



5 DAY DIVERSE HAWKES BAY 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 reacquaint 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 through market garden country, to bustling Havelock North. This is where you will 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 Waipawa (50km)

On day two you head to the charming Central Hawke's Bay town of Waipawa, one of New Zealand oldest inland towns. Enjoy the ride through stunning countryside, with the occasional hill climb, following the Tuki Tuki river. A stop at the Patangata Pub for a cold drink in their beer garden is a must. There's then time for a swim in the river before continuing on to Waipawa where you can visit the Central Hawke's Bay Settlers Museum.

Day Three: Waipawa to Hastings (62km)

This is the longest days riding and is spent entirely in beautiful, remote farming land so a picnic lunch is essential. Leaving Waipawa to the west you ride through the rolling countryside of the Raukawa Valley with gentle hill climbs complimented by cruisey downhill sections. This day consistently proves to be a favourite with cyclists on our 5 day itinerary.

Arriving in Hastings a visit to the Hawke's Bay Opera House, Hastings Art Gallery, Vidals winery, Rush Munro's legendary ice cream gardens or Splash Planet water park (in the summer months only) are all great options to finish your day.

Day Four: Hastings to Taradale (40km)

Today you head to the world-renowned Ngatarawa Gimblett Gravels appellation to spend some time focusing on the wonderful wineries of the area. Wineries offering 'cellar door' tastings include Ngatarawa, Trinity Hill, Te Awa and Hatton Estate.

After a winery lunch or picnic amongst the vines, continue your ride through quiet farmland and past the magnificent hillside homes of Omaranui Rd.

Finish your day at New Zealand's oldest winery Mission Estate for a final taste before arriving at your Taradale accommodation. Alternatively, walk up to the historic site of the Otatara Pa with its magnificent views over the Tutaekuri river and surrounding countryside.

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

Depending on your energy levels today, 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 a totally 'flat' ride is your preference simply join the Church Road or Tutaekuri River sections of the Rotary pathway and make your way back to Bay View enjoying many leisurely and interesting stops along the way.

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