

12 FRINGED HILL

GRADE: moderate

DISTANCE/TIME: 5.3km climb to 800m, 10.6 return (1.5 - 2 hours)

START LOCATION: Top of the Tantragee Saddle. (See Ride 9).

CONDITIONS: 2WD forestry road – wide smooth gravel surface. Consistent climb.

NOTE: Often open to other users – keep left. The top will be 5 degrees colder than the valley. Take a jacket, water and food.

POINTS OF INTEREST: Great views of Nelson!

LINKS: To rides 8 (Old Codgers Track), 9 (Tantragee Saddle), 10 (Fireball).

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

From the top of Tantragee Saddle stay on the Brook side and follow the road up towards power pylons. Negotiate the gate and continue. The Fringed Hill road takes three zig zags up the hill. The first is slightly steeper. There is a car park near the top at the end of the final zig zag. Near the top the 2WD track goes right into the carpark area. You should go left and carry on up the rocky 4WD track. At the top are some sheds and radio aerials, a seat and a great place to rest and take in the view. There are links to other tracks from the top (Devil's Tail/Maitai Firebreak) but they are quite technical and we recommend you return the way you came.

