



# KAIHU VALLEY TRAIL

Explore a valley of dramatic contrasts, through farmland and forest, along an enchanting river on the untamed west coast of Kaipara.

The Kaihu Valley Trail winds through the beautiful green farmlands of Kaihu Valley and the Kaihu River to Kaihu, where the trail currently ends. The Trail generally follows the historic rail line built in 1896 to service the kauri industry between Dargaville and Donnellys Crossing.



For more cycle and mountain bike trails in Kaipara, visit our website: [kaipara.govt.nz/kvt](http://kaipara.govt.nz/kvt)



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## Suggested routes

You can do a return trip of Stage One (approx. 65km) in one day, or choose parts of the trail to suit you. These routes can be completed in either direction, join the three sections to complete all of Stage One. Note distances are approximate.

### Enjoy the ride

The trail sections are Grade 2 making it suitable for most ages and levels of fitness.

Please leave gates as you find them and take your rubbish home with you.

Stage One is made up of sections of completed trail and low-volume roads. Please take care when road-cycling.

To report damage or hazards on the trail, use Council's Antenno app or call 0800 727 059.

Keep an eye on our website for trail updates: [kaipara.govt.nz/kvt](http://kaipara.govt.nz/kvt)

### Getting to the trail

The trail has several entry/exit points, see suggested routes.

There is a cycle shop in Dargaville that provides van transport if you want to be collected and returned to your starting point.

### Parking

#### Dargaville

The intersection of Hokianga and Station Roads.

#### Mamaranui

By the Playcentre or outside the Bowling Club.

#### Kaihu

The Kaihu hall.



#### Dargaville to Babylon Creek | 7km

On trail – 7km | Grade 2 - Easy

Start at the corner of Station Road and Hokianga Road in Dargaville. Follow Station Road for approx. 3km. Follow the trail from the cow shed to the Parore Bridge.

Cross the swing bridge and continue on the trail to Parore West Road. Cross Parore West Road, go through the squeeze gates and continue for approximately 2.5km to Babylon Creek.

#### Babylon Creek to Mamaranui | 17km

On trail - 2.5km | On road – 14.5km | Grade 2 - Easy

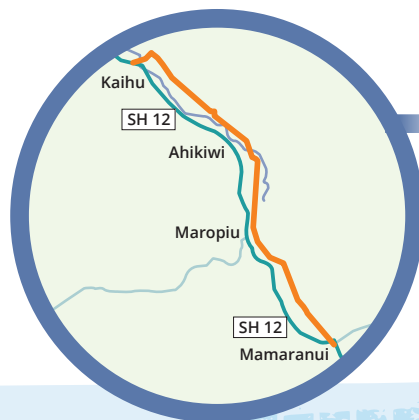
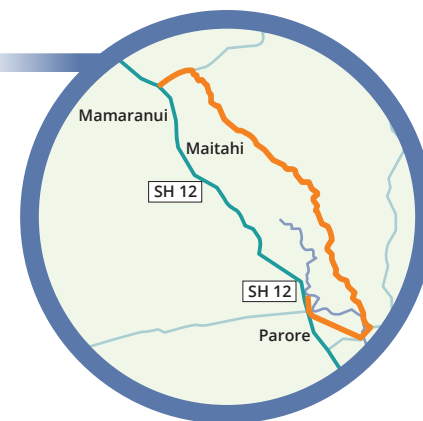
*Please note: Opanake Road can be soft and rutted during the wet months.*

Return to Parore West Road.

Turn left onto Parore West Road for 500m to Opanake Road.

Turn left onto Opanake Road. Stay on Opanake Road for approximately 12.5km to Waihue Road.

Turn left and go down Waihue Road for 1.3km to State Highway 12 – Mamaranui.



#### Mamaranui to Kaihu | 10km

On trail (low-volume roads) 10km | Grade 2 - Easy

At SH12, turn right and travel 50m. Veer right onto Mamaranui Road for 3.5km. Continue straight onto Ahikiwi Road and ride for 2km to the Ahikiwi swing bridge.

Cross the bridge and follow Kaihu Wood Road for 4km, finishing in the Kaihu township.