

Advice for cyclists travelling south from Picton

Current information as at 20 December 2016

State Highway 1 is closed to through traffic travelling from Picton to Christchurch.

The alternate state highway route between Picton and Christchurch is via state highways 63, 6, 65 and 7 via Murchison and Lewis Pass. Much of this route is not suitable for cyclists because of the narrow, windy roads and increased traffic volumes, in particular freight vehicles.

It is therefore recommended you take the longer touring route via Nelson and down the West Coast or contact a public transport provider and travel by bus to Christchurch.

If taking the touring route, the below route will ensure you avoid most of the busy highways.

CYCLISTS TRAVELLING SOUTH FROM PICTON TO GREYMOUTH VIA REEFTON

- From Picton, follow Queen Charlotte Drive to Havelock, then State Highway 6 to Nelson. There is a 4WD option over Maungatapu Track for mountain bikes.
- From Nelson, follow the Great Taste Trail to Wakefield, then ride over Pigeon Valley Road, Dovedale Road and Sunday Creek Road to Stanley Brook. Head south to Tapawera and then follow Tadmor Valley Road to Glenhope, and State Highway 6 to Kawatiri Junction.
- From Kawatiri there is no alternative but to follow the 'alternate state highway route' for 6km to the Gowan Valley Road turn-off. Take care and consider riding either early in the morning or late in the evening. Ride down Gowan Valley Road to Lake Rotoroa, then over the Braeburn Track (a gravel road), Tutaki Road and Mangles Valley Road back out to State Highway 6. Ride with care for 4.5km to Murchison.
- From Murchison, we recommend following State Highway 6 to Inangahua, but riding this section either early or late in the day when traffic volumes are considerably lower. From Inangahua, take Brown Creek Road south, followed by State Highway 69 to Reefton, and finally on State Highway 6 to Greymouth.



MORE INFORMATION

We recommend you pre-plan your journey – check the latest road information on our website www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic, email info@nzta.govt.nz or call **0800 44 44 49** (0800 4 highways).





- Cycle Route
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- State Highway

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CYCLE TOURING ROUTE - PICTON TO GREYMOUTH

to Christchurch via SH73