

## WAIMAKARIRI BRAIDS ROUTE DIRECTIONS

### **Option 1 Access all year**

Start at Whites Crossing, next to the confluence of the Otukaikino Stream and the Waimakariri River. The Christchurch 360 Trail follows the existing Templars Island Track west.

Continue west until Coutts Island Road turns hard left into Haul Rd. Just before this corner, the track leaves the road and goes behind the shingle works, to then rejoin Haul Road. Cross Haul Rd, exercising care as this is used by heavy quarrying equipment to rejoin Templars Island Track.

Keep heading west next to the Coringa Loop cycle track, until you get to the Ashford Rd walking track, then head north. The track turns left at Waterhole Road, then turns away from Waterhole Road, before eventually joining back up to it. Follow Waterhole Rd west until you get to Main South Stopbank, where you turn left.

About 150m along the stopbank, look for the walking track off to the right. Follow this south, and it will lead you to the sign marking the end of this leg.

### **Option 2 : No access August to October (lambing season)**

Starting at Whites Crossing, at the confluence of the Otukaikino Creek and the Waimakariri River, follow the Otukaikino Trail all the way. Keep the Otukaikino Stream to your right, and State Highway 1 to your left.

After 5.0 km, the Trail passes alongside a dog exercise area, through the carpark and over the Otukaikino Creek. Keep following the signage for the Otukaikino Trail to progress through The Groyne. The track takes you past the suspension bridge and separate lakes with many different tracks and facilities within the Groyne area with a distance of 2.6 km

On leaving The Groyne, you arrive at the Peppers Clearwater Resort to your right. Turn left into Clearwater Avenue, cross over the bridge and turn immediate right. You are still on the Otukaikino Track heading westward. On the other side of the stream to your right you will see the residential area of Clearwater Resort.

After 1.6 km, you will find a sign on your left directing you to turn right over the bridge into the Isaac Conservation Park. There is a Sign Board immediately in front of you. There is no 360 Trail signage through the Park, so follow the Isaac Farm Walk signage (4 km) to Coutts Island Rd where you meet up with Templars Island Trail where signage for the 360 Trail signage starts again.

Here you have an option of walking back eastward to The Sanctuary Loop by turning right, following the stopbank and the trails through the trees. Distance for the loop is 5.8 km.

Or, turn left and continue westward along the Templars Island Trail along the stop bank to McLeans Island Park (10.1 km).

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Turn right on Ashford Road, left onto Waterhole Rd, follow the walking track (green) which rejoins Waterhole Rd, turn left. At the junction of Waterhole Rd and the Main Stopbank, turn left, walk 100m and bear turn back onto the walking track (green) which runs through the pine forest. The McLeans Island Golf Course is on your left.