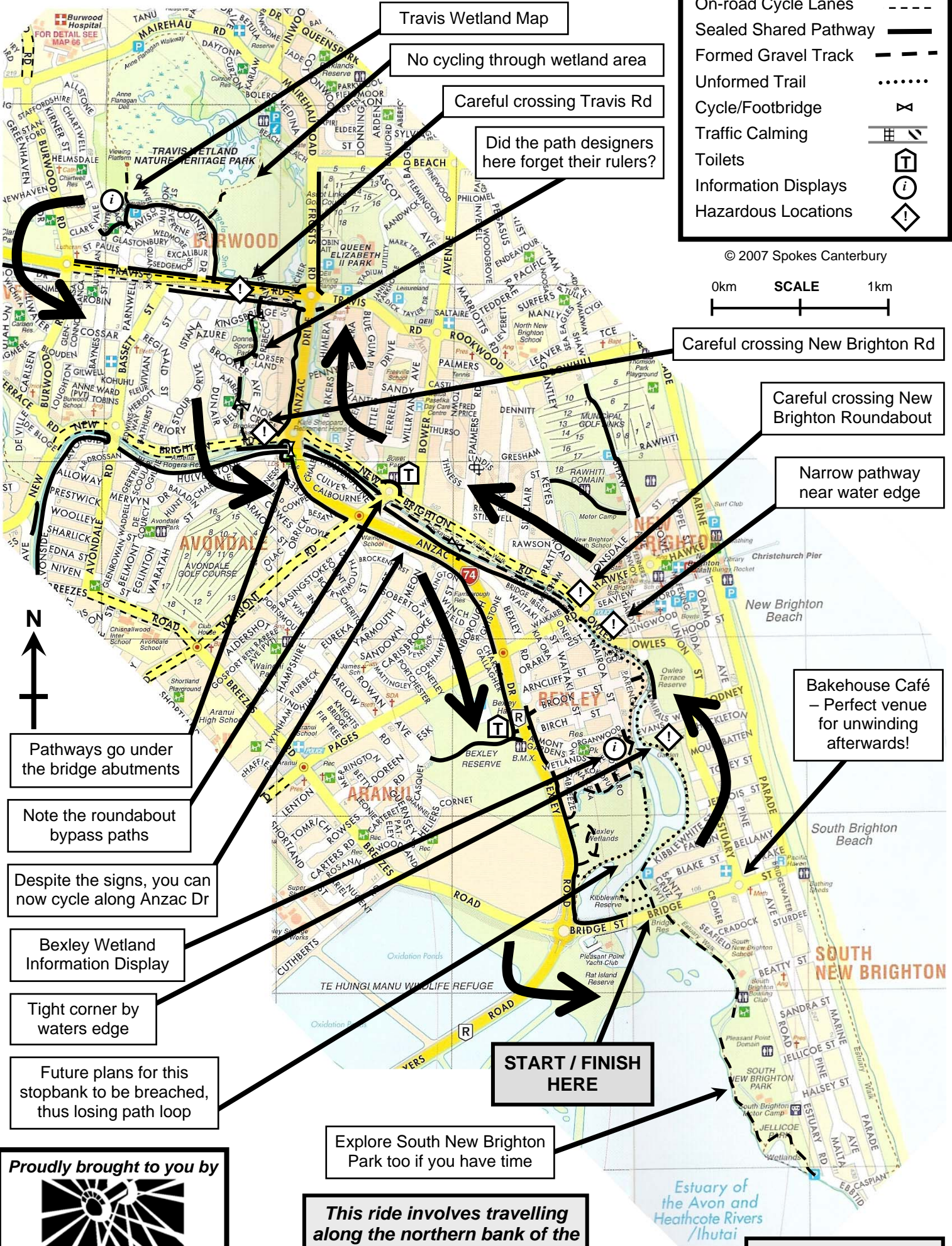
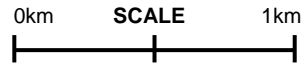


SPOKES CANTERBURY - LOWER AVON CYCLE RIDE - FEB 2007

LEGEND	
On-road Cycle Lanes	----
Sealed Shared Pathway	—
Formed Gravel Track	- - -
Unformed Trail
Cycle/Footbridge	⊘
Traffic Calming	▬ ▬ ▬
Toilets	Ⓜ
Information Displays	ⓘ
Hazardous Locations	⚠

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Pathways go under the bridge abutments

Note the roundabout bypass paths

Despite the signs, you can now cycle along Anzac Dr

Bexley Wetland Information Display

Tight corner by waters edge

Future plans for this stopbank to be breached, thus losing path loop



This ride involves travelling along the northern bank of the Avon from South Brighton to Avondale and returning on the other side – Enjoy!

Approximate riding distance (Sth Brighton and return): 18km

SPOKES CANTERBURY - LOWER AVON CYCLE RIDE – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2007

This ride will explore New Brighton and Bexley, and in particular the pathways along the lower Avon River. The route will also feature the Bexley wetlands and Anzac Drive reserve. Along the way, you'll experience a range of cycle facilities, good and not so good! Approximate riding time (including stops at features of interest): 2 hours.

Route information: Starting at the Kibblewhite Reserve parking area next to the South Brighton (Bridge St) bridge, proceed upstream keeping the Avon River to your left. At the Anzac Drive bridge turn right towards Travis Rd then turn left. Follow the edge of the Travis wetland through to Burwood Rd, then return down Travis Rd and take the pathway through Donnell/Brooker Reserves back to New Brighton Rd. Cross over to the south bank of the Avon, and proceed downstream until you meet the Anzac Drive expressway again. Follow the expressway pathway until Bexley Reserve, then cross over and follow the pathway to Bexley wetland. Loop around the wetland then cross over the Avon at Bridge St to return to the starting point.

Look out for future Spokes Recreational Rides!

As part of Christchurch City Council's **Season of Cycling 2006-07** (www.seasonofcycling.co.nz), Spokes will be running a series of its popular recreational rides. These are strictly social rides around Christchurch for all the family to show you a few interesting cycle routes and help get to know a few more of you.

General Information

- Rides will have a "tour guide" and a "tail-end Charlie" to keep everyone on the right track.
- Routes generally follow off-road paths and quiet streets as much as possible.
- There will be regular stops to keep everyone together and to point out interesting features of the route.
- Riders will be provided with a customised map with commentary to take away with them.
- All rides start/finish at the same location; car parking is available here for those travelling from further afield.
- Please make sure your bike is OK off-road - there are often a few unsealed trails along the way (nothing too strenuous).
- Bike trailers, recumbents and other "interesting" bikes are usually OK for the routes undertaken.
- We suggest you bring some drink and refreshments for the journey; we'll usually arrange a "pit-stop" halfway.
- For those who want, our rides end with a visit to a local cafe for refreshments, so you may also want to bring your wallet.
- Suitable protection from the sun/rain/cold/whatever is advised. A camera might come in handy too!
- So long as any rain is minimal or non-existent, the ride will be on; a postponement date may be advised.

Already completed: Heathcote River Ride - Monday 1 January 2007

This ride will take a meandering tour down the Heathcote riverside from Cashmere to Opawa and back again. Along the way, you'll find out some interesting details about the area and experience a range of cycle facilities, good and not so good! - Visit our website for route map and photos

'Town to Gown' Ride - Sunday 4 March 2007, 1pm-3pm

Meet 12.45pm at Armagh St gates, Hagley Park
Just in time for the start of the varsity year, this ride will show you how to get from town out to Canterbury University campus at Ilam and back. Along the way we'll explore some of the swankier parts of Fendalton...

Shirley & Horseshoe Lake Ride - Sunday 8 April 2007 (Easter Sunday), 1pm-3pm (Easter Monday, will be the postponement date)

Meet 12.45pm at the Shirley Service Centre (next to the Palms)
We finish up with a ride around the Shirley area, from the Avon River at the bottom to QEII Drive at the top. In between we'll visit Horseshoe Lake and a number of other reserves.

For more information, contact **Glen Koorey**, phone 331-7504 a/h, email spokesrides@can.org.nz

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