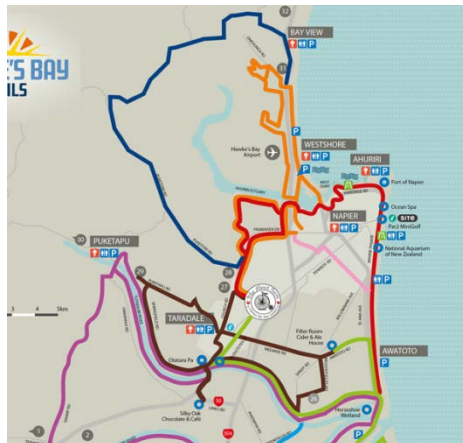


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☑ Trail 512: Water Ride: Wetlands, Westshore, Ahuriri and Coastal & iWay Pathways Loop of Napier

Flat terrain 30kms - predominantly pathways

Map from Bike About Tours base follow the Red /orange left orange ride to Westshore then backtracking orange then red, grey, red, and red/orange

Mission Estate is 1.5kms 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.

At Watchman Road you make your way to Main Road - **Extreme care must be taken crossing the road!** Cycle Main Road, over the railway line to The Esplanade – onto the grassed area to join the pathway, enjoy the panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean the many beautiful homes and garden of this seaside suburb of Westshore - then to Pandora Road.

Just over the bridge to your left you will rejoin the cycle pathway to West Quay; the Inner Harbour, Napier Sailing Club to what was known as Port Ahuriri home to the fishing vessels.

History: *It is the largest wool centre in New Zealand and has regular wool sales. Secondary industries include woollen mills, fertiliser works, tobacco and cigarette manufacturing, freezing works, fell-mongeries, foundries, breweries, and soapworks. Paint is manufactured and there is an umbrella factory. Smaller industries are timber works, motor-coach body building, engineering, wineries, and the manufacture of canvas goods. At Port Ahuriri fish are canned for local markets*



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. Perfume Point where across the gap the original freezing works was built Explore Ahuriri Village maybe time for a coffee.



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Page two: Trail 512: Water Ride: Inland and Coastal Loop of Napier

Cycle along Hardinge Road beside the sea, lots of historic homes and majestic Pohutukawa trees well over 100 years old, take a detour to the restored Tram Shelter, then back onto the pathway which takes you past 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, Concrete Sea Wall built in the 1850's, numerous monuments, Tom Parker Fountain, statue of the maiden Te Pania 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 of 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 – lots to explore as your make your way to Ellison Road, Turn inland to the suburb of Marewa and join the new iWay along Georges Drive to Prebensen Drive.

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 new pathway to Tamatea Drive – a little further down cross the road and join the iWay along Westminster Avenue on your right beside the creek.

*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 Western Hills Cemetery - the first road on your right will take you to the road end: you will be rewarded for your hill climb to enjoy the fantastic view of the area you have cycled.

The Park Island cemetery takes you to the huge earthquake community grave for the victims of the 1931 earthquake as well as views

History: Prior to 1931 the large cemetery hill was surrounded by water, locals rowed here for picnics! .

Cycle via Cato Road left onto Prebensen Drive to Mission and Church Road wineries cellar doors - then cycle back to base.

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