9 TANTRAGEE SADDLE

GRADE: Easy to Moderate – climbs 200m

DISTANCE/TIME: 6-7 km (30 minutes)

START LOCATION: From the city, ride up Brook Street for approximately 2km, turn left after the second bridge turn left into Tantragee Road where there is a gravel car park and information panel.

CONDITIONS: Uphill climb on gravel road and then down gravel road and smaller track.

LINKS: Links to rides 7 (Maitai Valley), 8 (Old Codgers Track), 10 (Fireball), 11 (Dun Mountain) and 12 (Fringe Hill).

POINTS OF INTEREST: Extensive tree planting has occurred on the right branch of the track through to the pipeline to create and arboretum.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

From the carpark follow the gravel road all the way to Tantragee Saddle past the water treatment plant. Watch out for other traffic. At the Saddle climb over the stile, turn right and ride downhill. Shortly after you pass the water supply settling ponds (the gate here may be closed) you will reach a fork in the road which is the start of a loop circuit down to the river that then returns back to this point. Our ride goes right and takes you on a narrower track through an arboretum to the pipeline bridge over the river which is the beginning of the Ride 7 (Maitai River Track). When you get to the river do not cross the bridge - instead turn left and follow the track down opposite the Motor Camp. Just past the Motor Camp you will come to a wide 4WD track on your left. This is Groom Creek Road and it loops back to the water treatment settling ponds. There is a gate to negotiate and two streams to cross on your way back. Alternatively you could continue on Ride 7 and have a swim further down the valley.

