

"Cycle the Railtrail" activity sheet – Motukarara

Read this sheet before you start so you know what you're doing



First stop...

Motukarara Railway Station!

Inside the station have a look around. Tick the box when you see a:

- Bicycle Sack barrow Photo of a train Pair of overalls

What do you think 'N.Z.R.' stands for? N _____ Z _____ R _____

Go outside and look at the railway wagon. Write down the wagon's number: _____ weight: _____ colour: _____ number of wheels: _____



Find the information panel and look for the answers to the following questions.

What did the Motukarara Station used to be called? _____

What is the Maori name for Lake Ellesmere? _____

How long did it take the train to get from Christchurch to Little River? _____

Name three things the train carried: _____

What year did the Railtrail open? _____

Now it's time to get on your bike and ride!



Look out for birds and tick off the ones you see.



Along the Railtrail, choose two places to stop to do the following activities. Suggested stopping places, where there is space and things to see, are at one of the bridges, Ataahua (Kaituna), Birdlings Flat.

Name of stop ①: _____ Name of stop ②: _____



At each stop sit quietly for at least 5 minutes and look around. Look at the birds – can you see the bird's feet or beaks? Are there any you can tick off the list? How many different birds can you see?

Number of birds ①: _____ ②: _____

Can you name the birds?

Names of birds ①: _____ ②: _____

Where are the birds? (e.g. on the paddock, lake, water way, in the sky etc.)

The birds are ①: _____ ②: _____



Close your eyes for a minute. What can you hear? (e.g. birds, sheep, traffic, people etc.)

I can hear ①: _____ ②: _____

Tick the birds you see and note their main colour:

Pukeko



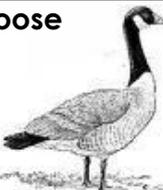
Colour: _____

Swan



Colour: _____

Goose



Colour: _____

Crested Grebe



Colour: _____

Heron



Colour: _____

Shell duck



Colour: _____

Pied stilt



Colour: _____

Duck



Colour: _____

I also saw a:





Take in a deep breath through your nose... what can you smell?

I can smell ①: _____

②: _____

At each stop draw a picture of a bird and a plant you can see. Can you name them?

Stop ①

Stop ②

Bird: _____

Bird: _____

Plant: _____

Plant: _____

Where did you go on the Railtrail? Tick the places you visited during your trip:

Motukarara



Kaituna



Birdlings Flat



Catons Bay



Little River



If you would like to find out more about the Railtrail pick up a brochure from the Little River Craft Station or visit the Railtrail website www.littleriverrailtrail.co.nz.

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