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## DUNES TRAIL

**EASY/GRADE 2: 10KM EACH WAY**

The spectacular Dunes Trail starts in Memorial Park (A), where there's car parking, a shelter, drinking fountain and toilets. You cross the Pakowhai ki Otutaopuku bridge over the Otago River. The first beach access is at 1km (not for swimming). There are several picnic/rest stops, including Hukuwai Beach with unpatrolled swimming (B). At 5.5km, a boardwalk crosses the sand with large pou (carved poles) overhead (C). Turn at 9km, where the trail goes roadside (D), or carry on another 1km to Waiaua riverside shelter and the Motu Road.

## OTARA STOPBANK TRAIL

**EASY/GRADE 2: 4KM EACH WAY**

The scenic way to ride back to Opotiki. Or a family-friendly out-and-back ride from Memorial Park. The only 'climbs' are onto the river stopbank, from where you get a good view of the water and river birds. The southern end of the stopbank trail starts at the end of Te Rere Pa Road (J), from there it's gravel trail all the way to Memorial Park.

## OTARA EAST RD

**INTERMEDIATE/GRADE 3: 10KM**

If you've ridden the Pakihi Track and you're wanting slightly longer way to get back to Opotiki, this is it. Just after the Pakihi Road gravel ends, turn onto Otara East Road (H), crossing the river bridge. It is an undulating, partly unsealed road. Cross back over the Otago River (I) and onto Gault Road, which connects back to Otara Road and Te Rere Pa Road, from where you can ride back to the start of the Dunes Trail.

## TAHEKE RD

**INTERMEDIATE/GRADE 3: 7KM EACH WAY FROM WAIUA SHELTER**

A great way to extend a Dunes Trail ride. After 1.5km of the Motu Road, turn onto Gaskill Road (E), then left after the river. The road turns to gravel. Turn right onto Taheke Road (F), which rises into forest. At the top, there's a forestry gate - to ride Whakaumu Track (G), go through this and veer right. Whakaumu Track is in rough state at present. On Taheke Rd, be alert for possible forestry traffic.



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DUNES TRAIL: a stunning track that winds across the dunes east of Opotiki, offering family-friendly riding and easy beach access.



TAHEKE ROAD: out-and-back fun climbing into native forest, linking to Whakaumu Track (currently in a rough state).



OTARA STOPBANK: a flat ride by the Otago river, making a great finish to a Pakihi ride, or an easy addition to the Dunes Trail.

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