

# BIODIVERSITY RIDE

From the idyllic beach settlement of Waikuku to the lakeside town of Pegasus, ride the Tūtaepatu Trail alongside a regenerating forest and around the Te Kōhanga Wetlands. This ride is flat, easy and well maintained. Perfect for the family or the more relaxed cyclist.



Starting Location: Waikuku Beach – 25 mins from Christchurch



Bike Time: 40 – 60mins



Distance: 12 kms return



Grade: Easy, Two-way shared trail



Condition: Compact shingle

## What to bring:

- Togs for the beach
- Bikes (and accessories)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Wallet

## Further Trail Directions

Head to Kiwi Ave, Waikuku Beach to signage for Northern Pegasus Bay. Follow the trail to turnoff to Pegasus (Tiritiri Moana Road). 1 km up the road turn left to ride around Te Kōhanga Wetlands. Take exits to Pegasus Main Street for Pegasus Village. On returning to Waikuku, choose the Wetland ride or head back via Tiritiri Moana Drive.

## Taking that Ride Further

Stay on the Tūtaepatu Trail to Woodend, and check out the Tūtaepatu Lagoon on the way. To go further take the Pegasus Trail to Pines/Kairaki and then on to Kaiapoi.

All our cycleways can be networked to create longer rides, refer Eastern Cycle Trails Map, [visitwaimakariri.co.nz](http://visitwaimakariri.co.nz)



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## PLACES TO STOP

### PEGASUS

Stop for a bite at one of Pegasus' eateries. Ride or stroll around the lake, enjoy the views from the swing bridge. A short cycle to Kaitiriri Ridge will give you great views of the golf course and township.

**Pegasus Golf and Sports Club** - Pegasus Golf Course is a par 72, 18-hole championship course. It also boasts a state of the art, all weather driving range.

### WAIKUKU

Visit Waikuku's surf patrolled beach for a refreshing swim or take in the mighty Pacific Ocean as you stroll to the mouth of the Ashley Rakahuri River. Grab a bite of freshly cooked fish and chips, ice cream or coffee from the local store.

**Brick Mill Shopping Complex** - On SH1 the old twine mill is home to an eclectic group of shops and a café.

**Old School Collective** - On SH1 this repurposed primary school houses retail and a café.

**Studio A & Co** - Glass artistry on SH1, not to be overlooked. Watch the artist and work and view the gallery.

**Lavender Fields** - For the colour purple from the plant to the product stop and check this out on Waikuku Beach Road.

## THE ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE IN

**Tūhaitara Coastal Park** - The coastal park runs from mouth of Waimakariri River to the settlement of Waikuku Beach and consists of numerous ecosystems including a freshwater network of wetlands, a lagoon and streams connecting the Waimakariri and Ashley Rakahuri Braided Rivers.

**Tūtaepatu Lagoon** - This fresh water lagoon is an ecosystem restoration project home to a variety of native flora and fauna. The restoration work, in the future, will be used as a seed bank for the rest of Canterbury.

**Biota Nodes Project** - These are a series of small, localised points of native flora and fauna when matured will extend outwards to form a biodiversity skeleton stretching the length of the park.

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

Cycle Trail

Waikuku/Pegasus



# WHY WE LONG FOR THE WEEKEND

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# KEY

--- Cycle Trail

- Public Toilets
- Cafe
- Takeout

- Surf Lifesaving Club
- Paddling Pool
- Petrol Station

- Lavender Fields
- Shopping
- Glass Art

✓ TO WOODEND