7 MAITAI VALLEY RIDE

A good ride to begin with for Mountain biking, this track follows the Maitai River and connects with other rides in the area.

GRADE: Easy. DISTANCE/TIME: 4kms one way, (20 minutes)

CONDITIONS: Gravel path alongside the river, some steps and corners to negotiate as well as gates to cross. Mostly flat with a few short uphill and downhill sections.

START LOCATION: From the city head up the Maitai Valley Road approximately 5 kilometres. Your bike ride starts at the Pipeline Bridge on the right just past the Maitai Campground. There is a small car parking area and interpretive panel.

SUGGESTIONS: Pack your togs in summer.

POINTS OF INTEREST
The path takes you past the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS
Cross the narrow pipeline footbridge carrying your bike. Turn right onto the Maitai River Track and follow this passing quite close to the Maitai River opposite the Motor Camp. Here you merge onto a 4WD track. Continue past the golf course across an open grassy area, through a narrow gate until you encounter steps near Sunday Hole. These may be negotiated on foot if preferred. At Sunday Hole you can leave the track and cross the one way road bridge to return up the Maitai Valley Road to the pipeline, or return the way you came along the track. Either way, fancy a swim?

LINKS
Rides 9 (Tantragee), 11 (Fireball) are accessible from this ride.