

TRAILS TO INDULGENCE

Snackable rides. Looking to earn your lunch, coffee or simply want to catch up with friends? Try one of our trails to indulgence where you can treat yourself with flavours of Waimakariri, halfway or at the end.

BIODIVERSITY RIDE

Grab a friend and ride from Waikuku to Pegasus (No 3 on the map).

DISTANCE: 12 kms return | **TIME:** Approximately 40 – 60 mins (not including time in Pegasus)

A great way to catch up with friends for a more relaxed ride. Enjoy this flat easy ride from Waikuku through to the Te Kōhanga wetlands. From the wetlands take the exit on to Pegasus Main Street and head to the heart of Pegasus Town. There you can park your bike and take a walk around the lake, check out the views from the swing bridge and stop for a bite to eat. On your return to Waikuku take a refreshing swim at the surf patrolled beach in the summer months, or a walk alongside the mighty Pacific Ocean.



NATURAL HIGHLIGHT

Te Kōhanga Wetlands is a 97 hectare recreation and conservation area home to a range of natural habitats of native flora and fauna.

BEACH TO RIVERS

A rewarding ride of diverse landscapes from Woodend to Kaiapoi (No. 2 on the map).

DISTANCE: 20 kms return | **TIME:** 2.5 hrs (not including time in to Kaiapoi)

If you are okay with lifting your bikes over a couple of stiles, then this ride is very rewarding. Park the car at Woodend Beach and jump on the Pegasus Trail to Kaiapoi. Take a wander around, enjoy refreshments and the sights of the river town of Kaiapoi.



NATURAL HIGHLIGHT

You ride alongside a stream (somewhat hidden at times) that is an important link from the Waimakariri to the Tūtaepatu Lagoon for native species such as inanga (whitebait) and tuna (eel).

RIVER SIDE RIDE

For that fun ride from Waikuku to Rangiora (No 4 on map).

DISTANCE: 25 km return from Waikuku to Railway Bridge
TIME: Approx. 2hrs (not including ride to town)

Looking for a bit of fun before coffee then this is the ride for you. Leave from Waikuku and follow the Rakahuri trail to the Railway Bridge. Head up East Belt and turn right to get to the Artisan Café where you can park your bikes using Locky Docks. Take a stroll in to town to explore the high street and laneways for shopping and eateries. On your return to Waikuku take a refreshing swim at the surf patrolled in the summer months, or a walk alongside the mighty Pacific Ocean.



NATURAL HIGHLIGHT

New Zealand is one of only four countries in the world to have braided rivers. The braided Ashley/Rakahuri river and estuary are home to some of the world's rarest birds.

WAIMAKARIRI RIVER RIDE

Start with coffee and end with lunch in Kaiapoi (No.1 on the map).

DISTANCE: 18kms of trails | **TIME:** 1.20 hrs return to Kaiapoi

This loop of 18 km trails is fun, flat and easy. Make the ride yours. Grab some kai from one of the cafes in Kaiapoi and have a picnic on the banks of the Waimakariri River, or make use of one of the many picnic tables in the park. Otherwise work up an appetite and settle in for a feast on return.



NATURAL HIGHLIGHT

New Zealand is one of only four countries in the world to have braided rivers of which Waimakariri is one.

ADVENTURE

WHARFEDALE TRACK

For the more adventurous rider (not on the map).

DISTANCE: 30 km return | **TIME:** 6 hours | **GRADE:** Advanced

Take a day return or stay for a night at the Wharfedale hut. (DOC Ticketed Hut) ACCESS: View Hill Car Park, from Oxford drive west on SH72 for 2km, turn right in to Woodstock Road. Travel 10km, turn right in to Ingrams Road which turns in to Perhams Road. Take the sign posted road to the Wharfedale Track at the View Hill Car Park. (Heavy rain may stop access on fords). Leave gates as you find them.

Cycle Trails

Waimakariri



WHY YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR BIKE

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EASTERN CYCLE TRAILS



Enjoy our accessible and fun trails. Being mainly flat our trails are perfect for individuals and families. To get the most out of your ride, stop and relax in beach settlements and our towns.

You can take the straighter, flatter rides along the stop banks or follow the mountain bike trails to enjoy more twists and turns. Ride the trails individually or join them together by using on road facilities. Most of the trails are two way and shared with walkers, so cycling etiquette applies. Take care and follow the road rules.

NOTE: Ride times have been worked out on approximately 13 km per hour.

GRADE BEGINNER: Off-road trail surface is either firm gravel or sealed and wide enough for 2 people to cycle side by side most of the way.

GRADE EASY: Off-road trail surface mostly flat with some gentle climbs on all surface tracks with easily avoidable obstacles (roots & potholes).

1 KAIAPOI ISLAND TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 18 km of trails

TIME: 1 hr 20 min loop, one way (or tailor distance to suit)

ACCESS: Raven Quay (take the stop bank to the trail), OR *Wrights Rd, off the old Main North Rd. Note: Gates at Wrights Rd are open 4.30am – 10pm (7pm Apr – Sept).

A great ride for both families and individuals. Enjoy views of the Waimakariri River, willow forests and ponds. The river used to be an unconstrained braided river with two splits forming a number of islands. For Maori, the island was an important site spiritually and as an education facility. You have the option to stay on the stop bank.

2 PEGASUS TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 10.5 km | **TIME:** 50 min, one way

ACCESS: Take the stop bank on Charles St – to Pines/Kairaki.

Follow the Kaiapoi River along the stop bank to where it meets the Waimakariri River. Ride through the small beach settlement of Pines/Kairaki into the forest to Woodend.

3 TŪTAEPATU TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 5 km | **TIME:** 25 min, one way

ACCESS: Woodend Beach Rd – to Waikuku.

This all-weather track joins together the beach settlements of Woodend and Waikuku. Take a break at the Tūtaepatu Lagoon, a spring fed freshwater wildlife sanctuary for flora and fauna and historically a rich source of mahinga kai (food gathering) for Maori. Take a side trip into Pegasus Town to ride Te Kōhanga Wetlands and Kaitiritiri Ridge or replenish at one of the eateries.

4 RAKAHURI TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 18 km including the loop

TIME: 1 hr 20 min, one way

ACCESS: Take the stop bank at the end Park Terrace, Waikuku Beach – Rangiora.

This fun trail runs alongside the Ashley/Rakahuri River. There is a dedicated mountain bike park within the trail with areas of one way riding, twists, turns and moguls. Fun for the family and individuals. The trail starts near the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary in Waikuku. This Estuary is one of the largest unmodified estuaries in Canterbury and home to many endangered bird species. You have the option to stay on the stopbank.

5 PASSCHENDAELE MEMORIAL PATH

GRADE: Beginner | **DISTANCE:** 8 km one way

TIME: 37 min, one way

ACCESS: Raven Quay North, accessible from Smith St, Kaiapoi. From Rangiora, use on-road facilities at Lineside Rd, Southbrook to join track.

This pathway joins Rangiora and Kaiapoi. It was named in memory of the sacrifice made at the Battle of Passchendaele, the biggest tragedy in NZ military history. Waimakariri has a special link to the battle, being twinned with Zonnebeke, Belgium.

6 JILL CREAMER TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **Distance:** 3.8 km | **Time:** 15 min, one way

ACCESS: Woodend Beach Rd.

This track will take you from the Woodend township to the beach. It is named after a community stalwart who dedicated her time and energy to many community projects.

7 TE KŌHANGA WETLANDS

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 3.8 km | **TIME:** 15 min, one way.

ACCESS: Tiritirimoana Dr.

Te Kōhanga is the 97 hectare recreation and conservation area of Pegasus. Enjoy a range of natural habitats of native plants and animals.

8 KAITIRITIRI RIDGE

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 1.8 km | **TIME:** 10 min, one way

ACCESS: Pegasus Town, from corner of Pegasus Blvd and Infinity Dr.

Take this short ride to gain a view over the Pegasus Golf Course, Pegasus Township. Read the information platforms about runanga.

9 TARAPIROE TRAIL

GRADE: Easy | **DISTANCE:** 1.4 km | **TIME:** 7 min, one way

ACCESS: Cones Rd, Western side of Ashley Bridge.

Take this trail to link up to the Ashley Village. Cross Cones St bridge using the dedicated cycle lane. Continue to the Ashley Pub for a refreshment and a bite to eat.

10 RANGIORA WOODEND PATH

GRADE: Beginner | **DISTANCE:** 6.5 km | **TIME:** 30 min, one way

ACCESS: Junction of Kippenberger Ave and Rangiora Woodend Road – to Woodend.

This trail connects Rangiora with Woodend. Care to be taken with on-road facilities at both ends of the tracks.

11 CHRISTCHURCH NORTHERN CORRIDOR CONNECTOR

GRADE: Beginner | **DISTANCE:** 4.1 km one way | **TIME:** 15 min

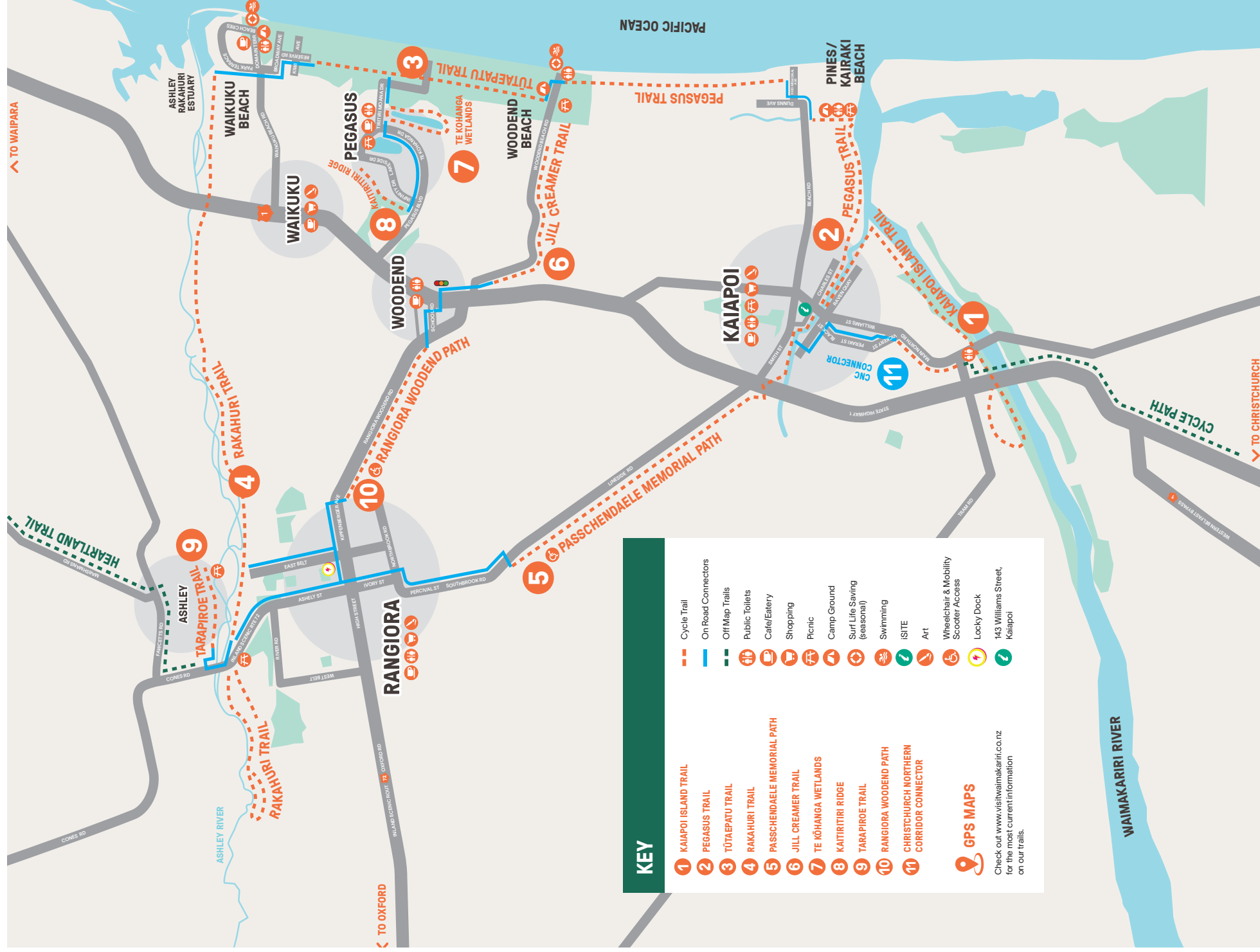
ACCESS: Raven Quay, Kaiapoi – to Christchurch.

Take this cycleway to get to the Christchurch Northern Corridor.

 **Waimakariri**



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KEY

Cycle Trail	On Road Connectors
Off Map Trails	Public Toilets
Cafe/Eatery	Shopping
Picnic	Camp Ground
Surf Life Saving (seasonal)	Swimming
iSITE	Art
Wheelchair & Mobility Scooter Access	Locky Dock
GPS MAPS	143 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

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