

RANGITIKEI CYCLEWAYS.



TRAIL 2: PEMBERTON.

This is a day in the country which starts and ends on the Rangitikei River. Cross the bridge over the Rangitikei River at the Mangaweka Domain and follow the Mangawharariki River on Ruahine Road towards Rangiwahia. On a fine day there are views of the Ruahine Ranges all the way. At 11 km from SH1 a 2 km (return) side trip can be taken to the Ruahine Dress Circle, an attractive picnic spot with a waterfall.

There is a small settlement at Rangiwahia which boasts a basic camping ground (but no shops). At the historic Pemberton corner, turn right onto Mangamako Road. From here the route largely descends towards Sandon Block Road. Sandon Block Road is gravel, and winds its way up and down through farmland and bush with views of the Rangitikei River in the distance.

The Cheltenham - Vinegar Hill Road is joined on a sharp descent and the Vinegar Hill Domain is reached soon after, marking the end of the trail. The domain is a beautiful place and is ideal for camping and swimming.

Distance: 54km
Total Ascent: 1770m
Total Decent: 1929m
Time: 4-6 hours

