

Trail 513 Water Ride: Wetlands, Bay View, Coastal Pathways, Inland iWays Loop

Flat terrain: 50kms predominantly pathways

Map from Bike About Tours base follow the Red /orange orange, red, grey, red, and red/orange

Mission Estate is 1.7kms from our base at Greenmeadows; you have the opportunity to visit the cellar door on your way or on return to base.

This is a fantastic Trail to ride predominantly on pathways, lots to discover.

As you wind your way via the Poraiti inland foothills pathway be aware that prior to 1931, this farm land, Hawke's Bay Airport and Ahuriri Station beyond the airport to Bay View was sited on the former tidal **Ahuriri Lagoon** a popular venue for sailing and fishing. This area was raised above sea level by the massive [1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake](#) that struck on 3rd February 1931, with a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter scale, raised the seabed by up to two meters. To build the airport, 388 miles of drains were laid and today the pumps are still working 24 hours a day to keep the water at bay. Napier gain 7,500 acres of new land from this massive upheaval

Three Wetlands to cycle beside - Ahuriri Estuary, then to Westshore Wild Life reserve and Watchman Road Reserve - you will find wildlife a plenty, information panels explaining the incredible journeys of birds including the Godwits and Royal Spoonbills.

Pass by the bustling Napier airport - weave your way through Ahuriri Station a working sheep farm and orchard areas on the outskirts of Bay View Village.

Options turn left on the main road to visit Snapper Café at Napier Beach Holiday Park or *Crab Farm Winery, then onto **Beacons Reserve Pathway** taking in the panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean on way to the sea side suburb of Westshore. This stretch of road is known as The Esplanade – cycle the pathway lots of beautiful homes and gardens to pass by as you make your way to Pandora Road Bridge.

Or turn right and follow the pathway beside the road to **Beacons Reserve Pathway**.

On crossing the bridge a wee way along on your left rejoin the cycle pathway to West Quay; the Inner Harbour, Napier Sailing Club to what was known as Port Ahuriri home to the local fishing vessels.

History: *In the past Secondary industries included wool stores, woolen mills, fertilizer works, tobacco and cigarette manufacturing, freezing work, fell-mongeries, foundries, breweries, and soapworks also Paint was manufactured and there was an umbrella factory. Smaller industries are timber works, motor-coach body building, engineering, ... Sadly the majority have long gone*

Many of these buildings have been renovated to become a Motel, private accommodation, business offices, Big Save Furniture, food outlets etc. Take time to view the famous **Rothmans building and Ellison & Duncan façade** both are **Art Deco buildings**. Venture to Perfume Point where across the gap you can see where the original freezing works was built, the piles are still visible at low tide. Happy to report the manufacturing of canvas goods, some wool stores and the fishing boats moored at Port Ahuriri are still in business...



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Explore Ahuriri Village maybe time for a coffee or lunch...

Cycle along Hardinge Road beside the sea, lots of historic homes and majestic Pohutukawa trees which are well over 100 years old stand proudly bedside the road. Take a detour to the restored Tram Shelter and toilets then back onto the pathway and pass by the Port of Napier.



Detour into Coute Road a wee way up you will discover Napier's Centennial Garden! Back onto the Marine Parade - stately Norfolk pines planted in 1890, On your left view the Concrete Sea Wall built in the 1850's, to stop the sea from overflowing into the town area on stormy days, numerous monuments, Tom Parker Fountain, statue of the maiden Te Pania, on your right two historic wooden buildings that survived the 1931 earthquake and fire that destroyed the inner city. Soak up the treasure trove of magnificent architectural examples, lock your bikes at Napier Visitor Centre and take a stroll through the inner city - look up above the verandahs on the opposite side of the road to view Spanish Mission and Art Deco buildings.

Back onto the pathway beside the sea – cycle 2.3kms then turn inland to Ellison Road and join the new iWay along Georges Drive half way down is Marewa shopping Centre on your left (food outlets) continue on the pathway to Prebensen Drive pathway.

History: Prior to the 1931 earthquake the Tutaekuri River at that time ran along the western side of Georges Drive and exited to the sea via the Iron Pot and a considerable part of the developed area between the Inner City and Georges Drive had been reclaimed from former tidal marsh lands.



Continue along Prebensen Drive stop of for refreshments at the Mitre 10 Mega Café they have delicious food! Then continue on the new pathway to Tamatea Drive – a little further down cross the road and join the new iWay along Westminster Avenue beside the creek on your right.



History: During the 1931 earthquake the land in and around Napier rose between one and two metres with large areas of seabed and marsh land uplifted above the high tide level. These areas which eventually became suitable for land development were later deeded to the Harbour Board by Act of Parliament. This gave successive Councils and Harbour Boards the opportunity to enter joint agreements to develop large greenfields areas into residential sections in Marewa, Onekawa, Pirimai, Tamatea and industrial sections in Pandora and Onekawa. Most roads in these areas were constructed to modern standards and as a result they are in first class condition and should have an indefinite life if properly maintained

Turn right into Clyde Jeffery Drive (Park Island Reserve) to visit the **Western Hills Cemetery lookout** - the first road on your right will take you to the road end: you will be rewarded for your hill climb to enjoy a fantastic view of the area you have cycled. Prior to 1931 the cemetery hill was surrounded in water, locals rowed here for picnics! On another road in this area The Park Island cemetery is the home of the huge Earthquake Community Grave for the victims of the 1931 earthquake, take a wander and you will be rewarded with more views.

Cycle via Cato Road left onto Prebensen Drive pathway to Mission and Church Road wineries cellar door - then cycle back to Bike About Tours base

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6 cyclists or more please ensure you book ahead for wine tasting and lunch, allow 6kms to 1/2 hour cycling

Napier Beach Kiwi Holiday Park – Snapper Café 10 Gill Road Bay View – Ph (06) 836 7084 Open daily 9.am to 4.30pm	Crab Farm Winery & Restaurant 511 Main North Road – Bay View - Phone 06 836 6678 Cellar Door: Thu to Sun 10.am to 5pm Restaurant: Thu to Sun 12 noon to 3.00pm Friday evening 6pm – late
Mission Estate Winery & Restaurant 198 Church Road, Phone (06) 845 9350: Wine tasting \$5 - includes a glass to take home! Historic tours: 10.30am and 2.00pm <u>Mon to Sat 9.am to 5pm: Sun 10am to 4.30pm</u> Note Tasting is not available if you arrive after 4.45pm/4.15pm 1.7kms to Bike About Tours Base: 900m to Church Road Winery 600m to Penny Madden Ceramic Artist	Church Road Winery - 150 Church Road . Phone (06) 833 8225 <u>Bike parking behind the tall fence at the end of the long drive way</u> Opening hours: 10.30am to 4.30pm Platters & Cheese Board for lunch Wine tasting - Complementary to \$5 plus Winery and museum tour: Daily at 11am & 2pm – cost applies. 900m to Mission Estate Winery: 2.1kms to Bike About Tours Base 2.2kms or 3.05kms to Duke of Gloucester - depending on route taken 2.7kms to Pettigrew Green Arena & pathways to Puketapu 5.kms to Silky Oak Chocolates
Mitre 10 Mega Café Napier 06 833 8100	

Trial 513 Ahuriri Estuary – Wetlands Loop 1.5 kms Bike About Tours base to Church Road 2.3 kms Church Road to Cato Road inland pathway 8.2 kms Westshore Wildlife Reserve & Watchman Road 2.3 kms Watchman Road /Westshore through the roundabout (take care!) to Ahuriri 3.1 kms Ahuriri to Mitre 10 Mega Cafe Prebensen Drive 1.2 kms to Tamatea Drive 700m Cycle to Tamatea Drive roundabout 2.9 kms Pathway on Westminster Avenue 750 m Avenue Road to Bike About Tours base 22.95kms Total kms cycled	Trial 514 Full circle of Coastal pathways & Napier Suburbs 1.5 kms Bike About Tours base to Church Road 12.7 kms Church Road to Cato Road inland pathway to Airport 9.1 kms Airport Inland Pathway to Bay View 600 m Crab Farm Winery 46 m Napier Beach Kiwi Holiday Park - Snapper Café 1.06 kms Snapper Café to Fannin Street 5.3 kms Bay View to via the coast to Westshore 5.7 kms Westshore to Ahuriri then to Napier I Site Marine Parade 4 kms Napier I Site to Ellison Street 3.1 kms Georges Drive Pathway to Mitre 10 Mega Cafe Prebensen Drive 1.5 kms Prebensen Drive 1.2 kms Tamatea Drive Pathway 2 kms Westminster Avenue Pathway 1 km Avenue Road to Mission Estate Winery 900m Church Road Winery 2.1 kms Bike About Tours Base 52.22kms Total kms cycled
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