

How to tackle the Great Taste Trail

The Great Taste Trail is a loop around the region; 200km of trail through picturesque towns, country, and coastline. Here are a few ways to experience all that riding ...

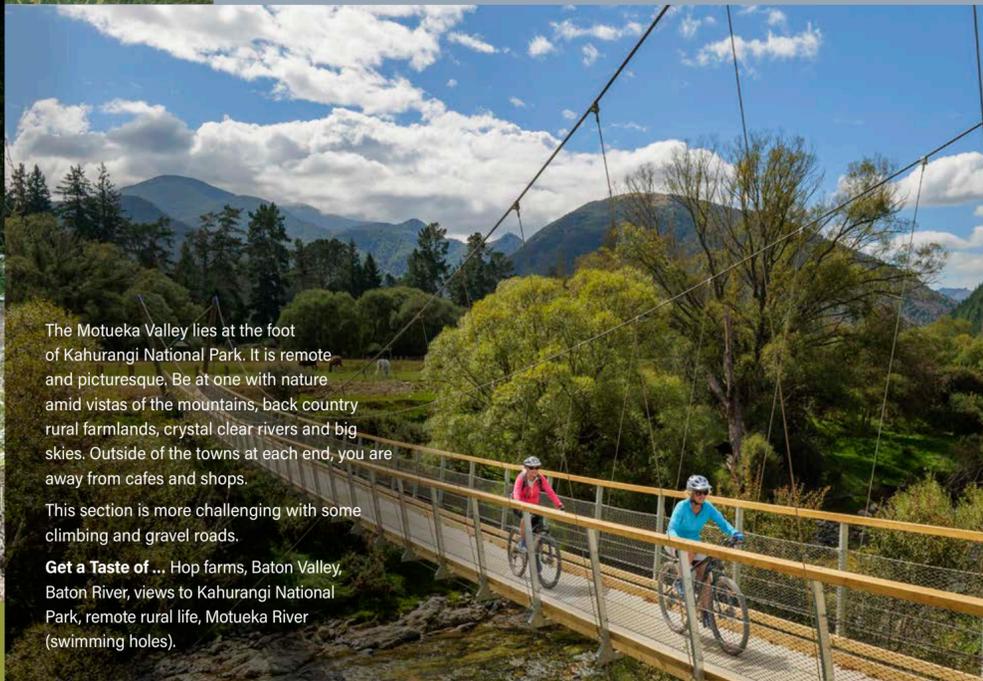
1. Enjoy a multi-day adventure over three to four days. Allow some time each day to explore the tastes and take rest stops.
2. Ride a section at a time on separate day trips. If it's too much riding for one day, make it an overnighter.
3. Choose a bite-size ride you can manage in a couple of hours. See reverse side for shorter ride options.



Back and Beyond

Tapawera – Baton River – Pokororo – Riwaka

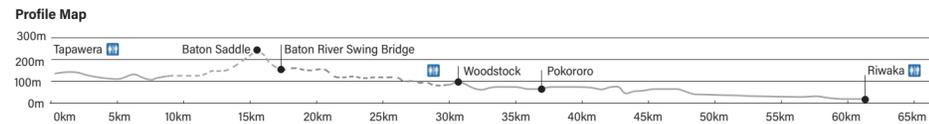
Grade 3 | 63km | 4 - 6 hours



The Motueka Valley lies at the foot of Kahurangi National Park. It is remote and picturesque. Be at one with nature amid vistas of the mountains, back country rural farmlands, crystal clear rivers and big skies. Outside of the towns at each end, you are away from cafes and shops.

This section is more challenging with some climbing and gravel roads.

Get a Taste of ... Hop farms, Baton Valley, Baton River, views to Kahurangi National Park, remote rural life, Motueka River (swimming holes).



Sparkling Coastline

Richmond | Rabbit Island | Māpua | Motueka | Riwaka
Kaiteriteri Beach

Grade 1 - 3 | 64 km | 4 - 6 hours

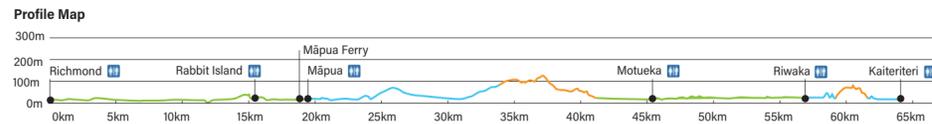
The coastal section showcases the internationally significant Waimea Inlet and its wading birds, twinkling Tasman Bay, orchards, vineyards, artisans, fresh food and craft beer. Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Beach includes a taste of gentle grade 3 mountain biking. The sound of native birds, the views and the diversity of riding makes this section worth riding, or walking, if that is more fun!

Get a Taste of ... Waimea Inlet and its birdlife, Waimea River, Rabbit Island, Māpua Ferry (times are sign posted) across to Māpua Wharf precinct for food, art and craft.

Orchards, vineyards, working artist studios and galleries, panoramic views of Tasman Bay and Arthur Range, cafes and breweries Motueka township.

Motueka's Sandspit and Raumanuka Reserve, Riwaka village, Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park, Kaiteriteri beach, recreation reserve and cafe.

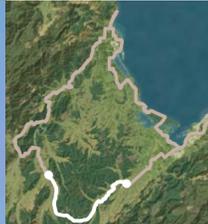
Start: Access the trail from Beach Road/Fittal Street. Or from the ASB Aquatic Centre, take the shared path at the west end of Champion Road.



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Trail Grade Key

- Grade 1, Easiest
- Grade 2, Easy
- Grade 3, Moderate
- On Road
- On Gravel Road



Rural Tasman

Wakefield | Spooners Tunnel | Tapawera

Grade 2 | 31 km | 2 - 3 hours



This is a rural story, featuring farmland, forestry, free-range poultry, and hops, with historic rural towns at either end. In the middle of this ride is Spooners Tunnel, New Zealand's longest decommissioned rail tunnel.

Prepare: Spooners Tunnel is dark and chilly. Bring lights and an extra layer for warmth.

Get a Taste of ... Wakefield's history, farmland, Wai-iti river, Spooners Tunnel, Native bush, Flat Rock Cafe at Kohātu, Hidden Sculpture Garden. Hop farms, railway history, views to Mt Arthur/Tuao Wharepapa, Tapawera village and cafes, Tapawera and Valleys Museum.



Town and Country

Nelson CBD | Airport | Richmond | Brightwater | Wakefield

Grade 1 | 34 km | 2 - 3 hours | Start: Nelson i-Site or Airport



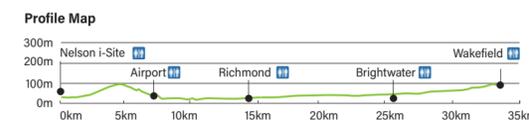
Easy, relaxed riding from Nelson city around the Waimea Inlet and into country towns with cafes, wineries, and local discoveries very near the trail.

Get a Taste of ... Nelson CBD, Classic Cars Museum, The Honest Lawyer Country Pub, Waimea Inlet, McCashin's Brewery, Pic's Peanut Butter World.

Richmond CBD, wineries, Wairoa River and suspension bridge.

Brightwater's cafes, local pottery and crafts, Lord Rutherford Memorial.

Wakefield village and historic buildings, native bush and rolling farmland.



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Short Ride Options

Ride times exclude rest stops

Nelson to Richmond

Grade 1, 1 to 1.5 hours, 15 km
Start: Nelson i-site on Halifax Street.

Nelson via Airport to Tahunanui Beach

Grade 1, 1 to 1.5 hours, 11 km
(7km Nelson to Airport)
Start: Nelson i-site on Halifax Street

Richmond to Rabbit Island and Māpua Ferry

Grade 1, 1 to 2 hours, 20 km
Start: Beach Road/Fittal Street

Māpua to Motueka

Grade 2-3, 1.5 to 2.5 hours, 26 km
Start: Māpua Wharf

Motueka to Riwaka

Grade 2, 1 hour or less, 11 km
Start: Old Wharf Road

Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Beach

Grade 2-3 (some hills), 0.5 to 1 hour, 7 km
Start: Riwaka Domain

Wakefield to Kohātū

Grade 2, 1.5 to 3 hours, 26 km
Bring lights and an extra layer for Spooners Tunnel.

Richmond to Wakefield

Grade 1, 1 to 2 hours, 19 km

LEGEND

- Great Taste Trail
- - - Under Construction
- Great Taste Trail, on road
- Great Taste Trail, on gravel road
- Alternative route

- Toilets
- Māpua Ferry
- Accommodation
- Parking
- Food
- Little/No Cell Coverage
- E-Bike Charging
- Information
- Shelter

- Activities & Attractions
- Accommodation
- Bike Hire Tours
- Bike Shop & Services
- Cafes & Eateries
- Wineries & Breweries

What to take

- Clothing suitable for the season/weather
- Small backpack
- Bike helmet
- Bike pump, spare tube, tools
- Bike light or torch for Spooners Tunnel
- Snacks and water bottle
- Sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses
- Warm top/spare layer

Squeeze bars/bollards at the locations denoted by may make it difficult for mobility impaired trail users (e.g. wheel chairs). Spooners Tunnel, Baton River Swing Bridge. Toilets may be difficult to access for some users.

Tasman's Great Taste Trail

The Great Taste Trail is a New Zealand Great Ride. A full loop of the region, it offers a wonderful taste of Nelson-Tasman, its picturesque towns, diverse rural areas, and sparkly coastlines.

With many access points, you can choose a section and head out for a few hours, or ride the full loop as a multi-day biking adventure. The trail can be ridden in either direction.

Four distinct riding experiences are detailed on the reverse, with many 'tastes' listed to help you plan your adventure.

If you prefer, you can join a tour, or have someone tailor the adventure for you by arranging pick-ups, bike hire, food, accommodation and guides.

Allow plenty of time for stops, and exploring.

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ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

- 10 Classic Car Museum**
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- 14 Hidden Sculpture Garden**
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hiddensculpturegarden.nz | 021 522 981
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128 Ellis Street, Brightwater
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- 222 JointWorks Studio**
42 Gladstone Road, Upper Moutere
jointworks.co.nz | 03 526 6171
- 20 Pic's Peanut Butter World**
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picspeanutbutter.com | 03 5448402

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- 201 Accent House**
148 Aranui Road, Mapua
accentbn.co.nz | 03 540 3442
- 3 Baton Country Escape**
144 Baton Valley Road, Tapawera
batoncountreysescape.co.nz | 027 3613553
- 8 Baton Run Haven**
1360 Baton Valley Road, Tapawera
batonvalley.co.nz | 03 522 4164
- 325 Bethany Park Christian Camp**
88 Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri
bethanypark.co.nz | 03 527 8014
- 341 Cherry Homestead**
1864 Westbank Road, Motueka Valley
cherryhomestead.nz | 027 763 5871
- 330 Eden's Edge Lodge**
137 Loder Lane, Riwaka
edensedge.co.nz | 027 410 0486
- 31 Hardy Street School House**
319 Hardy Street, Nelson
hardystreet.co.nz | 027 2216 768
- 14 Hidden Sculpture Garden**
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- 307 Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve**
5 Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road, Kaiteriteri
experiencekaiteriteri.co.nz | 03 527 8010
- 308 Kimi Ora**
99 Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri
kimiora.com | 03 527 8027
- 13 Knott Home**
113 Ellis Street, Brightwater
knothome.co.nz | 021 302 397
- 210 Mapua Leisure Park**
33 Toru Street, Mapua
mapualeisurepark.co.nz | 03 540 2666

- 312 Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park**
10 Fearon Street, Motueka
motuekatop10.co.nz | 0800 668 835
- 16 Nelson City Top 10 Holiday Park**
230 Vanguard Street, Nelson
nelsoncitytop10.co.nz | 0800 778 898
- 19 Palms Motel**
5 Paru Paru Road, Nelson
palmsnelson.co.nz | 03 546 7770
- 104 Parkside Motel**
42 Gladstone Road, Richmond
parksidemotel.co.nz | 03 544 2264
- 402 The Pear Orchard Lodge**
569 Hill Street South, Hope, Richmond
thepearorchard.co.nz | 03 544 5361
- 4 River Island Cottage**
305 Baton Valley Rd, RDI Motueka
airbnb.co.nz/rooms/29576609 | 021 543384
- 25 Rutherford Hotel Nelson**
27 Nile Street West, Nelson
rutherfordhotel.nz | 03 548 2299
- 6 Snowball Manor**
71 Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield
snowballmanor.co.nz | 021 023 94751
- 236 Tasman Village Cottage**
20 Baldwin Road, Upper Moutere
tasmanvillagecottage.co.nz | 03 526 6155
- 27 Tahuna Beach Holiday Park & Motels**
903 Tasman View Rd, Lower Moutere
myride.co.nz | 021 119 2239
- 421 The Wakefield Hotel**
48 Edward Street, Wakefield
thewakefieldhotel.co.nz | 03 541 8006
- 36 Totara House**
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greatridesapp.com | 027 2488 961
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hybridbikes.co.nz | 027 544 3213
- 17 Kiwi Journeys**
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kiwijourneys.co.nz | 0800 292 538
- 14 My Ride Richmond**
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- Nelson Airport Ltd**
Nelson Airport, P O Box 1598, Nelson
nelsonairport.co.nz | 03 547 3199
- 111 Village Cycles**
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villagecycles.co.nz | 03 544 7166

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- 5 Biking Nelson**
YHA, 59 Rutherford St, Nelson
bikingnelson.co.nz | 0800 224 532
- 12 Cycle Journeys**
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cyclejourneys.co.nz | 027 535 0578
- 333 Destination Tasman**
25 Jocelyn Avenue, Motueka
destinationtasman.co.nz | 021 0876 7992
- 28 The Gentle Cycling Company**
411 Nayland Road, Nelson
gentlecycling.co.nz | 03 929 5652
- 37 Helibike Nelson Ltd**
170 Washington Road, Nelson
helibiknelson.co.nz | 03 546 6896

- 117 Kiwi Journeys**
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- 17 Nelson Cycle Hire**
Airport House, Nelson Airport
nelsoncyclehire.co.nz | 03 539 4193
- 26 Simply Wild Journeys**
6 Skyark Rise, Todds Valley
simplywild.co.nz | 03 548 8500
- 604 Tuatara Tours NZ**
tuataratours.co.nz | 0800 377 378
- 220 Wheelie Fantastic Cycle Tours**
72 Aranui Road, Mapua
wheeliefantastic.co.nz | 03 543 2245
- 322 Wilsons Abel Tasman**
409 High Street, Motueka; Inlet Road, Kaiteriteri
abeltasman.co.nz | 03 528 2027
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- CAFES & EATERIES**
- 215 The Appleshed Kitchen and Bar**
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theappleshed.co.nz | 03 540 3381
- 414 The Bakery @ Wakefield**
12 Clifford Rd, Wakefield
FB/thebakeryatwakefield | 03 541 9787
- 103 Greenacres Golf Club and Cafe**
4 Barnett Ave, Best Island
greenacresgolfclub.co.nz | 03 544 8420
- 29 The Honest Lawyer**
1 Point Road, Monaco
honestlawyer.co.nz | 03 547 4070
- 401 HQ Cafe**
38 Ellis Street, Brightwater
FB/HeadquartersCafeBar | 03 542 3850

- WINERIES & BREWERIES**
- 15 Eddylines Pizzeria & Brewpub**
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eddylinebrewery.nz | 03 541 0757
- 112 Seifried Estate**
168 Redwood Road, Appleby
seifried.co.nz | 03 544 5599
- 109 Sprig & Fern**
53 Beach Rd, Richmond
sprigandfern.co.nz | 03 544 8675

- OTHERS**
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propercrrisps.co.nz | 03 546 8980
- Milnes Beatson Ltd Accountants**
P O Box 37, Motueka
mba.net.nz | 03 528 8760
- Rotary Nelson**
70 Beach Road, Tahunanui, Nelson
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- 233 Java Hut**
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javahut.co.nz | 027 254 5255
- 229 Jellyfish Restaurant and Bar**
Shed 1, Mapua Wharf, Mapua
jellyfishmapua.co.nz | 03 540 2028
- 211 Mapua Smokehouse**
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