

RANGITIKEI CYCLEWAYS.



TRAIL 4: TANGIMOANA.

Trail 4 starts in Marton. The hills are left behind and the vast Rangitikei plain is flat all the way to the sea. The trail heads south out of Marton on Wellington Road turning left onto Makirikiri Road. After the intersection of State Highway 1 there is a short section on SH1 leading to the intersection of SH1 and Kakariki Road. The trail follows Kakariki Road in an easterly direction as it drops down the terraces to the Rangitikei River and then ascends to the intersection with Mingaroa Road. It then follows south along Mingaroa, then Wilson Road until it turns west into Hurst Road (gravel). At the top of Hurst Road, the trail turns left and heads south along Wightman Road until it reaches SH1. A detour can be made to the shops and cafés in Bulls which is the last town on the cycle way before Himatangi.

The trail crosses SH1 and follows Tangimoana Road, McDonnell Road and Tangimoana Road south to Tangimoana. There is a camping ground in Tangimoana with small cabins to rent. The trail turns left onto Tangimoana Beach Road and then right at the sign to the launching ramp. After that a first left turn leads onto a sandy track to the beach. The trail heads south for 8 kilometres along the coast to Himatangi. The sand can be soft – the best time to ride is within 2 hours each side of low tide. Tide tables are linked to this website and can be found in The Dominion Post and local newspapers.

Distance: 55km

Total Ascent: 135m

Total Decent: 289m

Time: 3 hours

