

LANDSCAPES RIDE | WATER RIDE | WINERIES RIDE
 1-4 DAYS | 200km



Landscapes Ride – Tuki Tuki Valley © Hawke's Bay Tourism

HAWKE'S BAY Trails

Hawke's Bay Trails was born out of the vision to create a seaside pathway for Napier. Over 10 years later, it boasts 200km of cycle trails.

Meandering around and between the twin cities of Napier and Hastings, Hawke's Bay Trails is mostly flat, a river and coastal network of pathways stretching over the Heretaunga Plains. There are three distinct cycling experiences: the Landscapes Ride, the Water Ride and the Wineries Ride. The Landscapes Ride explores the picturesque coastal communities of

Haumoana, Te Awanga and Clifton, which border the coastline of the iconic Cape Kidnappers. The Cape is home to the world's largest mainland gannet colony and one of the world's top 50 golf courses. Riders will also enjoy views of the impressive Te Mata Peak and the expansive ocean. The Water Ride is flat, easy and perfect for families. It provides panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and includes

the Ahuriri Estuary, a sanctuary for endangered wetland wildlife. The Wineries Ride is a relaxed ride that covers the wine-growing areas of Bridge Pa, Gimblett Gravels and the Ngatarawa Triangle. The trail is dotted with numerous award-winning wineries that afford plenty of places to stop and rest along the way. The Hawke's Bay Trails are mostly flat Grade 1-3 (Easiest - Intermediate) trails.

IMAGE BELOW LEFT: Grapes © Hawke's Bay Tourism
 BELOW RIGHT: National Tobacco Co. building

LOOK OUT FOR...

Hawke's Bay Wineries

One of New Zealand's oldest established wine regions, Hawke's Bay hasn't let growing competition diminish its respected standing. With plentiful sunshine, a



multitude of vineyards and a diverse landscape, the reputation of this part of the country is well entrenched. Centred predominantly on the cities of Napier and Hastings, the Hawke's Bay Wine Region produces numerous grape varieties, with chardonnay being the most planted. Visit some of the vineyards here and try them for yourself.

Art Deco Architecture

Napier chose to adopt the distinctive art deco style of architecture after a devastating earthquake obliterated the city in 1931. Now the captivating buildings can be seen in every direction.



Trail Info

1-4 Days
200km

TRAIL GRADES:



LANDSCAPES RIDE, 56KM
 - GRADE 1 (EASIEST) & GRADE 3 (INTERMEDIATE)
 Half the ride is Grade 1 and the other half is Grade 3.

WATER RIDE, 96KM
 - GRADE 1 (EASIEST) & GRADE 2 (EASY)
 Grade 1 with small sections of Grade 2.

WINERIES RIDE, 48KM
 - GRADE 1 (EASIEST) & GRADE 2 (EASY)
 Mostly Grade 1 with one small section being Grade 2.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE:
 Mobile phone coverage is available on all of the Hawke's Bay Trails.

DRINKING WATER:
 It is recommended that riders carry drinking water, although there are numerous places for supplies along the way.

	LANDSCAPES RIDE			WATER RIDE			WINERIES RIDE	
	Napier i-SITE 27km	Clifton	Black Bridge 33km	Napier i-SITE 33km	Napier i-SITE	Taradale 18km	Hastings Golf Club	Hastings Golf Club
	TUKITUKI LOOP			PUKETAPU LOOP			33-47km	



RIDING THE TRAIL

“...fantastic weather, cycle-friendly terrain, stunning scenery and established food and wine experiences make the Hawke’s Bay an ideal cycling destination.”

Hawke’s Bay Regional Council Chairman, Fenton Wilson

Landscapes Ride, 56km

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world’s largest mainland gannet colony and one of the world’s top 50 golf courses.

There is a coastal ride that starts from behind the Napier i-SITE as part of the Water Ride and heads south towards Cape Kidnappers connecting to the coastal section of the Landscape Ride.



Landscapes Ride - Te Awanga © Hawke’s Bay Tourism

RIDING THE TRAIL

It begins as a wide concrete path, and later becomes a smooth limesand path with some sections of public road. The path ends at Clifton, 24km from Napier. The other popular section of the Landscapes Ride does a loop of the Tukituki Valley from Black Bridge to Red Bridge and back. Black Bridge is on the coastal section described above, which crosses the Tukituki River. This flat off-road trail overlooks vineyards on one side and the Tukituki River on the other. Enjoy changing scenery and views of the impressive Te Mata Peak.

This trail provides year-round cycling and will suit most cycling skill levels. Don't miss the expansive ocean views, world-class wineries and beautiful countryside.

Water Ride, 96km

The Water Ride is flat, easy and perfect for families. Napier's Bay View and Westshore are great places to start riding, continuing on to the seaside village of Ahuriri with its bustling cafés, shops and bars before cycling

along picturesque Marine Parade with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. Extend the ride to include the Taradale loop to experience the renowned Church Road and Mission Estate wineries. Alternatively, head to the Ahuriri Estuary, a sanctuary for endangered wetland wildlife, or to the quaint Puketapu settlement with its charming hotel, restaurant, general store and church.

Don't miss learning about local history, endangered wildlife, world-class wineries and the bustling seaside precinct of Ahuriri.

Wineries Ride, 48km

The Wineries Ride is a relaxed ride that covers the wine-growing areas of Bridge Pa, Gimblett Gravels and the Ngatarawa Triangle. The terrain is flat and dotted with numerous award-winning wineries that afford plenty of places to stop and rest along the way. This mostly off-road ride also goes through the historic tree-lined Oak Ave in Hastings and along the banks of the Ngauroro River.

Napier ■ after British soldier Sir Charles Napier • 21km NE of Hastings



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ALONGSIDE THE TRAIL

There's plenty to explore from fine cuisine and captivating architecture to an accessible gannet colony.

Napier's art deco influence will shatter any perception that this is just another destination; after all, this is the largest concentration of **art deco architecture** in the southern hemisphere. You will be captivated by magnificent buildings from every direction and a drive up to the charming **Marine Parade**, where art deco meets the turquoise-coloured sea, is a particular feast for the eyes. A guided tour is a good idea. Marine Parade is also where the impressive

National Aquarium of New Zealand is located. The Nelson city centre buzz is infectious with many cafés and restaurants, as well as a raft of attractions from museums and mini-golf to parks, gardens and commanding views from **Bluff Hill**. The artistic community can be explored with the local art guide map, which takes you from city galleries to home studios. **Napier Prison** tours provide a look into the region's criminal past.



Farmers' Market, Hastings

Farmers' Markets

Being one of New Zealand's leading food and wine regions, it's no surprise you'll find exceptional fresh produce in the Hawke's Bay. The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market is held in Hastings every Sunday, and there are various other markets too.



Surfing - Hawke's Bay © Hawke's Bay Tourism

Surfing

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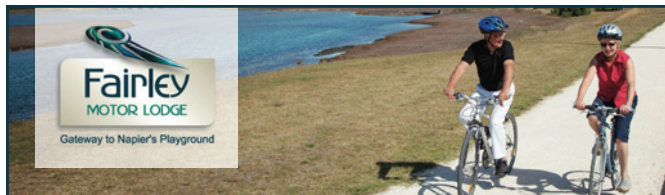
FESTIVALS

Mission Estate Concert © Hawke's Bay Tourism
BELOW: Black Barn Concert, Havelock North © Hastings Council



With its Mediterranean climate and picturesque environment, Hawke's Bay is a region with a jam-packed events calendar.

Hawke's Bay events include Napier's **Art Deco Festival** (February), Hastings **Spring Racing Carnival** (October), the **Hastings Blossom Festival** (September), the **Hawke's Bay A&P Show** in Hastings (October) and the **Mission Estate Winery Concert** located on the outskirts of Napier (February). New exhibitions and shows also appear regularly.



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Coastal Landmarks

The original Portland Island Lighthouse is now a prominent feature in Wairoa, the main town in the northern Hawke's Bay.



Golfing Cape Kidnappers © Hawke's Bay Tourism

Golf at Cape Kidnappers

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ALONGSIDE THE TRAIL

The Hawke's Bay is a leading food and wine region with captivating architecture and prime lookouts.

The chic **Havelock North** village is packed with charm and loaded with appealing eateries, bars and boutique shops. The arty **Pipi Café** (housed in a pink building) is one of the standouts and has earned an enviable reputation for both its pizza and the ambience. The growers' market

at **Black Barn Vineyard** on Saturday morning is worth a visit, as is the **Arataki Honey Visitor Centre**.

For an essential photo stop, head to the top of **Te Mata Peak**, five minutes' drive from Havelock North's centre. This famous peak is found in Te Mata Park, a popular park visited by over 200,000 people every year. The rewards from the 399m high summit are many; full-circle views of the region include Hawke Bay, the rugged ranges and **Cape Kidnappers**. Snow-capped Mt Ruapehu can also be seen on a clear day. Best visited at sunrise or sunset, Te Mata Peak is rich in Maori history; take time to study up before making the journey.

Please Note: be careful when driving up and down Te Mata Peak as there are no guardrails and the road narrows as you near the top.

Waipukurau has an interesting past and was formerly a Maori pa site; stockade Hill in **Hunter Park** holds the remains of the fortifications. There are plenty of activities to entertain the whole family. Visit the art gallery – it displays and sells an outstanding collection of works by local and well-known New Zealand artists. Have a game of golf at Waipukurau's 18-hole golf course, or go fishing for trout in the local river.



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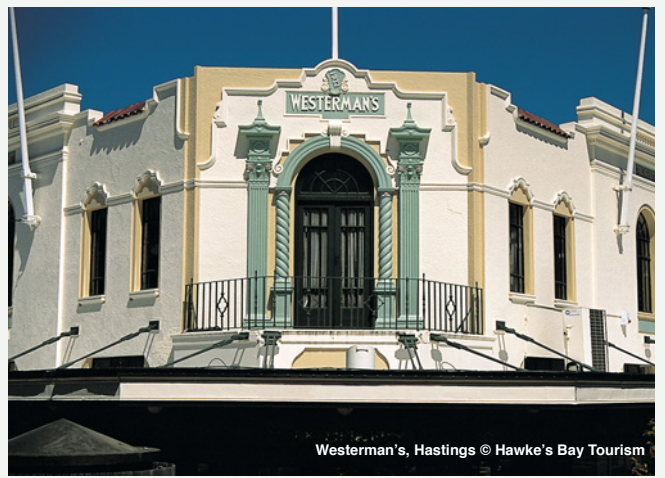
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LEFT: Cyclists on Te Mata Peak View © Hawke's Bay Tourism



Westerman's, Hastings © Hawke's Bay Tourism

HASTINGS

Hastings, like neighbouring Napier, suffered damage in the 1931 earthquake. While it didn't sustain quite the devastation inflicted on its twin city, Hastings was forced to undergo some reconstruction and it opted to rebuild predominantly in Spanish mission-style architecture. This resulted in a pretty city with gorgeous buildings and a special character.

The architecture can be observed best by taking a walk around the city to check out the art deco and stripped classical buildings. Take a look at the city's street art – sculptural delights from talented local artists. Family entertainment comes in the form of the water theme park, Splash Planet, and the Hawke's Bay Farmyard Zoo.

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