

RIVER SIDE AMBLE

AS THIS IS A RIVER BANK TRACK IT IS SUBJECTED TO WEATHER EVENTS, SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DETOURS.

From the majestic Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary in Waikuku, to the vibrant township of Rangiora, this ride takes you through forests, farmland and alongside the Ashley/Rakahuri River.

You can ride along the stop bank or jump on the Rakahuri Trail for a bit of fun.



Distance:
- 20 km return to Railway Bridge, East Belt if using stop bank

- 25 km return to Railway Bridge, if using shared tracks from the stop bank



Grade: Easy two way shared space with walkers



Condition: Shingle loose and compact, a few moguls, detours at times



Starting location: Waikuku Beach – 25 minutes from Christchurch

What to bring:

- Togs for the beach
- Bikes (and accessories)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Wallet
- Cell phone
- Download – Locky Dock App

Further trail directions

From the stop bank at Park Terrace, head west to cross the floodgate bridge. Stay on the stop bank or turn right for the Rakahuri Trail. The trail crosses over a shingle road and leads to a wooden bridge. Take the trail over the bridge to the stop bank. Head towards the SH1 bridge either via the stop bank or back on the trail. Head under the bridge and ride the stop bank for 3km until you see the yellow cycle sign on your right, down the bank in the trees. Choose the trail (or stay on stop bank) all the way to the Railway Bridge, East Belt. Head down East Belt to Rangiora (1km). A Locky Dock is available at Artisan Cafe, for more information visit www.lockydock.co.nz.



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PLACES TO STOP

RANGIORA

Park up the bike at Artisan Café Locky Dock and take a stroll into town. Explore the high street and laneways for shopping and eateries.

Waimakariri Stadium – Take a quick side ride up Coldstream Road to the MainPower Stadium for refreshments and a look at the state of the art facilities.

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 with some freshly cooked fish and chips, ice cream or coffee from the local store.

Brick Mill Shopping Complex – On SH1 the old woollen mill is now home to an eclectic groups of shops and a café with a fabulous outdoor garden eating area.

Old School Collective – On SH1 this repurposed primary school houses retail and a café where you can eat in the courtyard.

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

Lavender Fields – For all that is from the plant to the product. Stop and check this out on Waikuku Beach Road

THE ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE IN

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.

Whitebaiting – Waikuku is a coveted whitebaiting area and in season you will pass many a baiter on the side of the river. To see the spawning area and information board, take the Taranaki Walkway. Measure yourself against the flood levels record.

Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park – This park is looked after by Environment Canterbury and encompasses the Ashley/Rakahuri River from the estuary to where it meets the Okuku River. It contains pine forest blocks, mixed stands of exotic trees, and pockets of native vegetation that are gradually being restored and enhanced.

Taking that Ride Further

All our cycleways can be networked to create longer rides. Refer Eastern Cycle Trails Map, visitwaimakariri.co.nz

Cycle Trail

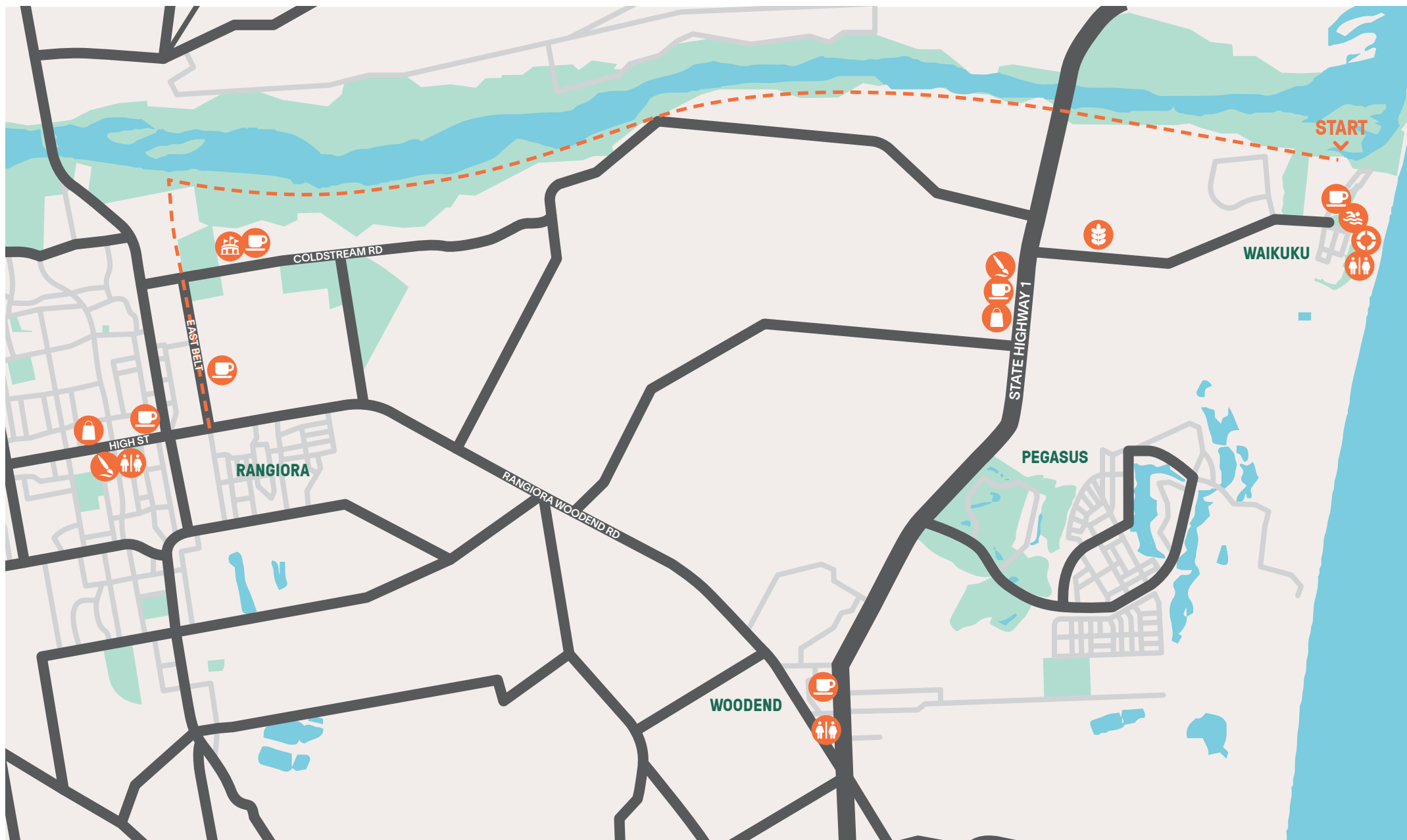
Waikuku/Rangiora



WHY WE KEEP MOVING


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Waimakariri





KEY


--- Cycle Trail


 Public Toilets


 Cafe


 Take Out


 Shopping

 Surf Lifesaving Club

 Paddling Pool

 Art Gallery

 Lavender Fields

 MainPower Stadium