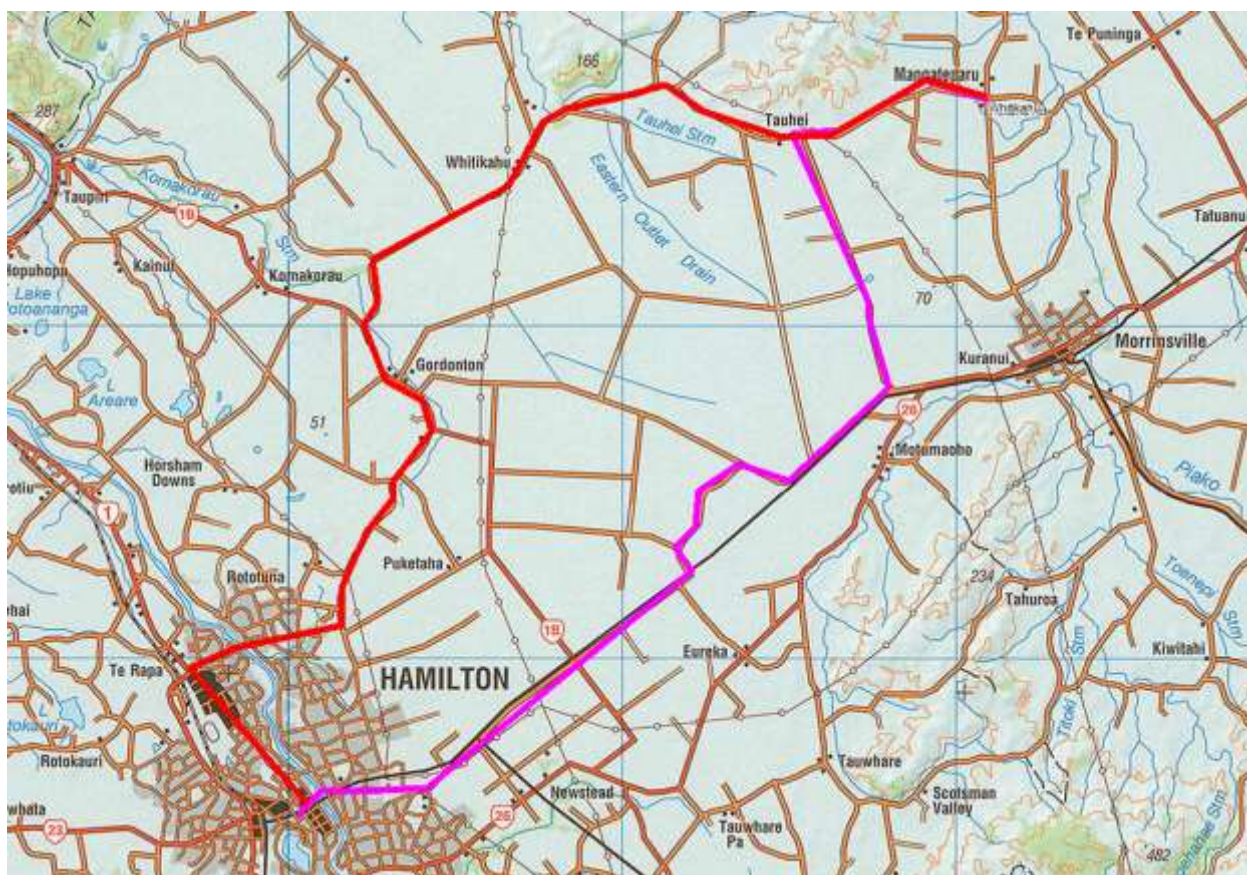


Routes to Mangateparu and Paeroa

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Every now and then there is a discussion about the fastest route to Paeroa or Thames. This document presents maps of some common options, with route lengths found by drawing on the MapToaster program.

To Mangateparu



The map above shows a common route, through Gordonton and Whitikahu to Mangateparu (marked in red). From there the routes are fairly obvious. An alternative is to go via Holland Road and Matuku Road (purple)

Holland RD – purple 38.6 km

Whitikahu – Red – 42.1 km

Of these two routes, the Holland Road route is significantly shorter.

Next we take a wider view.

To Paeroa



This map compares going via Mangateparu, using the shorter of the previous two options, and going via Waitoa Road, which in my opinion has easier driving, with straight roads that enable easy passing that more than makes up for the Morrinsville bypass.

Via Waitoa (yellow) is 73km,

Via Mangateparu (cyan) is 71km.

So, not a lot in it for distance. Choose for yourself whether saving 2km is worth the winding road and slower speeds.