

Fast facts!

The Twin Coast Cycle Trail tells the story of an emerging nation, capturing the history and heritage of Maori and European settlers.



When complete it will run between picturesque Opua in the Bay of Islands and the famously beautiful Hokianga Harbour, catering for cyclists of all ages, abilities and fitness levels.



You can pick up the trail at many starting points along the way with shuttle services available to take you and your bike across sections not yet constructed.



The smooth-surface gravel trail is wide enough for cyclists to travel side-by-side for most of the journey. The route is mainly flat with some gentle climbs and a 1.6km downhill section.

When completed, the 84 km trail will join Opua in the Bay of Islands and Horeke on the Hokianga Harbour.

Please be aware that some sections of the cycle trail are still under planning and construction.

- Opua - Taumarere (6.8km): OPEN
- Taumarere - Kawakawa (4km): Rail connection. For info: www.bayofislandsvintagerailway.org Ph: 09 404 0684 / 021 171 2697
- Kawakawa - Otiria (5.2km) OPEN
- Otiria - Kaikohe NOT YET CONSTRUCTED
- Kaikohe - Okaihau (13.8km) OPEN
- Okaihau - Imms Rd UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- Imms Rd - Mangatararie Rd (6.8km) OPEN
- Mangatararie Rd - Horeke UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Trail code

The over-arching philosophy is that the cycle trail is free to use.

The trail passes through private property, rail corridor and areas of conservation value. The following code of conduct is vital to the trails success:

- Trail is open sunrise to sunset
- No dogs or firearms
- No motorbikes or unauthorized vehicles on trail.
- Leave gates as found
- No camping
- No fires
- Do not disturb stock
- Take your rubbish home
- Keep on the trail
- No firewood collection
- No horses
- Please wear cycle helmets
- Report all hazards to FNDC, 09 401 5200



Look out for the poupou carvings marking the trail

A unique feature of the trail is the series of poupou erected along the route. Hand-carved by local iwi, the poupou recall the history and stories of the area.



The Twin Coast Cycle Trail is part of the nationwide network of trails built to showcase the best of New Zealand's landscape, environment, culture and heritage.

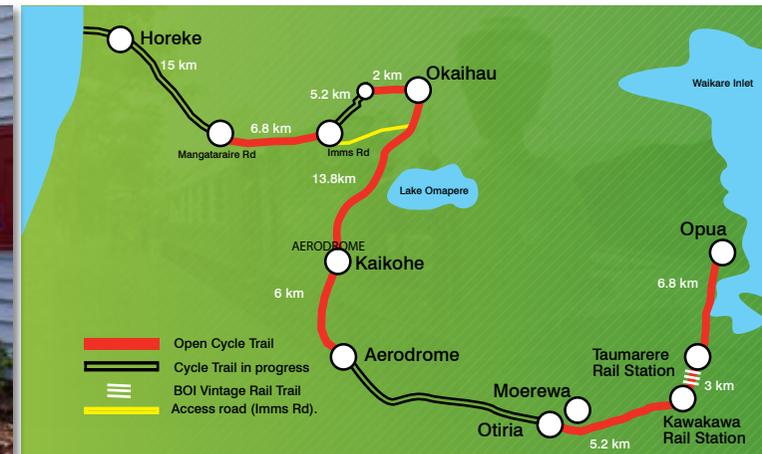


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Explore! Discover! Enjoy!



Great trails to walk or ride. Enjoy farmland and scenic beauty. Explore old rail trails, tunnels and bridges. Pass by lakes and rivers. Discover the history and heritage of Maori and European settlement. Come for an hour, come for a day.



Explore!

The trail includes off-road and on-road sections. Off road sections are a combination of disused rail corridor, private land and road reserve suitable for riders of all ages, abilities all ages, abilities and fitness levels.



Discover!

The land surrounding the Twin Coast Cycle Trail is steeped in some of New Zealand's earliest European and Maori history. The trail provides stunning vistas of the Opua Marina, the Hokianga Harbour and rural farmland in between.



Enjoy!

Experience a countryside rich in historical and cultural heritage, natural beauty, native wildlife, pastoral farmlands and rural communities.

Getting there

The Bay of Island towns of Paihia and Kerikeri are a 10 min drive away from the eastern start of the trail. Local tour operators run a shuttle service for pick up and drop off at your accommodation, can supply bikes and gear and will take you to your preferred starting point.

Towns along the way

Opua

Opua is notable as the first port for overseas arriving in the country after crossing the Pacific Ocean. Paihia township is nearby. The car ferry across the Bay of Islands, the main tourist access to Russell, runs between Opua and Okiato.

Kawakawa

Kawakawa is a vibrant town that has two world famous attractions, The Bay of Islands Vintage Railway and the Hundertwasser toilets - public toilets designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser who was a resident of the town from 1975 until his death in 2000.

The railway was re established in the late 1980's (after its early life hauling coal from nearby mines) to operate a scenic tourist railway between Kawakawa and Opua.

Kaikohe

Kaikohe is located on the slopes of a prominent volcanic cone. It is Northland's largest inland town and services the region's farming, horticulture and forestry industries. Steeped in history, Kaikohe owes its pioneering growth to the kauri gum trade. The town boasts the largest grass airfield in the southern hemisphere. The famous chief Hone Heke settled in Kaikohe at the end of the land wars. A tribute to him is located at Monument Hill close to the Taheke Road entrance to the trail.

Okaihau

Okaihau perches on a high ridge overlooking the upper reaches of the Hokianga Harbour. Take time to enjoy the spectacular view of the Waihou Valley and look out for the giant puriri trees along the way.

Where do the open sections start and finish?



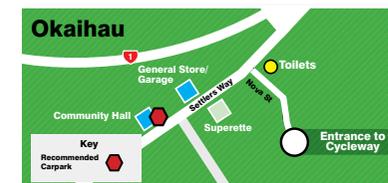
Opua-Taumarere (6.8km)
The cycletrail begins at the carpark at the end of Baffin St. Opua, adjacent to Ashby's Boat Yard. Parking is at Taumarere as well.



Kawakawa-Otiria (6 km)
The starting point is the Kawakawa Railway Station. Park behind the station, on the main road (Gillies Street) or in the public car park beside the Star Hotel (access from Old Whangae Road). There is no parking available at Otiria.



Kaikohe-Okaihau (14 km)
The starting points are Nova Street in Okaihau and the Taheke Reserve in Kaikohe. Parking is available in Okaihau on the main street in front of the Community Hall and in Kaikohe, the Takehe Reserve, about 600 metres past the end of Broadway Road. Head north to Okaihau or south to the Kaikohe Aerodrome and back.



Kaikohe-Aerodrome (6 km)
There is no parking at the Kaikohe Aerodrome.