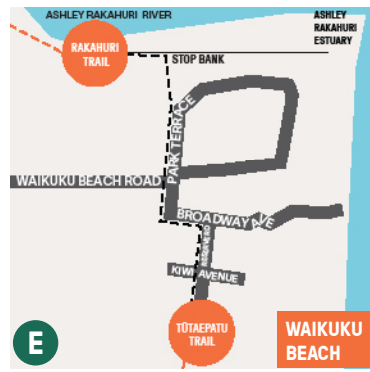
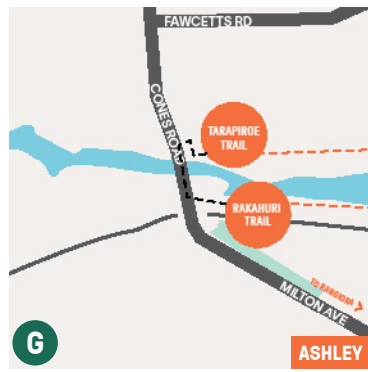
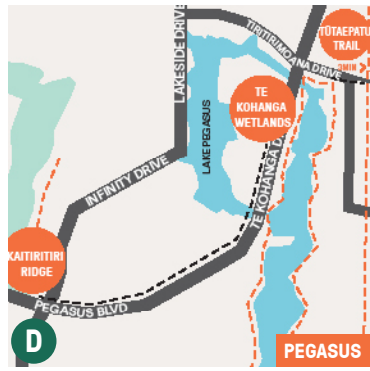
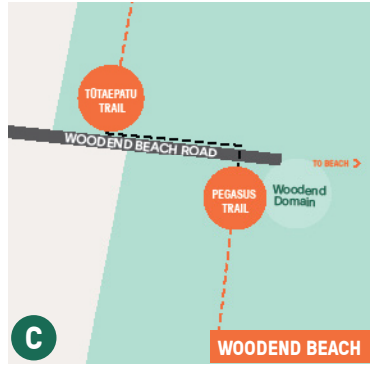
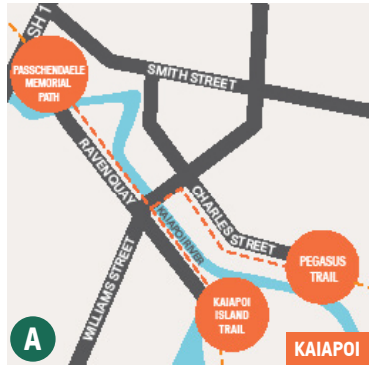


# WAIMAKARIRI EASTERN CYCLE TRAILS





## TRAIL CONNECTIONS



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Follow us  

Waimakariri boasts tracks that make cycling both accessible and fun. Being on the Canterbury Plains means our eastern cycle trails are mainly flat, perfect for individuals and families.

The trails take you through farmland, river and coastal recreation areas. You will be treated to the smells of pine and willow forests. Experience views of the Pacific Ocean, Pegasus Lake, Te Kōhanga Wetlands, the braided rivers of the Waimakariri and Ashley/Rakahuri and the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary. You can take the straighter, flatter rides along the stop banks or follow the mountain bike trails to enjoy more twists and turns. Most of the trails are two way and shared with walkers, so cycling etiquette applies.

You can ride the trails individually or go for that longer trail and join them together. Use the trail connection maps to get between the trails or utilise the [GPS links on our website](#). You will need to use on-road facilities to get between the trails. Take care and follow the standard road rules: [nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/about-cycling/rules](https://nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/about-cycling/rules)

Enjoy your ride. Stop and relax in beach settlements and towns, all offering a variety of food, beverage and shopping experiences. Take some time and stay in our campgrounds, motels and B&Bs. For more information [visitwaimakariri.co.nz](https://visitwaimakariri.co.nz).

## 1 KAIAPOI ISLAND TRAIL

**GRADE:** Easy. **DISTANCE:** 18 km of trails. **TIME:** 1 hr 20 min, 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](#)

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

## 3 TŪTAEPATU TRAIL

**GRADE:** Easy. **DISTANCE:** 5 km. **TIME:** 25 min, one way. **ACCESS:** [Woodend Beach Rd](#)

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, OR End of East Belt, 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.

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).

## 5 PASSCHENDAELE MEMORIAL PATH

**GRADE:** Beginner. **DISTANCE:** 8 km one way. **TIME:** 37 min, one way. **ACCESS:** Bridge St, south carpark 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](#), Pegasus

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 [Woodend Rangiora Rd](#)

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