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# Te Ara o te Whārua o Mātokitoki

## Mātokitoki Valley Trail



Grade  
**Hilly**



Distance  
**1.5km**



Walking  
**1 hour**  
(return)



Cycling  
**2-3 hours**  
(20km circuit)



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Mātokitoki Valley Trail connects Mātokitoki Valley with Riverside Rd, via Cave Road. Riverside Rd - Mātokitoki Valley - Valley Rd is a 20km circuit, while the there and back, off-road track is 1.5km. The compacted gravel trail follows an unformed legal road through regenerating kānuka forest. Watch out for steep sections with tight corners when riding downhill from Cave Rd towards Mātokitoki Valley. At Cave Rd entrance, go through the gate with the "close the gate" sign. At Mātokitoki end, go to the end of Mātokitoki Valley Road, 5km from Valley Rd. To the left of a "private road" sign is a rough parking area and bollards marking the trail entrance.

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The Mātokitoki Valley Trail was formed in 1955 after an exceptionally wet period that saw a large Riverside Road slip cut off access to a dozen families. For several months, upper Riverside Road residents used this route via Mātokitoki Valley to bypass the slip and drive to town. Once Riverside Road was repaired and saplings were planted to stabilise the slip, the Mātokitoki Valley Trail was abandoned and managed as part of the adjacent properties. For decades, this dirt track within regenerating kānuka forest was used by Gisborne Harriers, the tramping club and mountain bikers. However, access was awkward until 2015 when Gisborne District Council reached an agreement with adjacent landowners that the gates across the old road would remain unlocked. In 2021, Gisborne District Council contractors formed a compacted gravel track along the route, using road millings obtained from their road maintenance programme for the surface material.



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