



3 DAY HAWKES BAY HIGHLIGHTS SELF GUIDED CYCLE TOUR

Day One: Bay View to Havelock North (45km)

Riding on day one is flat and gentle, largely away from traffic and stunningly scenic! Even the most rusty riders have a chance to re-acquaint themselves with the saddle in a stress-free environment.

You will travel to Havelock North via Napier's most popular surfing beach Westshore, the port village of Ahuriri, and Napier's CBD famed for its Art Deco style. Continuing along the seafront of Marine Parade the Rotary Pathway will take you to the village of Clive then along the Tuki Tuki river to bustling Havelock North. Spend your first night enjoying the bars and cafes, or perhaps the stunning view of the region from the top of Te Mata Peak.

An optional detour can be taken if you're interested in visiting the British Car Museum, Clifton Beach or the excellent wineries of Elephant Hill, Clearview Estate and Kim Crawford. This will add approximately 16km to your day's riding.

Day Two: Havelock North to Taradale (50km)

On day two you will enjoy a pleasant morning ride through flat farmland before arriving in the world renowned Ngatarawa Gimblett Gravels vineyard region where you can focus on the wonderful wineries of the area.

Wineries offering cellar door tastings include Ngatarawa, Trinity Hill, Te Awa and Unison Estate.

At your leisure, continue through quiet farmland and past the magnificent hillside homes of Omaranui Road on your way to Taradale, stopping at Silky Oaks Chocolate Factory of course! Or discover Otatara Pa, with the option to walk up to this historic site, the largest of its type in New Zealand. Enjoy magnificent views over the Tutaekuri river and surrounding countryside.

Finish your day at New Zealand's oldest winery, Mission Estate, for a final taste before arriving at your Taradale accommodation.

Day Three: Taradale to Bay View (20-30km)

Depending on your energy levels on day three, you can take any one of three route options to get back to our base at Bay View.

For those keen to stretch their legs and ride some rolling country hills, you will travel via Puketapu and Puketitiri Roads through farmland and vineyards back to Bay View. Anyone with a reasonable level of fitness will enjoy this ride.

If you prefer something a little more gentle travel over the Puketapu hill (a very manageable 1km hill climb) then join the Church Rd pathway for a flat cruise back to Bay View.

If the most leisurely option appeal to you, join the Church Road or Tutaekuri River sections of the Rotary pathway and make your way back to Bay View enjoying many relaxed and interesting stops along the way.

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