

# The ultimate supported DIY South Island New Zealand Cycling Tour 24 trails 1690km cycling available.

## Multi-night stays in South Island Locations a total of ten different locations (① & ⑪ both are Christchurch).

30 nights maximum riding 1800 km for 24 participants supported by two 12 seat minibuses one 8 seat people mover.

The alternative to riding is a daily tourist at any location, interesting towns or great walks or jumping off a bridge with an elastic rope.

Maybe flying in helicopters, scenic boat trips and much more we need a minimum of one driver each day - when in-transit 3 drivers.

Cost estimate for 31 nights' accommodation \$1800 and transport \$1200 each total \$3000 each. You feed yourselves from a kitty with group meals as often as possible (it elevates camaraderie, fun to encourage culinary skills, lowers your cost of eating out substantially).

Airfare and bicycle hire are your responsibility (bringing your own bike is a viable option). We need competent volunteer drivers the driver may need to have an alternative activity we will try to ensure you can have a ride every day. Day one requires you in Christchurch:

①. Come earlier or on the day be at the 1. Christchurch Accommodation by 7.00pm with your hired or own bike.

② **Tahunanui Nelson 4 nights** – (ride 3. is reducible by 50 km/)

2. 7.30 start Drive 360km [Kohatu ride Great Taste Trail to Tahuna](#), 65km.

Drivers and non-riders may explore Nelson City by foot or bicycle trail, go for a swim at Tahuna Beach,

3. Ride [Tahuna to Kaiteriteri, Great Taste Trail](#), in either direction 66km

Everybody can ride we exchange keys mid ride meeting at Mapua Wharf, or if you want a walk - drive to Marahau walk or kayak the [Able Tasman Walk Way](#)

4. Ride Tahuna to Picton via [Dunn Mountain, Maungatapu, & Link Trails](#). with a big hill and **WOW!** 100km

The big ride needs a local guide or a lot of GPS on board and an early start. For the less adventurous we will ride link trail with an Anakiwa extension ride available from Havelock or Picton.

5. Drive to [Tapawera ride Great Taste Trail to Motueka](#), in either direction 51km

Everybody can ride we exchange keys mid ride meeting at Baton Bridge, Woodstock.

③ **Hanmer 4 nights**– (Alt' Conical hill walk and Hanmer Hot springs)

6. Drive to 85 km Rainbow Rd Junction with highway 6 [ride Rainbow Rd](#) (low traffic unsealed road) to Lake Tennyson 64km.

Pickup crew drive 244 km to Hanmer Springs then 43 km to lake Tennyson (some riders may ride a further 29 km to the St James Homestead Junction)

7. Drive to lake Tennyson Ride the [St James cycle trail](#) to St James Homestead 61km.

We will need 3 drivers to drop riders at Maling Pass car park 43 km – (some riders may choose to ride 14 km to accommodation – over Jacks Pass)

8. Ride [Hanmer Clarence Valley Rd to clarence river](#) to jollies pass to Hanmer (low traffic unsealed road) 27km.

This is a loop tide climbing Jacks Pass and Jollies Pass – the descent from Jollies Pass to Hanmer is loose gravel and steep

9. Ride Hanmer to [Hanmer Basin Trail through forest](#) back to Hanmer 20km.

A day to relax

④ **Hokitika 3 nights**

10. Drive to Westport 3hr 216km ride [Kawatiri Coastal Trail](#) then 115km drive to Hokitika. 40km

A long day scenic driving including a 3-hour bi-directional all riding trail – one group from Westport the other from Charleston

11. Drive or ride to Kumara +28km ride [West Coast Wilderness Trail](#) to Hokitika 67km.

One group rides from Kumara the other from Hokitika. The riders from Hokitika can ride 28km to Greymouth

12. Ride Hokitika to Ross [West Coast Wilderness Trail](#) and return 66km.

Everybody can ride this is an out and back ride from our accommodation

⑤ **Wanaka 3 nights**

13. 7.30 am start Drive 418 km 6-hrs to Wanaka Hawea and ride [Hawea and outlet trail](#) to Wanaka 30 km

We should be at Haast Pass at about noon or Makarora so if any road riders want an epic 80 or 60 km sealed road ride you can, Others will ride the gladstone & Hawea outlet trails to Wanaka

14. Wanaka to [Glendhu Trail](#) to Motatapu and return 36 km.

Out and back from Accommodation

15. Wanaka to Luggate and return via [Clutha River Trails](#) both sides (new trail hopefully 2025 75km ) 44 km

Out and back from Accommodation

⑥ **Cromwell 2 nights**

16. Cromwell to Smiths Way [Dunstan trail](#) out &back 48 km

Out and back from Accommodation

17. Bannockburn to Alexandra; [Dunstan and Millenium Trails](#) 65 km

Bi directional to allow all to ride

⑦ **Queenstown 6 nights 294 km**

18. Cromwell to Gibbston to Queenstown (new trail hopefully 2025) 67 km

All Ride we get a bus back to pick up vehicles

19. [Q'town to Arrowtown](#) return circumnavigate lake Hayes on trails 67 km.

(Alt play in Queenstown or 13km walk out & back to Routeburn Falls hut)

20 half group Q'town ferry to Mt Nicholas up to Mavora and on to Mossburn ([Around the Mountains Trail](#)) 92 km

20 half group Drive to [Routeburn ride](#) Routeburn (low traffic unsealed road) to Paradise to Glenorchy 57 km

21 half group **Overnight** Wheels&Reels Mossburn then to Kingston. 78km

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23.Drive to Alexandra, Ride [Roxburgh Gorge](#) (13km jetboat) then [to Lawrence Clutha Gold trail](#) total 98 km

⑨ **Wedderburn 2 nights**

23. Ride Alexandra [Otago Rail Trail](#) to Wedderburn 75km

Bi-directional all ride

24. Ride to [Otago Rail Trail](#) Middlemarch then Drive 278km Twizel 70km

⑩ **Twizel 2 nights**

25. Drive to Tekapo (or Mt Cook) ride [Alps 2 Ocean ride](#) 55km Twizel, 38km Ohau, 90km

It's a long ride - we will need a sag wagon,

26. Drive to Ohau ride [Alps 2 Ocean ride](#) 35km Otematata, 44 km Kurow 79km

⑪ **Kurow 1 night**

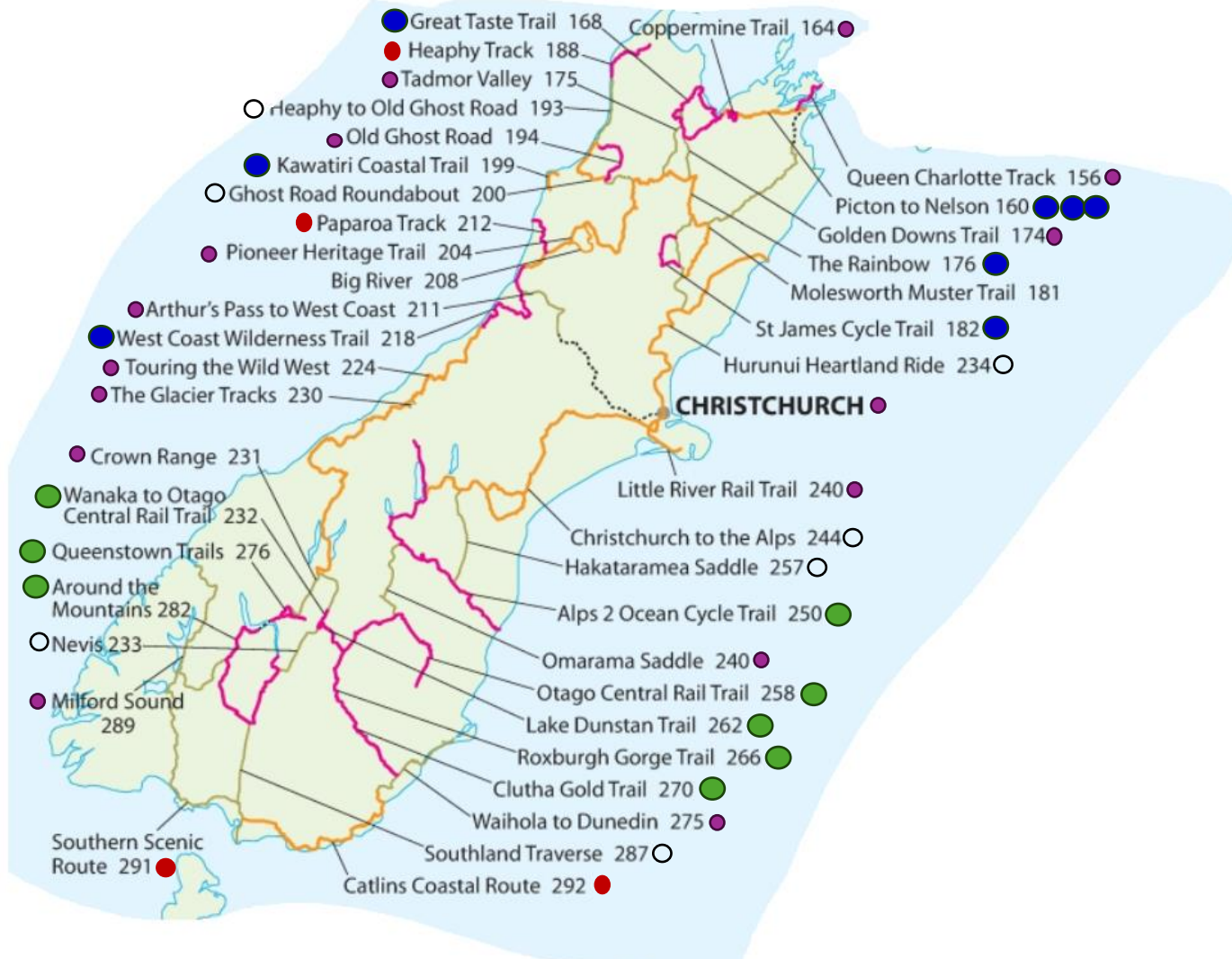
27. From otematata [Alps 2 Ocean ride](#) 27km Duntroon, 54km Oamaru 81km

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⑫ **Christchurch 1night pack up and return gear day**

- Christchurch then fly home or stay longer or stay and play 😊

# Classic New Zealand Cycle Trails, 6th edition | Kennett Brothers.



Key:

- Included in this project all previously ridden [each circle links to the ride web site!](#)
- Not included in project all previously ridden
- Not included but still on my bucket list
- Tourist Roads all driven in last 60 years

FYI - There are ● four I have not ridden - Heaphy, Paparoa, southern scenic, and Catlins and 8 tourist roads I don't desire to ride.

