



WALK/CYCLE IN THE CITY

Te Ara o Whataūpoko

Barkers Hill

Hospital Hill Circuit



Grade
Easy



Distance
6.5km



Walking
1 hour



Cycling
20 min



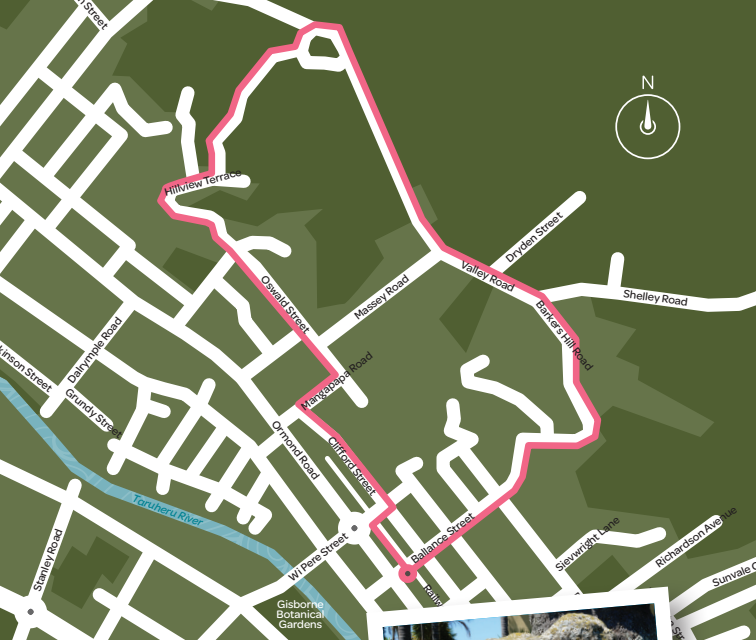
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Experience a variety of landscapes on this trail from the popular Ballance Street Village and Whataūpoko suburb over Barkers Hill into a semi-rural lifestyle property enclave. Valley Road is lined with large oak and pin oak trees, orchards and farm land. Follow the footpath over Ballance St hill to Massey Rd. From there, the right hand side of the road is the best option through to the Farmyard Early Learning Centre. Opposite this, follow the gravel road – once the back entrance or hearse track to the former Cook Hospital – to the top of hill. Check out the view from the lookout over Tūranganui a Kiwa. To complete the circuit, follow Hillview Tce, Oswald St, Mangapapa Rd and Clifford St– back to Ballance Street.

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Hospital Hill was the site of Gisborne's Cook Hospital between 1914 and 1985. Maternity services moved in 1969 to a new site in Ormond Rd where, in 1985, a new hospital was opened. The hospital on the hill was demolished in 1988.

Cook Hospital nurses placed a commemorative stone within the traffic island on the hill in 2000 to remember all the staff and people of the Gisborne East Coast region 'who shared joys and sorrows on the hill'. Rubble from the hospital demolition was bulldozed into the gully that is now Tūranga Gardens. The Elizabeth Williams Walkway and the Gardens, which include paths, bridges, steps and picnic areas, were created by volunteers. Hospital Hill is also the site for the city's 38,000m³ concrete water reservoir. Mangapapa Reserve, adjacent to Hospital Rd, has a public toilet, play equipment and picnic tables.



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