



WALK/CYCLE FURTHER AFIELD

Te Ara o Waipaoa

Coastal Waipaoa River Trail



Grade
Easy



Distance
16km



Walking
4 hours



Cycling
1 hour



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This trail is the Gisborne (Tūranganui a Kiwa) end of the Rere Falls Trail, one of the Ngā Haerenga NZ Cycle Trail heartland rides. It follows the top of the Waipaoa River stop bank along with a road ride along Centennial Marine Drive. The stop bank trail provides expansive river mouth views to the south, and to surrounding hills, farms and agricultural production areas to the north and northeast. This can be a “there and back” trail ride from Gisborne to Matawhero. An alternative is to cycle a loop ride by incorporating a rural back road route, a ride of 32 km. To create a loop ride, from the Matawhero Waipaoa River bridge, or from Riverpoint Rd, cross SH2 with care to join Bloomfield Rd, a left turn. After 2km, turn right into Bushmere Rd, then left into Farmer Rd. Cross Makaraka Rd with care and continue on Pilmer Rd, turning right into Tucker Rd, then right again into Nelson Rd. Nelson Rd will take you into Gisborne, and back to your start.

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The stop banks are part of the Waipaoa Flood Control Scheme, designed in 1949. The scheme took 25 years from initial planning until it was declared complete in 1973. This dramatically changed land use on the

A group of cyclists is riding away from the viewer on a wide, gravel-covered path that stretches into the distance. The lead cyclist is wearing a bright yellow-green jacket, followed by others in blue and dark clothing. The path is flanked by dry, brownish vegetation on the left and green grass on the right. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a sky with soft, horizontal bands of pink, purple, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The entire scene is framed within a white border, giving it the appearance of a Polaroid photograph.

