

4 OLD RAILWAY ROUTE (STOKE)

This ride takes advantage of the cycleways that are part of the Railway Reserve and of those alongside Whakatu Drive. There are plenty of seats and ideal spots for a picnic.

GRADE: Easy

DISTANCE/TIME: 13 kms (45-60 minutes) loop

CONDITIONS: Off-road cycleways on Railway Reserve and Whakatu Drive

START LOCATION: Annesbrook Youth Park – you can park at Quarantine Road cul-de-sac

POINTS OF INTEREST

Nelson's trains used to run along the Railway Reserve. You can view "Arrival and Beginning", made by local sculptor Mike Hindmarsh from railway sleepers along the Railway Reserve.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Head south on the Railway Reserve, and enjoy the priority that cyclists have over cars at points where the cycleway crosses side streets.

At Songer Street (where cyclists must give way to cars) continue down the driveway of Omaio Village where the

cycleway continues south. For a shorter option, turn right onto Songer Street and head west toward Monaco where you can rejoin this loop ride just beyond the Honest Lawyer Pub. For the longer route continue along the railway reserve to the junction on the cycleway where you can either turn left and head across Main Road Stoke to Saxton Field, or turn right and take the underpass out to the coastal Whakatu Drive cycleway.

At the coast line you can turn left and head toward Richmond and the ASB Aquatic Centre (where an underpass will take you safely to the pool) or turn right and head north, back toward Monaco. Just past the Honest Lawyer, cross Point Road to the cycleway that takes you north back toward the airport. An underpass goes under Whakatu Drive behind Nayland College if you want to take in the interesting historic Seaview Road Cemetery. Continuing northward returns you to the industrial park area of Quarantine Rd where an underpass gets you back to the Youth Park.

LINKS

Connect to ride 6 (City to Annesbrook) from the Youth Park, Ride 1 (Waterfront ride) or Ride 5 (Monaco loop) from the Honest Lawyer Pub.

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