

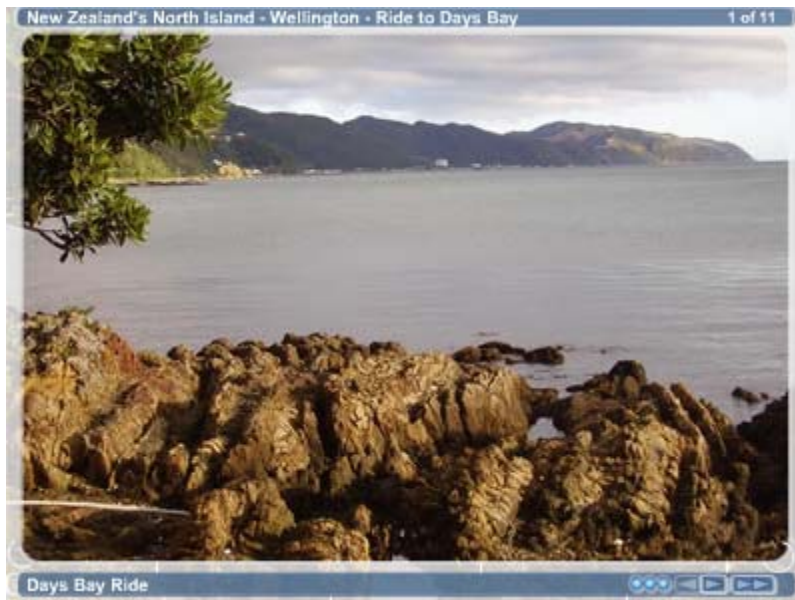
RIDE: Days Bay (Total Distance: 36 miles/57.6 km)

This route will take you from Oriental Bay through Wellington along Wellington Harbour north to Petone. Most of the stretch from Wellington to Petone is over paved bicycle path away from the busy traffic on State Highway 2 (SH2). However, the last mile (1.6 km) of this section of the route will take you on SH2, as the bicycle path abruptly ends before it reaches Petone. Fortunately, SH2 has a wide shoulder to ride on.



From Petone the route will head south along the harbour shores, passing through small towns that dot the shoreline to Days Bay, then continuing south to Eastbourne before reaching the end of pavement at Arthur's Point, which is the end of the outgoing leg of this ride.

From Arthur's Point you have the option to retrace your route back to Wellington, or take the Dominion Post Ferry from Days Bay across the harbour back to Wellington. Days Bay has a few cafés and a restaurant where you can stop for lunch or snack before continuing on.

If you decide to take the ferry, note that it will drop you off in Wellington Harbour near the harbour's bicycle/pedestrian shared path; from here you can ride the last 1.2 miles / 2 km back to Oriental Bay.



### Technical & Other Information (Distance, Profile, Surface, Parking, Hazards, etc.)

Ride Ratings:  

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Distance: 36 miles/57.6 km (*Out & Back*)

Total Climbing: 800 ft/244 m

Maximum Elevation: 30 ft/9 m

Surface: Paved roads and sections of paved bicycle path (multi-use path)

Traffic Volume: Heavy to Moderate

Start and End: Oriental Bay - Freyberg Fitness Center

Turnaround Point: Arthur Point

Average Riding Time: 3 hrs (1:30 hrs *Out* and 1:30 hrs *Back*)

Average Speed: 12 mph/19.2 kmh

Parking: Parking is limited in the city, but there is free street-side paid and/or free parking available along Oriental Parade in Oriental Bay.

How to Get There: The ride begins from Oriental Bay, part of the Wellington metropolitan area, near the Freyberg Fitness Center and Swimming Pool located on Oriental Parade (see our detail route map).

Other Access Points: This ride can be accessed from any point along its route.

Hazards: State Highway 2 (SH2) is a very busy road; and although it does have a wide shoulder to ride on, one must ride with care, especially when using the SH2 overpass to cross over to Petone, where there is no shoulder for a few hundred feet/meters.

Marine Drive along the eastern shores of Wellington Harbour has minimal or non-existent shoulder with moderately busy local traffic in certain sections.

When to Ride: You can ride the route year round but the best time is from late spring to mid/late autumn (southern hemisphere), when the weather is calmer and warmer.

Other: Public restrooms/toilets are available in Wellington along the harbour and in Petone on the waterfront along the bicycle path. Otherwise, restrooms/toilets may be found in most gasoline stations or in cafes along the way.

### Refreshment Opportunities

Since the entire route is within the larger Wellington metropolitan area, there are plenty of cafes and convenience stores along the route, where you can stop for a refreshment or lunch, or to replenish your water supply.

### Points of Interest

Views of Wellington Harbour and Matiu/Somes Island provide the predominant scenery along the route besides the few beaches and small towns that you will pass on the way.

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