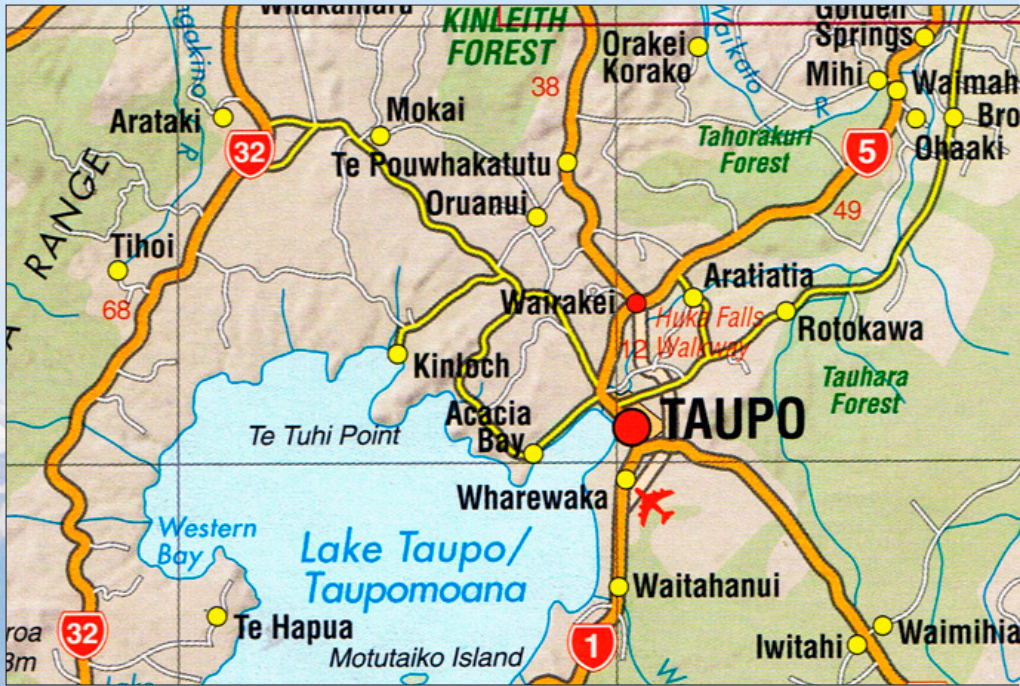












Friday 29th January 2010

Lake Taupo - Paraparaumu

After leaving Lake Taupo, it was my plan to continue down the Desert Road and turn off towards Ohakune, located at the base of Tongariro National Park with its 3 active volcanoes, one of which has eternal snow around the top.

There was diesel on the animal - surprised Villa Ducato actually running 12.6 to the gallon and it is very mixed driving.

The day started on the lakeshore of Lake Taupo to run at a relaxed pace southward. After passing Turangi, it went slowly started Desert Road, although the piece has nothing with a desert to do, certainly not the first piece of road. It is very desolate, but it is not worse than the deserted areas in western Jutland. But it was an exciting trip down to Waiouru. The road featured a little of everything, strejle descents, streamers swing a la the French Alps and steep ascents.

A very large part of territory that runs through the military training area.

At Waiouru I swung right towards Ohakune on here to drive up to the bottom of Mount Ruapeha and hiking a ride up to the crater rim. But a tankpsser Ohakune, I'd have to look at my gas, explained to me that the road was in very poor condition and that he would not recommend me to run up there in a camper. I listened to him and dropped this part of the tour. I therefore chose not to take an overnight stay in Ohakune which in

turn was supposed to. In addition, I continued to SH4 to proceed toward Wanganui by the Tasman Sea.

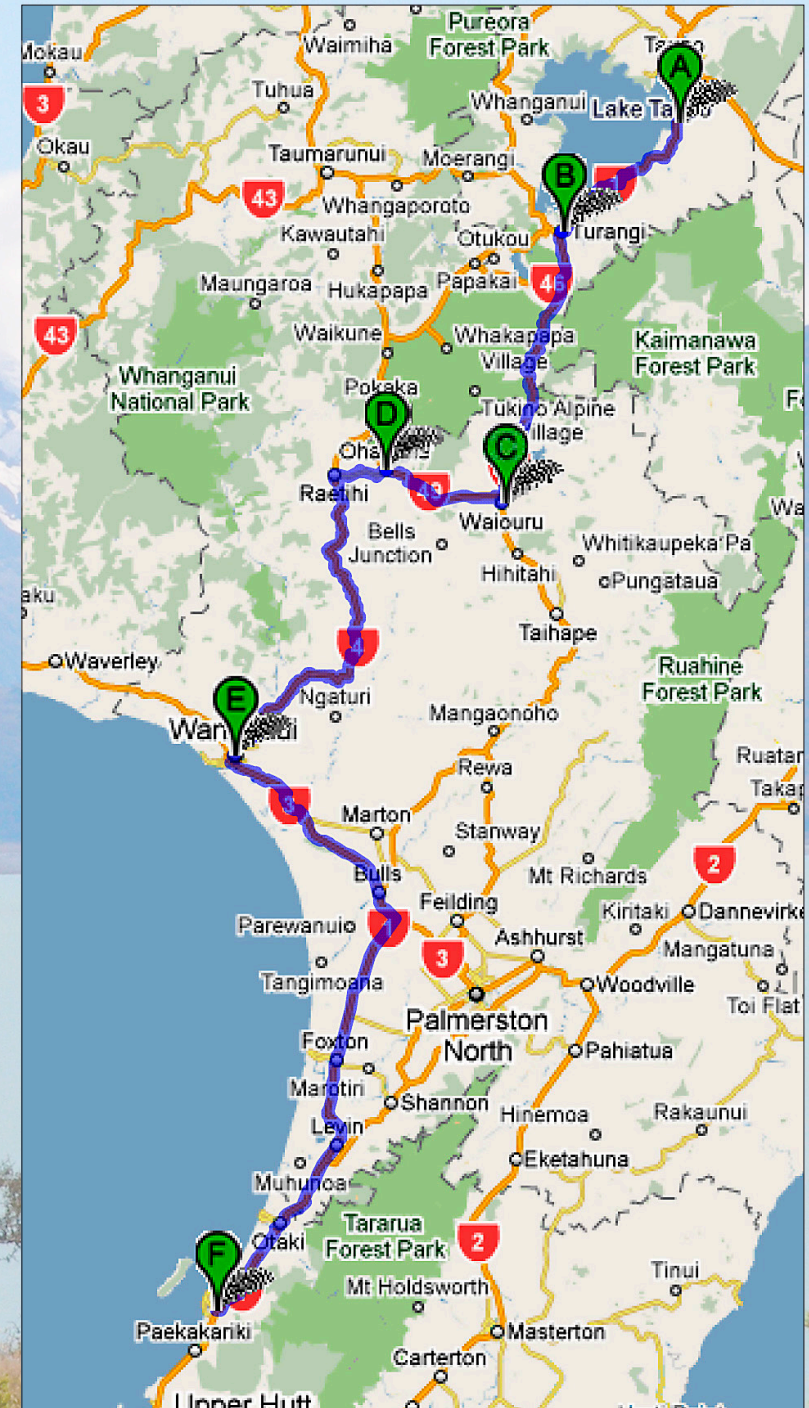
From Wanganui and down to Palmerston North, I came back out on the mountain roads that got Dukatoen to work for a living. A fantastically beautiful landscape with everything magtede eye to follow while Ducato was right up to the goal. About 50 km north of Wellington, I decided to stop for this day.

After landing on the camper site, where I chose to become the next 3 nights. A god-forsaken place, but I could not run a lot more before the Monday morning when I take the ferry over to Picton and at the South Island. 10.30.

A small town called Foxton that had been passed by 15-time, had a thermometer on kirkspiret that showed 30 degrees in the shade.

It may seem completely ill to stay in 3 nights this place, but it came good later in the tour of South Island.

In addition, file I seen Southward Car Museum on Sunday. Saturday was good having good weather with sunshine in the sky. While Sunday featured long pants and big shirt.











Saturday 30th January 2010

Lindale Motor Park (Paraparaumu)

It was a great run today, where the sun baked down to 34 degrees in the shade. It was the day when there was thrown a few extra cold beers down from Villa Dukatos freezer liberally.

I tried to walk around to look at the sites, but there was nothing to see in this area. I'd even start the "beast" to run out to the coast, but were instead read a bit of an old BT, 17 January, unbelievable how an old Danish newspaper can do use abroad.

Jyllands-Posten on the same date, I lacked also to thrash through.



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Sunday 31 January 2010

Southward Car Museum

Sunday and last day in this space while farewell to the North Island. I would truly stopover in Auckland on the way back to Denmark.

It has really been quite liberating to be able to afford to move 2 days out of the calendar and take a breather after almost 14 days with full pressure on all boilers.

A few Americans I met and talked a lot with here in the square on Saturday, asked if I had been inside and see the car museum, not far removed from the site, otherwise I would not cheat myself of the experience. It was now Sunday, I chose to run the almost 3 km to the Southward Car Museum. Let me say that Americans are not exaggerating, rather the contrary. It was absolutely outstanding to go around among cars from 1896 onwards. There was everything the eye could grasp and then some - cars, bicycles, motorcycles, racing cars





