

Bike About Tours



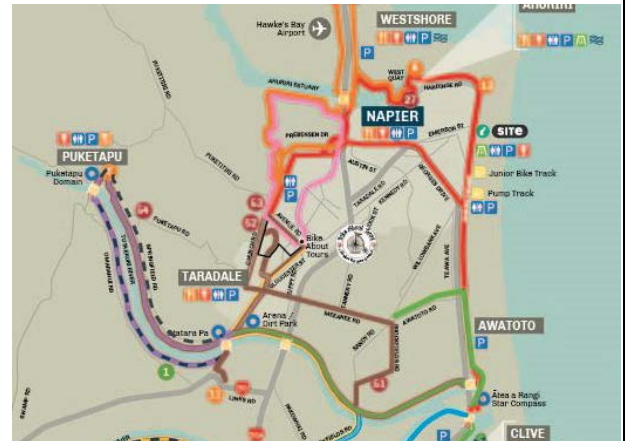
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☑ Trail 512: Loop of Napier Wetlands, Westshore, Ahuriri and Coastal & Inland iWay Pathways

Flat terrain 30kms - predominantly pathways, lots to discover!
From Bike About Tours base follow the pink /orange line to Westshore then red coastal & inland then join the pink line

Want a longer ride continue onto....



Trail 505: Puketapu Loop

<p>Flat terrain: 25kms. Springfield Riverbank & Omarunui Riverbank Pathways are situated on either sides of the Tutaekuri River.</p>	<p>Flat terrain: 29.1kms. If you decide to visit Silky Oak Chocolates</p>
<p>Flat terrain: 14kms Cycle to the Puketapu Hotel. Additional \$5 per person for collection</p>	<p>Twilight cycling – summer only Cycle to the Puketapu Hotel Additional \$10 per person, collection after dinner (your cost) at the Puketapu Hotel.</p>

Mission Estate is 1.7kms or 7 minute bike ride from our base at Greenmeadows; you have the opportunity to visit the cellar door on your way or on return to base.

A little history – photo on next page:

The Lagoon Farm, Hawke's Bay Airport (middle right of photo on next page) 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 [1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake](#) that struck on 3rd February 1931, with a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter scale and 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



As you wind your way via the Poraiti inland foothills pathway you will be following the Taipo Creek which rises and falls depending on the tides, all the land on your right is owned by the Napier City council and known as Lagoon Farm. Further down you will see the airport 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 (see adjacent photo) along with farm animals you will find wandering in the surrounding paddocks.



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Two more Wetlands to cycle beside 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.



At Watchman Road turn right and make your way towards the sea - **Extreme care must be taken when crossing the road at the roundabout!** (Photo - look for red markers either side of the road- left of the roundabout)

Turn left onto Pukeko Place (the railway line runs next to it) and take your next right over the railway line to The Esplanade – onto the grassed area to join the pathway, soak up the panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, the many beautiful homes and gardens of this seaside suburb of Westshore and Port of Napier in the distance, then to Pandora Road.



Once over the bridge - on your left you will pass by boats on high ground – then you will rejoin the cycle pathway to West Quay; the old Inner Harbour, Napier Sailing Club to what was known as Port Ahuriri home to the 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 soap works 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.

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

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 spirits 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.

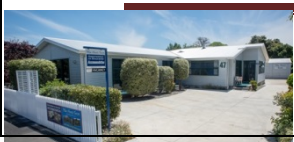


Onto **Ellison & Duncan façade** both are **Art Deco buildings**. Venture to Perfume Point where across the gap you can see where the original freezing works was built, the piles are still visible at low tide. Explore Ahuriri Village maybe time for a coffee and lunch!

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 & Toilets - then back onto the pathway which takes you pasted the Port of Napier.



Detour into Coute Road a wee way up you will discover Napier's Centennial Garden! The gardens were developed in 1974 to commemorate the centenary of the establishment of Napier as a borough and a city. Initially prisoners (The old prison is on the hill opposite the gardens) and later Council gardeners transformed the bare former quarry into the present verdant gardens.



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All the soil had to be moved onto the site. Now, paths of crushed limestone wind through rock gardens and ground-hugging planting. Water is another significant landscaping feature. From the lower pool, water is pumped to the main pool and then to the top of the cliff where it cascades in down the 40-metre rock face.



Back onto the Marine Parade, note the magnificent stately Norfolk pines planted in 1890, Concrete Sea Wall built in the 1850's to stop the sea encroaching into the down town and residential areas. 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 buildings.

Lock your bikes at Napier Visitor Centre and take a stroll through the shopping centre, soak up the treasure trove of magnificent architectural examples of Spanish Mission and Art Deco buildings looking up above the verandahs on the opposite side of the road to view the Art Deco features.

Back onto the pathway beside the sea – 2.4kms to Ellison Road. Turn inland and join the new iWay along Georges Drive Reserve - half way down on your left is the Marewa shopping Centre, continue on the pathway following the stream 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 in Ahuriri, 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 Café they have delicious food! Then back onto the pathway - cross the roundabout then turn into Tamatea Drive – a little further down cross the road and join the iWay pathway along Westminster Avenue cycling 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. 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 Sports Reserve) then 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.

WESTERN HILL CEMETARY LOOKOUT

Gates and toilets open at 8:00am and close at sunset. Cycle into Clyde Jeffery Drive to Orotu Park, look for the brown palings on either side of the gate way - this is the drive way into Western Hills Cemetery opened in 1985. Note as you walk your bike up the hill the rock wall - which has heaps of sea shells embedded into the rock. Once at the top, of the hill cycle to the road end. 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 onto Clyde Jeffery Drive the other road to your right takes you to Park Island Cemetery to view the Memorial for 143 people who lost their lives in the 1931 earthquake



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

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 roundabout – 1.8kms to #Penny Madden's Ceramic Studio. There is sign on gate to let you know the studio is open.



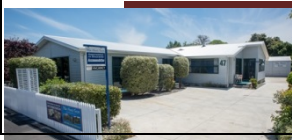
Further down is **Mission Estate and Church Road wineries cellar doors** - then cycle back to Bike About Tours base

Option Two Don't want to explore Western Hills Cemetery or wineries then continue along Westminster Avenue beside Salt Water creek on your right - go through the roundabout, take the next left – Westminster Avenue – pathway & reserve on your right - once you arrive at York Avenue you can cycle back to Bike About Tours base via York Road or cross the road and join the pathway on Anderson Park, meandering through the parks tree lined pathways heading towards Gloucester Street which brings you back to Bike About Tours.

To cycle Trail 505 Puketapu Loop refer the Trail information and pdf

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>Mission Estate Winery & Restaurant 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! Opening Hours: Mon to Sat 9am to 5pm: Sun 10am to 4.30pm Note Tasting is not available if you arrive after 4.30pm/4.00pm OR Last tasting commence 30min prior to closing time Private group wine tasting - must be booked in advance (Min 10pax Max 40pax) \$18.20pp A flight of 6 wines for taste & 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>Church Road Winery - 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) 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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<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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Trail 512	Coastal and Inland Napier Loop	Trial 514	Full circle of Coastal pathways & Napier Suburbs
1.5 kms	Bike About Tours base to Church Road	1.5 kms	Bike About Tours base to Church Road
2.3 kms	Church Road to Cato Road inland pathway	12.7 kms	Church Road to Cato Road inland pathway to Airport
8.2 kms	Westshore Wildlife Reserve & Watchman Road	9.1 kms	Airport Inland Pathway to Bay View
2.3 kms	Watchman Road /Westshore through the roundabout (take care!) to Ahuriri	600 m	Crab Farm Winery
4.4 kms	Ahuriri to Napier I Site	46 m	Napier Beach Kiwi Holiday Park - Snapper Café
2.4kms	Napier I Site to Ellison Street	1.06 kms	Snapper Café to Fannin Street
3.1 kms	Georges Drive Pathway to Prebensen Drive	5.3 kms	Bay View to via the coast to Westshore
1.5 kms	Mitre 10 Mega Cafe	5.7 kms	Westshore to Ahuriri then to Napier I Site Marine Parade
1.2 kms	Prebensen Drive	2.4 kms	Napier I Site to Ellison Street
1.2 kms	Tamatea Drive Pathway	3.1 kms	Georges Drive Pathway to Mitre 10 Mega Cafe
2 kms	Westminister Avenue Pathway	1.5 kms	Prebensen Drive
1 km	Avenue Road to Mission Estate Winery	1.2 kms	Tamatea Drive Pathway
900m	Church Road Winery	2 kms	Westminister Avenue Pathway
2.1 kms	Bike About Tours Base	1 km	Avenue Road to Mission Estate Winery
		900m	Church Road Winery
		2.1 kms	Bike About Tours Base
32.9km	Total kms cycled	50.62kms	Total kms cycled

*Take care, have fun Hawke's Bay climate creates a year round pedal power adventure
Just for you!*



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