

# Bike About Tours



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

Flat terrain: 50kms predominantly pathways

Bike About Tours map follow the orange + red trails + pink  
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 cited 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, raising 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



**Photos: Prior to 1931 earthquake. After the earthquake the seabed without water – top right you can see the outline of the bridge in the distance**

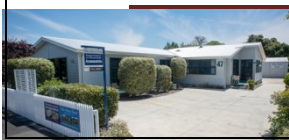
Cycle beside the Ahuriri Wildlife Estuary then two more Wetlands to explore - Westshore Wild Life reserve (water left of photo) and Watchman Road Reserve (water right of photo) you will find wildlife a plenty, information panels explaining the incredible journeys of birds including the Godwits and Royal Spoonbills.

Pass by the bustling Napier airport (middle right of photo) - 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 \*Crab Farm Winery or Snapper Café at Napier Beach Holiday Park 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 pathway is known as The Esplanade the airport is on your right - on arrival in the Westshore suburb lots of beautiful homes and gardens to pass by as you make your way to Pandora Road Bridge.

On crossing the bridge, a wee way along on your left look for the Pathway signs and re-join 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.



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**History:** *In the past Secondary industries included wool stores, woolen mills, fertilizer works, Rothmans Tobacco Company, manufacturing, freezing work, fell-mongeries, foundries, breweries, soap works, umbrella factory and paint manufacturing company. Smaller industries were timber works, motor-coach body building and engineering. Sadly the majority have long gone...*

Happy to report the manufacturing of canvas goods, some wool stores and the fishing boats moored at Port Ahuriri are still in business...

Many of the larger 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 which is home to the **National Distillery Company Ltd** – due to open Sep 2019, producing on site a wide range of sprits including gins, vodka, whisky and rum with seasonal collaborations with local producers of everything from honey and fruits to wine and beer. A tasting room highlighting its products and will be serving food. Next door is **The Urban Winery** cellar door & wine bar, home to Tony Bish Wines. They offer other unique Hawke's Bay wines and craft beer by the glass or bottle along with tasty platters to complement the Tony Bish Chardonnay range.



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.

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 beside the road. Take a detour to the restored Tram Shelter and toilets (**Refer adjacent photo**) then back onto the pathway and pass by the Port of Napier which has on average one ship per day visiting the port.

Detour into Coute Road a little way up on your right you will discover Napier's Centennial Garden! Was a quarry in its heyday! The Napier Prison was built on the hill opposite in 1862 and decommissioned in 1993. 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 the fire that destroyed the inner city. Soak up the treasure trove of magnificent architectural examples, lock your bikes 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.

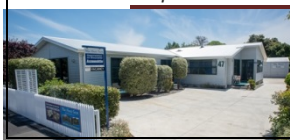
Back onto the pathway beside the sea – cycle 2.3kms then turn inland to Ellison Road and join the new iWay along Georges Drive (**refer photo with autumn colours**) half way down is Marewa shopping Centre on your left (food outlets) continue on the pathway to Prebensen Drive pathway.



*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 in Ahuriri and a considerable part of the developed area between the Inner City and Georges Drive had been reclaimed from former tidal marsh lands.*

Stop of for refreshments at the Mitre 10 Mega Café they have delicious food! Then continue on Prebensen Drive pathway to Tamatea Drive turn left (new houses on your right) – a little further down cross the road to the reserve and join the new iWay along Westminster Avenue beside Salt Water 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.*



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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



## OPTION: Western Hills Cemetery Lookout:

Look out for the **Park Island sign** turn right into Clyde Jeffery Drive – home of Park Island Reserve Sports grounds To visit the **Western Hills Cemetery Lookout**: Gates and toilets are open at 8:00am and close at sunset. Look for the brown palings on either side of the gate way on your right; 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**, locals rowed from the mainland to here for picnics! The cemetery's sweeping lawns were formerly orchards, paddocks and vegetable gardens.

Cycle via Cato Road - Prebensen Drive

### Option one

If you don't want to explore Western Hills Cemetery Lookout continue along Prebensen Drive Pathway – which becomes Church Road once you are through the second roundabout – 1.8kms to **#Penny Madden's Ceramic Studio**. There is sign on gate to let you know the studio is open.

Further down is Mission Estate Winery and Church Road winery cellar doors - then cycle back to Bike About Tours base



**Option Two** Dont want to explore Western Hills Cemetery or wineries then continue along Westminster Avenue beside Salt Water creek on your left - go through the roundabout, take the next left – Westminster Avenue – pathway on your right - once you arrive at York Avenue you can cycle back to base via York Road or cross the road and join the pathway and meander through the Anderson Park heading towards Gloucester Street which brings you back to Bike About Tours.

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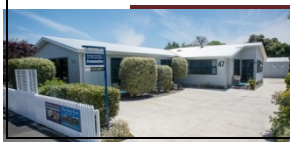
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6 cyclists or more please ensure you book ahead for wine tasting and lunch, allow 6kms to ½ hour cycling

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<p><b>Crab Farm Winery &amp; Restaurant</b>                      511 Main North Road – Bay View - Phone 06 836 6678                      No cost for wine tasting - they do expect purchase to be made please!                      Cellar Door: Thu to Sun 10.am to 5pm Restaurant: Thu to Sun 12 noon to 3.00pm                      Friday evening 6pm – late</p>	<p><b>Napier Beach Kiwi Holiday Park – Snapper Cafe</b>                      10 Gill Road Bay View – Ph (06) 836 7084                      Open daily 9.am to 4.30pm</p>
	<a href="mailto:manager@theurbanwinery.co.nz">manager@theurbanwinery.co.nz</a>
	<a href="https://www.theurbanwinery.co.nz">https://www.theurbanwinery.co.nz</a>
<p>Western Hills Cemetery:                      Cato Road/Clyde Jeffery Drive. Brown wooden entrance, cycle to the road end for fabulous views overlooking Napier and the surrounding areas.</p>	<p>The Urban Winery - Tony Bish Wines                      3 Ossian Street Ahuriri Phone 06 650 3353                      Wine tastings \$10 – 4 wines                      Summer: Cellar door: Sun to Wed: 11am to 5-6.00pm - Thurs to Sat: 11am to late                      Winter: Cellar door Sun to Wed 12 noon to 5 -6pm - Thurs to Sat 12am to late                      Advanced notice for groups – please phone ahead.                      Platters available</p>
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<p><b>Mission Estate Winery &amp; Restaurant</b> 198 Church Road,                      Mission Cellar Door (06) 8459353 Mission Restaurant (06) 8459354                      Wine tasting \$6 - includes a flight of 6 wines and a glass to take home!  <b>Opening Hours: Mon to Sat 9.am to 5pm: Sun 10am to 4.30pm</b>                      Note Tasting is not available if you arrive after 4.30pm/4.00pm                      OR Last tasting commence 30min prior to closing time  <b>Private group wine tasting - must be booked in advance (Min 10pax Max 40pax)</b>                      \$18.20pp A flight of 6 wines for taste &amp; commentary detailing the 160+ year history (approx. 45min)                      \$12.50pp A flight of 6 Wines (10 to 30 persons)                      Restaurant Hours 11.30am to 2.15pm Dinner from 5.30pm to late                      1.7kms to Bike About Tours Base: 900m to Church Road Winery                      600m to Penny Madden Ceramic Artist</p>	<p><b>Church Road Winery</b> - 150 Church Road . Phone (06) 833 8225  <b>Bike parking behind the tall fence at the end of the long drive way</b>                      Opening hours: 10.30am to 4.30pm, Open 7 days, closed some public holidays                      Restaurant hours: 11.30am to 2.30pm (extended over summer) Platter for two \$56.95                      Cellar Door Wine Tastings                      Provenance - \$5.00 – Taste a selection of wines from some of our signature varietals and vineyards across the region.                      Innovation - \$10.00 – Take the road less travelled and try some of our more unique varietals and winemaking techniques.                      Prestige - \$15.00 – Treat yourself by tasting some of the finest wines we have to offer.                      Church Road Tours - booking essential                      11:00am – Versatility of the Grape Experience, 1.5 hour in length - \$70.00 per person,                      3:00pm – Legacy and Winery Experience, 1 hour in length - \$35.00 per person,                      900m to Mission Estate Winery: 2.1kms to Bike About Tours Base                      2.2kms Duke of Gloucester and 5.kms to Silky Oak Chocolates</p>
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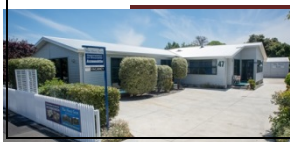


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<p>Trial 513 Ahuriri Estuary – Wetlands Loop</p> <p>1.5 kms Bike About Tours base to Church Road            2.3 kms Church Road to Cato Road inland pathway            8.2 kms Westshore Wildlife Reserve &amp; Watchman Road            2.3 kms Watchman Road /Westshore through the roundabout (take care!) to Ahuriri            3.1 kms Ahuriri to Mitre 10 Mega Cafe Prebensen Drive to Tamatea Drive            1.2 kms Cycle to Tamatea Drive roundabout            700m Pathway on Westminster Avenue            2.9 kms Avenue Road to Bike About Tours base            750 m            22.95kms Total kms cycled</p>	<p>Trial 514 Full circle of Coastal pathways &amp; Napier Suburbs</p> <p>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</p>
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