

Tauranga Crossing to Hobbiton run

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A total of 22 cars congregated at Tauranga Crossing, Tauriko on Sunday 17 October. The weather was dry, warm and perfect for a drive. We drove for approximately 45 minutes heading towards Rotorua for a morning coffee stop at Alan and George Judd's home, Lake View Heights. We sat in the garden with beautiful views overlooking Lake Rotorua. We spent about an hour, drinking coffee, eating cake and swapping stories about our Jaguars. As quite new members to the BOP Jaguar Club, we find these refreshment breaks are a great opportunity to get to know other members and what a diverse and interesting group of people we all are. What a great sight it was to see a big line of Jaguars snaking down the Judd's' long concrete driveway as we left for the next stage of our journey.



We drove along Hamurana lakeside, through Ngongataha onto SH5 then took a scenic detour onto Dansey Road, past Dansey Reserve, climbing high up into the Mamakus. The sun came out briefly at the top of the hill and the temperature got a little big warmer as we re-joined SH5 and drove over the other side of the Mamaku Mountain range.

The drive took us onto SH28 heading towards Matamata. Now some members viewed different scenery as we drove through

Okoroire. We should have turned left onto Okoroire Road but we took the road prior to that. As there were quite a number of cars following us, we couldn't turn round. Apologies to those who were following us – it was a little like de ja vous as we had driven this way on our previous Jaguar Day out! However, the scenery was beautiful and we weren't lost as we live in Matamata!

Hobbiton



We drove on narrow rural roads past dairy farms, sheep farms and Valachi Downs horse stud before arriving at our destination – Hobbiton. Here we were able to enjoy a tasty lunch and more getting to know people time. All in all we had a great Jaguar day out.

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