

Welcome

to the cycle trail based on the line of New Zealand's first railway used to transport minerals from the eastern slopes of the Wooded Peak.

Today this historic railway provides a steady gradient to its terminus near Coppermine Saddle. The trail then descends to the Maitai Dam and follows the Nelson City water supply pipeline to the lower Maitai Valley.

The 38 km Dun Mountain Trail, is a circuit that loops between Brook Valley and the Maitai Valley and is suitable for bikers and walkers. The Dun Mountain rises to 1129m and is one of the most distinctive mountains around Nelson, due to its unique geology.

The newly upgraded trail was officially opened on 12 November 2011. It is the third great ride to be completed under Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail.

Getting to the trail:

Riders: If you are riding to the trail, access is best via the Brook Street entrance, just 2.7 km from Nelson City centre. Head south out of Nelson up the Brook Valley to 135 Brook St where you will see an entrance sign and a kiosk immediately before Blick Terrace.

Drivers: For those driving to the start of the trail, head 6 km up the Maitai Valley from Nelson past the golf course to right beside the Maitai Camping Ground to where a similar entrance sign and kiosk have been installed.

Riding on the trail:

Suggested skill level - Grade Three Intermediate
Suggested ride time: 1 day

The Trail is suitable for most intermediate riders with a decent level of fitness required. Although the ride time may only take 4-6 hours allow the day to enjoy this unique environment.



Suggestions: Take warm clothing, food and water

Please remember: The track is shared with mountain bikers. Bikers should always give way to walkers and stay in control of their bikes. No animals, firearms or fires are allowed. Be wary of sudden weather changes, especially beyond Third House.

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