

Fraser St / Waimapu Estuary Loop

Approx: 10.78km

Time: 47mins

About this ride: This is a easy to moderate ride, on gravel and concrete paths, road and boardwalk. Harbour views, mainly off road or on separate paths a couple of short busy road stretches.

Area – Tauranga

Bike Type: Mountain bikes or any wider tyre bike

Park and Start:

Fraser Cove Shopping Centre, 219 Fraser St. As a courtesy park as far away from the shops as possible nearest the Estuary and Fraser St. Refreshment and toilet options here and at Palmers Garden Centre Welcome Bay.

Directions:

Cross **Fraser St** turning right on the footpath for approx. 230m, left onto the path next to the Estuary before Lloyd St

Follow the gravel path for approx. 400m, before reaching a big dip and hump turn right at the blue 'Reserve Access' sign (to follow stream on left) up a hill – gets very steep, emerging onto **Fraser St** (approx. 300m)

Turn left to ride with care along Fraser St, crossing Esk St, uphill and turning left at **Harrier St** (300m) To the left of Mail box 54 ride into a narrow grassy passageway, this brings you out onto Yatton Park. Riding clockwise around the park on a sealed path, exiting through the main gates and left onto **Fraser St**. Ride straight through the roundabout and onto **Oropi Rd** which flows down hill for 1.2km at the bottom of the hill left onto Greerton Park path with the drain on your left (two left paths here) follow along the edge of the park and up and over the Waimapu River Bridge. The path comes out at the Toi Ohomai Institute, turn right for 300m(Bay Auto building on your left) right at the T intersection for 350m on **Windermere Drive**, left into **Poike Rd** for 85 m follow the path at the round about left and up over the walk / ride bridge over **SHW29A**.

On the other side of the bridge turn left and ride for 2 km to the lights/ roundabout and Palmers Garden Centre. Move onto **Welcome Bay Rd** with Palmers Garden Centre on your left, proceed straight through the roundabout / lights onto Hairini St and onto the shared bike/ walk path for 1km 350m which takes you over the bridge and past the Silver Birch Holiday Park. A little further on, on the left sign posted with a bike and arrow turn left, following the estuary path/ board walk for 1 km exiting up the hill for 350m on 18th Ave. (Tauranga Intermediate on your left.) Left onto **Fraser St** for approx. 400m and back to your car.

