

# FAT TYRE TRAILS

## DUNEDIN AND SURROUNDS

### R2 MT ALLAN—PULPIT ROCK

Distance: 40–75km return (3–5 hours)

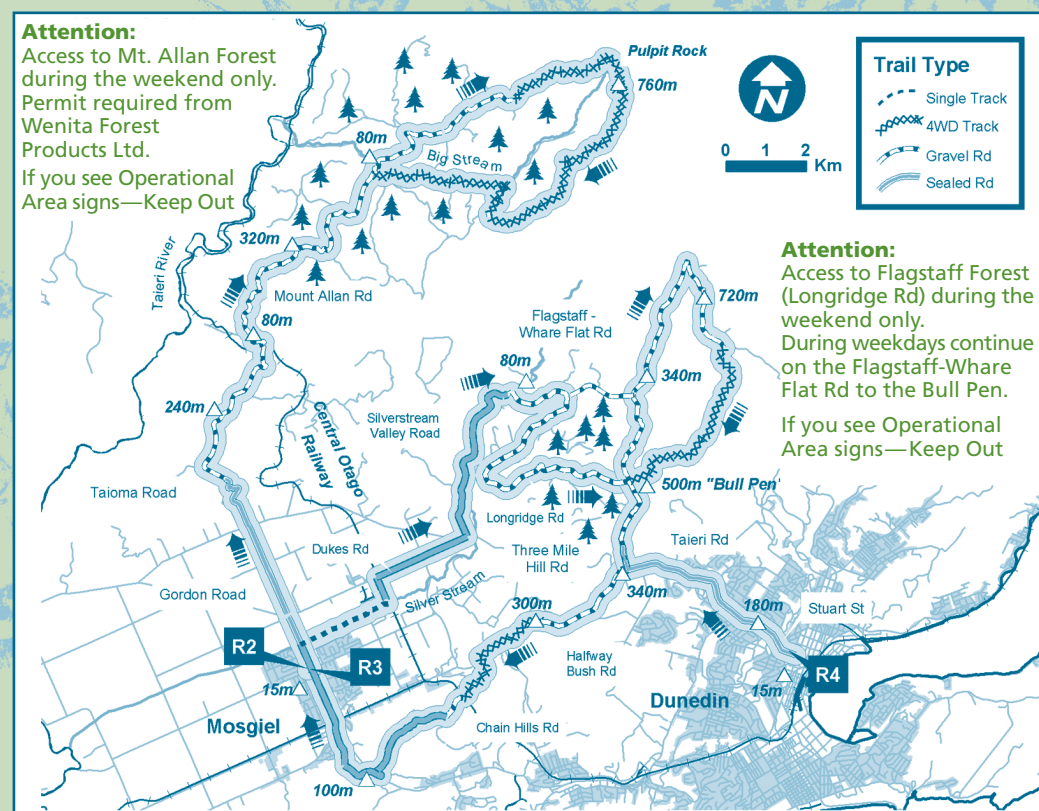
Grade: **HARD**—(to Pulpit Rock **VERY HARD**)

Start/Finish: Mosgiel

Route description: Starting in Mosgiel, head north west on Gordon Rd to a five way intersection, turn right onto Dukes Rd then immediately left back onto Gordon Rd. Ride along until you meet up with Taioma Rd, which at the top of a steep incline turns to gravel. Further along the road a descent drops into Taioma. From here you begin to enter Mt Allan forest. You can afford yourself a nice view of the Taioma Railway Viaduct from a no exit side road on your left off Mt Allan Rd. Carry on up the long steep hill, travel along the ridgeline and then downhill into the Big Stream valley. The track carrying onto Pulpit Rock can be ridden either direction from the Big Stream crossing. Cross Big Stream, hop over a locked gate, ride uphill for about 2.5 km, then turn right onto another road and ride along the ridge. The road becomes a 4WD track after 2km; Pulpit Rock is located about 3.5km along the track. From the base of Pulpit Rock, travel south along the 4WD track. After about 5km take a right onto a 4WD track straight downhill into Big Stream (watch out for sharp corners). Ride beside Big Stream for about 3–4km back to the crossing. There are also many options for exploring the forest roads that branch off Mt Allan Rd but you must have a permit from Wenita Forest Products Ltd.

Land owner(s): If you plan to venture off to Pulpit Rock and/or the Mt Allan Rd a permit is required from Wenita Forest Products Ltd, 11 Harstonge Ave, Mosgiel, Ph 4893234, Email: forestry@dn.wenita.co.nz, www.wenita.co.nz. Department of Conservation www.doc.govt.nz.

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### R3 WHARE FLAT—FLAGSTAFF FOREST—CHAIN HILLS RD

Distance: 35–40km return (3.5–4 hours)

Grade: **AVERAGE**—**HARD**

Start/Finish: Mosgiel

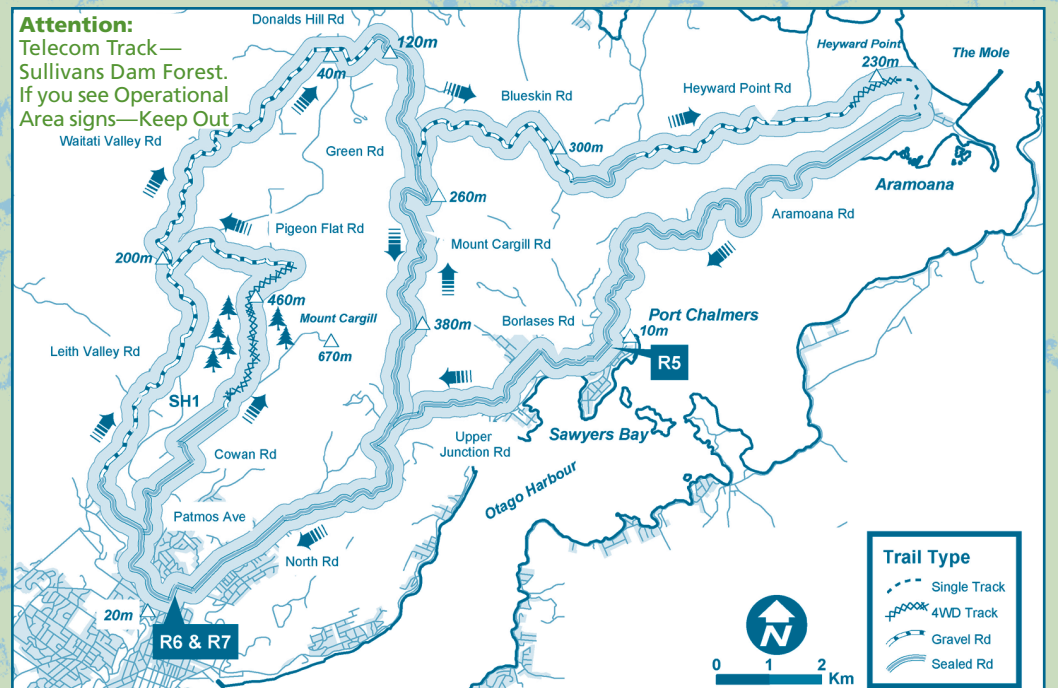
Route description: Starting in Mosgiel, head north west on Gordon Rd until the Silver Stream Bridge, cross the road and go through the gate. Ride upstream along the grass track beside the Silver Stream for 1km. Cross the bridge at Taieri Aerodrome and re-join the single track riding beside the stream until you reach the railway bridge. Turn left to connect with Stedman Rd, travel along until you meet with Dukes Rd and turn right onto Dukes Rd. Ride towards Silver Stream valley until you reach Silver Stream Valley Rd off Three Mile Hill Rd.

Ride along until the road turns to gravel, then ride onto Flagstaff-Whare Flat Rd. Splash through fords till you reach an intersection just past the second ford. Turn right and ride along the road, go through a locked gate and into the pine plantation on Longridge Rd. Pick the middle chain ring and plod up the long climb, sticking to the main gravelled road to connect with Flagstaff-Whare Flat Rd again. Stop for a breather at the "Bull Pen". Ride towards Dunedin to join Three Mile Hill Rd.

Turn right at the intersection (big water tank on right) and travel 200m back towards Mosgiel; turn left onto Halfway Bush Rd. Ride along the gravel road for 2.5km until you see a No Exit sign. From here the road turns to 4WD track, ride downhill until you see a large water tank on your left and the Chain Hills Track sign. Climb over the stile and ride along the grass track following the markers until you reach another fence and the start of the road proper. Ride until you reach Morris Rd, turn right and ride over the Motorway bridge and down the hill. Turn right onto Quarry Rd and then back into Mosgiel and along Gordon Rd to complete the circuit.

Land owner: City Forests Ltd, PO Box 2225, Dunedin, Ph 455 5512. www.cityforests.co.nz. Parts of this ride cross Private Land. Please leave gates secure.

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### R6 & R7 WAITATI VALLEY—TELECOM TRACK

Distance: Waitati Valley—35km, (2.5 hours). Telecom Track—20km, (2 hours). (Telecom Track continuing down Waitati Valley—40km, 3hours)

Grade: **AVERAGE**—**HARD**

Start/Finish: Gardens Shopping Area

Route description: Waitati Valley: Travel along George St, turning right onto Malvern St then veering right onto Leith Valley Rd. Continue uphill on the gravel to cross the Northern motorway at Leith Saddle. Ride down the twisty Waitati Valley Rd (watch for cars), cross the motorway again onto Donalds Hill Rd, turn left at an intersection riding up a short steep hill onto Mt Cargill Rd, then uphill for a scenic ride over to North East Valley. (This trail is as nice a ride in the opposite direction).

Telecom Track: Head along George St, turning onto Malvern St then right into Patmos Ave. Ride uphill to Pine Hill Rd, turn left up to Cowan Rd. Cruise on up to where the seal turns to gravel. Here turn left into a farm drive. Follow this until you reach a gate, hop over the gate and ride up the 4WD track through Sullivans Dam Forest to the top of the ridge (if you see Operational Area signs—Keep Out). Here the track turns into rough 4WD track (muddy with some BIG holes). At the bottom of the track there is a gravel road. Turn left to link with Pigeon Flat Rd and ride back to the top of Leith Saddle. Here you can head either back down Leith Valley or continue on down the Waitati Valley from the saddle.

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### R5 HAYWARD POINT

Distance: 35km return (2–3 hours)

Grade: **EASY**—**AVERAGE**

Start/Finish: Port Chalmers

Route description: From Port Chalmers ride towards Sawyers Bay on Borlases Rd, along Stevenson Ave and Brick Hill Rd through Sawyers Bay and up Upper Junction Rd. At the top turn right on to Mt Cargill Rd, ride along keeping track of the views. Not far beyond a hair pin corner and old horse trough, turn right on Green Rd (gravel), connect with Blueskin Rd, then turn left onto Hayward Point Rd. After 1.5km the road turns to gravel, which ends after a further 4.6km at a farm gate and DOC sign. The 4WD track turns to unformed single track through nettle and grass. The DOC track branches off to the right at the top of the cliffs. Walk your bike down the DOC track to Aramoana (grass slippery when wet). Right onto Aramoana Rd returns you to Port Chalmers. Great views are to be had from Hayward Point and a nice tiki tour option around Aramoana and out to the Mole.

Land owner(s): Department of Conservation, www.doc.govt.nz. Parts of this ride cross Private Land. Please leave gates secure.

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### R4 SWAMPY SUMMIT

Distance: 35km from Octagon return, (2–3 hours). 16km from the Bull Pen (2 hours).

Grade: **AVERAGE**—**HARD**

Start/Finish: Octagon

Route description: Travel up Stuart St, down into Kaikorai Valley (keep KFC on left) and onto Taieri Rd. Continue the slog uphill almost to the top of Three Mile Hill Rd, turn right onto Flagstaff-Whare Flat Rd (big water tank on left). Cruise on the gravel up to the top of the hill to the "Bull Pen" car park. From here the ride can be ridden clockwise or anticlockwise. Either direction requires some hill work. Head down Flagstaff-Whare Flat Rd until you reach an intersection. Turn right onto Swampy Summit Rd and travel up to a locked gate. Hop over the gate and then bike up a long gravel switchback to the top (Swampy Summit, 739m). Just past the doppler radar a 4WD track veers right. After 100m a grassy undulating track veers hard right; travel along this all the way back to the Bull Pen. To ride anticlockwise, head up the 4WD track "Swamp Ridge Track" from the Bull Pen, following the route in reverse. (Do not ride up the Pineapple Walkway—this track is for walkers only)

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