

Trail 507: Tamatea & Wildlife Estuary Pathways – Wineries: A Family Trail - Flat terrain Cycle 15.5 kms

The Tamatea suburb – Lagoon Farm are all part of the land that came up from the 1931 earthquake that you are cycling through today!

A little history...

On Tuesday 3 February [1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake](#) struck - it was disastrous - in common with most of the Hawke's Bay district, with a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter scale and lasted 2.5 minutes in length

Napier gain 7,500 acres of new land from this massive upheaval The earthquake rocked the town almost totally levelling all buildings in the inner city, killing 162 people (a total of 258 in the Hawke's Bay area)

*Some 4,000 hectares of sea-bed became dry land – raising the seabed by up to two meters on the former tidal **Ahuriri Lagoon** a popular venue for sailing and fishing. Today this sites The Lagoon Farm, Hawke's Bay Airport where 388 miles of drains were laid and today the pumps are still working 24 hours a day to keep the water at bay. Ahuriri Station beyond the airport to Bay View, also residential and industrial property developments*

We give you a large detailed map on the day!

From Bike About Tours base cycle via York Avenue or meander through Anderson Park on the pathways - home of the new playground built in 2018 for children and adults.

ANDERSON PARK: The city's largest passive recreation park was once the home of the Napier Park Racing Club, formed at Greenmeadows in 1886. Racing ceased here in about 1960 when the club moved to Hastings for race days. The Napier City Council acquired the old racecourse site in 1962 under the Public Works Act. Development work got underway in 1966 with the formation of over two hectares of waterways.

A \$40,000 bequest from the late Haskell Anderson (hence the name Anderson Park) was a considerable help in developing the park. In particular, the funds have seen the establishment of as wide a selection of trees as possible.

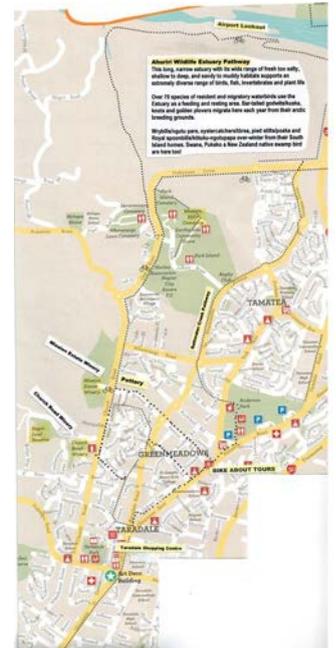
Tree planting and ground formation work was done to improve surface drainage and create an interesting landscape on an otherwise flat site. Before the 1931 earthquake, several saltwater creeks crossed the park area, leaving a legacy of salt-laden soils. That, in turn, has influenced the choice of trees and helped determined where they should be planted.

Initially the children's play area was developed jointly with the Napier Lions Club, and parking areas were created at key points. The playground had a major make over in 2018 it has been built for kids and adults who can take a ride with not so confident children.

Combined pedestrian and cycle paths (more have been built since this photo was taken) have greatly boosted the public's use and enjoyment of the park.

Refer map for concrete cycling pathways, the children's playground is directly below the green sign on the map (Anderson Park) you can see the concrete for skateboarding. Toilets are to the left of the playground. To the left of the arrow you will find York Avenue - Beside Westminster Avenue following the creek there is a new pathway in the reserve that continues for 3.15kms through Tamatea to Prebensen Drive (yellow line)

From the Kids play ground back track and follow the curve in the pathway to your left, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down you will see where the track takes you to York Avenue – cross the road into Westminster Avenue and rejoin the pathway following Saltwater creek



At the Tee section cross-over Avondale Road - go through the roundabout – back onto Westminster Avenue on your left beside Salt Water Creek is the new cycle pathway that takes you through the Tamatea Suburb

At the intersection of Tamatea and Prebensen Drive - take care crossing the road and join the pathway - you will be facing towards Scinde Island in the distance where lots of house have been built. (known as this name as prior to the earthquake it was mostly surrounded by water)

Follow the pathway and turn left just before the roundabout on Prebensen Drive - from here you will cycle a loop - all the land on your left is owned by the Napier City council and known as Lagoon Farm. Further down you will see the runaway of the Hawkes Bay Airport and maybe a plane or two coming in to land on the other side of the Ahuriri Wildlife Estuary. This long narrow estuary with its low-lying wetlands, wide range of fresh to salty, shallow to deep, and sandy to muddy habitats that supports and protects an extremely diverse range of birds, fish, invertebrates and plant life. Over 70 species of resident and migratory waterbirds use the estuary as a feeding and resting area. Bar-tailed godwits/kuaka, knots and golden plovers migrate here each year from their arctic breeding grounds. Wrybills/ngutu pare, oystercatchers/tōrea, pied stilts/poaka and royal spoonbills/kōtuku-ngutupapa over-winter from their South Island homes. Lots of Pukeko, a New Zealand native swamp bird with long legs and purple/blue in colour along with farm animals you will find wandering in the surrounding paddocks.



At the base of the Poraiti Hills you will be following the Taipo Creek which rises and falls depending on the tides

Once back onto Prebensen Drive you have the option of visiting the **WESTERN HILL CEMETARY LOOKOUT cycling to the road end for fabulous views overlooking Napier and the surrounding areas you have bike through.**

Gates and toilets are open at 8:00am and close at sunset. Detour of the cycle pathway on Prebensen Drive, into Cato Road to Orotu Park, turn right into Clyde Jeffery Drive, look for the brown palings on either side of the gate way on your left, this is the drive way into Western Hills Cemetery opened in 1985. Note as you walk your bike up the hill the rock wall has heaps of sea shells embedded into the rock. At the top of the hill cycle until the road ends. The northern crest, topped by a trig point, offers extensive views of farmland and the suburbs of Napier. Before the earthquake of 3 February, 1931, this low-lying expanse was covered by the waters and mudflats of the great Ahuriri Lagoon. The cemetery's sweeping lawns were formerly orchards, paddocks and vegetable gardens.



Back on Clyde Jeffery Drive the other road to your left is Park Island Cemetery where you can view the Memorial for 143 people who lost their lives in the 1931 earthquake. At the roundabout a little further ahead the name of the road changes to Church Road (**cyclist are biking the pathway**)



1.8kms to #Penny Madden's Ceramic Studio on your left... There is sign on gate to tell you if the studio is open.

600mts cycle to **Mission Estate Winery & Restaurant** established in 1851 by the French Marist religious order, the Winery is New Zealand's second to oldest winemaking concern still under the same management.

From here you can return to Bike About Tours base or continue

900metres down the road to Church Road Winery & Restaurant an excellent cellar door offering a range of different wines styles.

Lunch options: Mission Estate Winery, Church Road Winery, Obit Café closed Mondays - opposite Bike About Tours base.



6 cyclists or more please ensure you book ahead for wine tasting and lunch, allow 6 to 7kms to ½ hour cycling

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<p>Mission Estate Winery & Restaurant 198 Church Road, Mission Cellar Door (06) 845 9353 Mission Restaurant (06) 845 9354 Wine tasting fees applies Opening Hours: Mon to Sat 9.am to 5pm: Sun 10am to 4.30pm Note Tasting is not available if you arrive after 4.30pm/4.00pm</p> <p>Restaurant Hours 11.30am to 2.15pm Dinner from 5.30pm to late</p> <p><i>1.7kms to Bike About Tours Base: 900m to Church Road Winery 600m to Penny Madden Ceramic Artist</i></p>	<p>Church Road Winery & Restaurant - 150 Church Road . Phone (06) 833 8225 Bike parking behind the tall fence at the end of the long drive way Opening hours: 10.30am to 4.30pm, Open 7 days, closed some public holidays Restaurant hours: 11.30am to 2.30pm (extended over summer)</p>
<p>Trail 507: Wildlife Estuary Family Trail 90% Pathways</p> <p>.850mt Bike About Tours to Anderson Park cycle pathway 3.15kms Westminster Avenue / Tamatea Drive 7.5kms Ahuriri Wildlife Estuary Loop to Cato Road 2.3 kms Mission Estate Winery 1.7kms Bike About Tours 15.5kms Total kms cycled - Note: This can be cycled in reverse</p> <p>From Mission Estate Additional 1.8kms to and from Church Road Winery</p>	<p>Trail 507: Family Trail 90% Pathway Tamatea & Prebensen Drive Pathways Playground for Kids & Adults built in 2018</p> <p>.850mt Bike About Tours to Anderson Park Playground - new 2018 3.15kms Westminster Avenue / Tamatea Drive 4.5kms Tamatea Drive/Prebensen Drive Pathway to Mission Estate Winery 1.7kms Bike About Tours 10.2kms Total kms cycled - Note: This can be cycled in reverse</p> <p>From Mission Estate Additional 1.8kms to and from Church Road Winery</p>



New slide at Anderson Park for kids and adults Built in 2018

