This ride takes you along the riverside and into the start of the leafy Maitai Valley, a nice short ride with the option to connect to some off-road rides. There are some lovely picnic spots by the river, or bring your togs for a swim in the warmer months.

**GRADE:** Easy – suitable for families.

**DISTANCE/TIME:** 3.7 kms, (15-20 minutes) each way.

**CONDITIONS:** Off and on-road cycleways, smooth surfaces, mostly flat.

**START LOCATION:** Millers Acre Centre – Taha O te Awa, corner Trafalgar and Halifax Streets.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**
View ‘High Flyers’ by Grant Palliser, designed to reflect the energy of the rapids in that particular part of the river. The sculpture’s five moveable poles of high-tensile stainless steel are thin and very shiny, which reflects the tones of their environment. The poles are topped with five aluminium “boulders” which echo the stones in the river.

**ROUTE DIRECTIONS**
Take the shared path along the river and under the Collingwood Street Bridge to past the Riverside swimming pool. Continue along past ‘High Flyers’ and head under the Normanby Bridge and follow the path to Nile Street.

Turn left over the Nile Street bridge and onto the footpath which is marked for dual use - be considerate of pedestrians.

Take the left turn into Maitai Valley Road before Cloustons Bridge and ride alongside Branford Park to Black Hole or Sunday Hole. Return the way you came.

**LINKS**
Connect with Ride 1 (Waterfront Ride) or Ride 3 (Trafalgar Cycleway) or Ride 7 (Maitai River).