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Fletcher's Farm

Morgan, an early surveyor and trail blazer, has his final resting place here. This memorial also marks the end of the Matiri Track, which is named after the prominent Maori Chief and provides views into the impressive Tangarakau Gorge. The single-lane 180m long Moki Tunnel was built in 1936 and is known for its striking carved walls. The road peaks undulating between Taumarunui and the Central Plateau.

Gallery are long and narrow. Heading south towards Whangamomona, the road starts to cross the gently undulating grasslands of the remote area. At the southern end of the range, a 90m tunnel takes the road under a ridge. The narrow road passes pastures and pine plantations, both of which are fringed by manuka and beech. A seven km detour from Douglas you will find a unique experience. – Lauren’s Lavender Farm & Café and Avonstour Rare Breeds Farm – two lavender farms and working farm.

As you continue through the Waimamaku Forest, you’ll be able to see the magnificence of the podocarp forest that still characterises the region. This section is a spectacular vista of three prominent Maori great houses, Whakatū (in Whakatū), Pōhokura and Te Wera. The former is the 6500ha Forest. The former New Republic Head, the late Joshua Morgan, was a prominent Maori great house that still dominates the surrounding

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Please note – the track is closed to hunting and dogs from 1 August to 31 October due to lambing.

Along the route you will cross four major mountain passes, namely Whakatū Saddle, Pōhokura Saddle, the Great Western Saddle and Moki Saddle – a recent offer a panoramic view of the spillway on the Tangarakau Dam. The valley is set in a single-valley landscape, with valley-bottoms stopping at the mouth of the river, in a stunning mountain range.

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At the junction of the Whanganui and Ongarue Rivers. Taumarunui is also the point of convergence for the Whanganui, Maniapoto and Tuwharetoa tribes, and was a hub for New Zealand’s pioneering rail network. It marks the eastern end of the highway and is the gateway to the Central North Island mountain range. Stop at the i-SITE for more regional information and attractions.

Named after Shakespeare’s birthplace, the streets reflect the Great Bard’s characters and the township marks the western end of the highway. Stratford is home to New Zealand’s only Glockenspiel clock tower which performs scenes from Romeo and Juliet at 10am, 1pm, 3pm and 7pm daily. It is the gateway to the Egmont National Park and the road approaches the Whanganui-Ngaruroro Headwaters. Stop and have a chat to the locals to find out about hikes, walks, runs, cycle trails, horse treks, hunting, the swing bridge loop, Republic Day, the Dean Rugby cup, town history or other local points of interest – they’re bound to tell you a great yarn or two!

The Aotuhia Bridge to Somewhere is best accessed via Makahu via Strathmore. This road also takes you to the Matemateaonga Track. Access to the bridge via the 18km long unsealed Whangamomona Rd is strictly for the dedicated 4WD, motorbike, mountain bike or intrepid hiker. Ask at hotel about road conditions before embarking on this trip.

The significant geological site of Herlihy’s Bluffs showcases the area’s ancient history through 1300m thick layers of sand and mudstone – these bluffs date back 20 million years.

The Tangarakau Gorge marks the boundary between the Stratford and Ruapehu Districts and offers an incredibly scenic passage through the magnificent podocarp forest that characterises the region. If the Bridge to Somewhere is inaccessible, a 6km detour from Tahora along Raekohua Rd leads to the former Tangarakau Village, once home to a substantial community with 1200 residents, fuelled by the construction of the nearby railway.