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PENTLAND TRAVERSE

West of Waimate
 60km round trip from Waihao Forks Hotel.

Landowners: Happy for you to use this trail provided you stick to the trail.
NOTE: TRAIL CLOSED DURING OCTOBER DUE TO LAMBING.

How to get there... Travel west through Waimate join up with Highway 82 sign posted Kurow. Waihao Forks Hotel 11km through Waimate Gorge.

Route Description... Cross the Waihao river head north west from Waihao Forks up STONY CREEK ROAD for 6km. Turn right onto KOWHATU ROAD follow this for 4.5km. Cross over the gate veer right – you are now on OLD KAIWARUA ROAD. Follow trail for 2.5km passing through cattle yards and a number of gates, veer right at bottom of tree lane. After a moderate climb up a ridge you reach a pine forest, climb over the gate (before the pond) continue on through forest. Ignore any veering or trails that would lead you to your left. The next intersection will have three gates, pass through the two on your left carrying on down the hill (disregarding the left turn and the right veer) PENTLAND HILLS is ahead. Enjoy the ride down to the Waihao River. Veer left, cross the river, pass two huts and cross the river again. After several kms pass through three gates until you meet up with stock-yards and wool-sheds on your left. Continue southwest up the hill eventually reaching KAIWARUA STATION. From here it is a 30km ride down KAIWARUA, PENTLAND HILLS, SERPENTINE VALLEY ROADS back to the Waihao Forks Pub.

Track Conditions... 60% gravel/4WD conditions

White Horse Trail continued

Route description... Follow this track up crossing third stile to the top riding through pine forest and native flora. Native bush and indigenous forest cover 95% of this newly formed hard packed very rideable single trail. Almost at the top the trail meets up with the walkway so be wary of walkers from hereon. The lookout point and Plane Table gives you a 360 degree view over Waimate elevation 400m. The return trip you turn the uphill graff into a technical downhill run, winding back down to the car park or a downhill rush to the town centre!

NOONDALE FOREST

NOTE: As from July 2003 due to the sale of this forest ACCESS to this trail is currently DENIED.

Noondale Forest trail 15k
 Round trip back to Waimate 55km
 Grade 3+

How to get there: From Catholic church proceed up Parsonage Road onto Waimate-Hunter Road, left onto Jacksons road right onto Milnes Road finally reaching carpark and start of the forest track at 220m above sea level (19km in total).

Route description... If you are wanting the hard slog first then take the track to your left and proceed up a winding undulating track to the summit (640m above sea level). Then it's a fast downhill ride on smooth forest tracks affording you spectacular views over Waimate and the Pacific in the distance.

Track Conditions: Forest track gravel, smooth and rideable. Clockwise (tough nuts) or anti-clockwise for gentle hill climb. **Notes:** Permit required, Forest trail map or Topomap J39/K39 all available from Waimate Information Centre.

We acknowledge the assistance and infectious enthusiasm of local bikers and land owners for without their help and guidance only half of this would be possible!

HAKATARAMEA PASS TRAIL

West of Waimate
 Haka/Mackenzie Pass/Burkess Pass 100km

How to get there...
 A. Kinbrace Trail continuing from Moorland Settlement Road (see description).
 B. From HAKATARAMEA (HAKA) township take the McHENRYS ROAD travel 10km turning left over WRIGHTS CROSSING onto HAKA VALLEY ROAD. This ascent will take you about 20km reaching the HAKA VALLEY ROAD/SCOTTS BRIDGE ROAD intersection at CATTLE CREEK.
 The HAKA VALLEY ROAD then turns into the HAKA PASS ROAD. Stay on this road for a further 3km then turn right. This road takes you to the HAKA PASS and another 23kms to the top. Mt Cook can be seen from the top of the pass. Follow your front wheel for spectacular views of the alps and high country scenery.
 Turn right onto HALDON ROAD peddle for about 3kms and turn right onto MACKENZIE PASS ROAD OR follow HALDEN ROAD to SH8. MACKENZIE PASS ROAD has a steep descent so take it easy here. Turn left onto ROLLESBY VALLEY ROAD eventually bringing you out on Highway 8 by Burkess Pass (between Lake Tekapo and Fairlie.)

THE WHITEHORSE TRAIL

6.2km return from Te Kiteora car park to top of the White Horse.

Grade 4+ Uphill!

How to get there... Head up Mill Road, left onto Point Bush Road. (Follow signage for Waimate Walkway). The parking area outside Te Kiteora is also the start of the walk-way (to the left). At main gate cross stile straight ahead following directional markers to second stile. Markers direct you to the track entrance to your left (runs parallel to the 4WD track you are on).

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MEYERS PASS TRAIL

West of Waimate
 40km round trip Pentland Hills/Meyers Pass intersection

How to get there... Travel west through Waimate joining up with Highway 82 sign posted Kurow. Waihao Forks Hotel 11km through Waimate Gorge.

Route Description... Continue past Waihao Forks Hotel for 2km turning right onto SERPENTINE VALLEY ROAD. You could start your ascent from here or drive further up to the PENTLAND HILLS/MEYERS PASS ROAD inter-section. Turn left onto MEYERS PASS ROAD and follow your front wheel climbing gradually until you reach the top of the pass (710 feet above sea level – enjoy the view!) then enjoy the downward run eventually reaching the MEYERS PASS/McHENDRYS ROAD intersections. Return the same way.

Track Conditions... gravel

An interesting alternative.. Waihao Forks Hotel to the Hakataramea Hotel 55kms.

CLARKESFIELD ROAD

West of Waimate - 18.5km from end to end

How to get there... From Highway 82 turn onto Elephant Hill Road then onto Clarkesfield Road. Stay on THIS road (avoiding Clarkesfield Back Road).

Route Description... Would recommend riding from Elephant Hill end as it is quite a climb coming from the other direction. 90% metal road with a farm track the last few kms, this track definitely being the best part of the trail. This ride rewards you with several spectacular views of the Waitaki Valley and passes through unique Waimate rural alpine farmland!

Track Conditions... 90% metal making driving conditions suitable for all vehicles (except when wet)