

1 WATERFRONT RIDE

This ride follows Rocks Road along the waterfront for stunning views and returns via the Nelson Marina. A great ride to stop for a picnic, swim at the beach or make use of the recreational activities at Tahunanui Reserve.

GRADE: Easy. **DISTANCE/TIME:** Total 11km. 5 km (25 minutes) to beach; 6km (35 minutes) return via Nelson Marina. **CONDITIONS:** Flat, on-road and off-road cycleways, mostly sealed. **START LOCATION:** Millers Acre Centre - Taha O te Awa, corner Trafalgar and Halifax Streets.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The chain link fence is a Nelson landmark donated by the benefactor Thomas Cawthron. Note the Fifeshire Rock where one of the early settler ships ran aground in 1842.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Cross Trafalgar Street from the 'Reef Knot' sculpture, to take the Maitai Walkway alongside the river to the front entrance of the Trafalgar Centre. Cross the footbridge over Saltwater Creek that takes you to the pedestrian crossing on Haven Road. Cross here and join the on-road cycle lanes which are marked to Tahunanui Reserve.

Return the same way via the cycleway along Rocks Road and Wakefield Quay. At Hay St turn left into the port area, then right into Wildman Ave through the roundabout to veer left at Akersten St.

Ride alongside the Nelson Marina where there is a picnic area near the supervisor's office. At the end of Akersten St there is a place to sit and enjoy the view across to the Boulder Bank.

Return down Akerston Street and take the left turn onto the marked walkway that returns to the city under the QEII Drive Bridge and then go across another Saltwater Creek footbridge, back along the Maitai River Walkway to the start point.

LINKS

(a) From Tahunanui Reserve continue along Tahunanui Drive to the Annesbrook Roundabout. Follow the cycleway sign to the youth park where you link with Ride 4 (Old Railway) or link to Ride 6 (City to Annesbrook) and return to the city, or (b) From the Maitai Walkway cross the footbridge over the river that leads to the rear of Trafalgar Park to link with Ride 3 Trafalgar Cycleway.

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	LINK		SWIMMING
	TOILETS		CYCLEWAY
	START		INFORMATION PANEL
	PLAYGROUND		BRIDGE
	PICNIC AREA		UNDERPASS
	WATER		PARKING
	VIEWPOINT		BOAT RAMP

