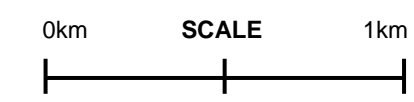
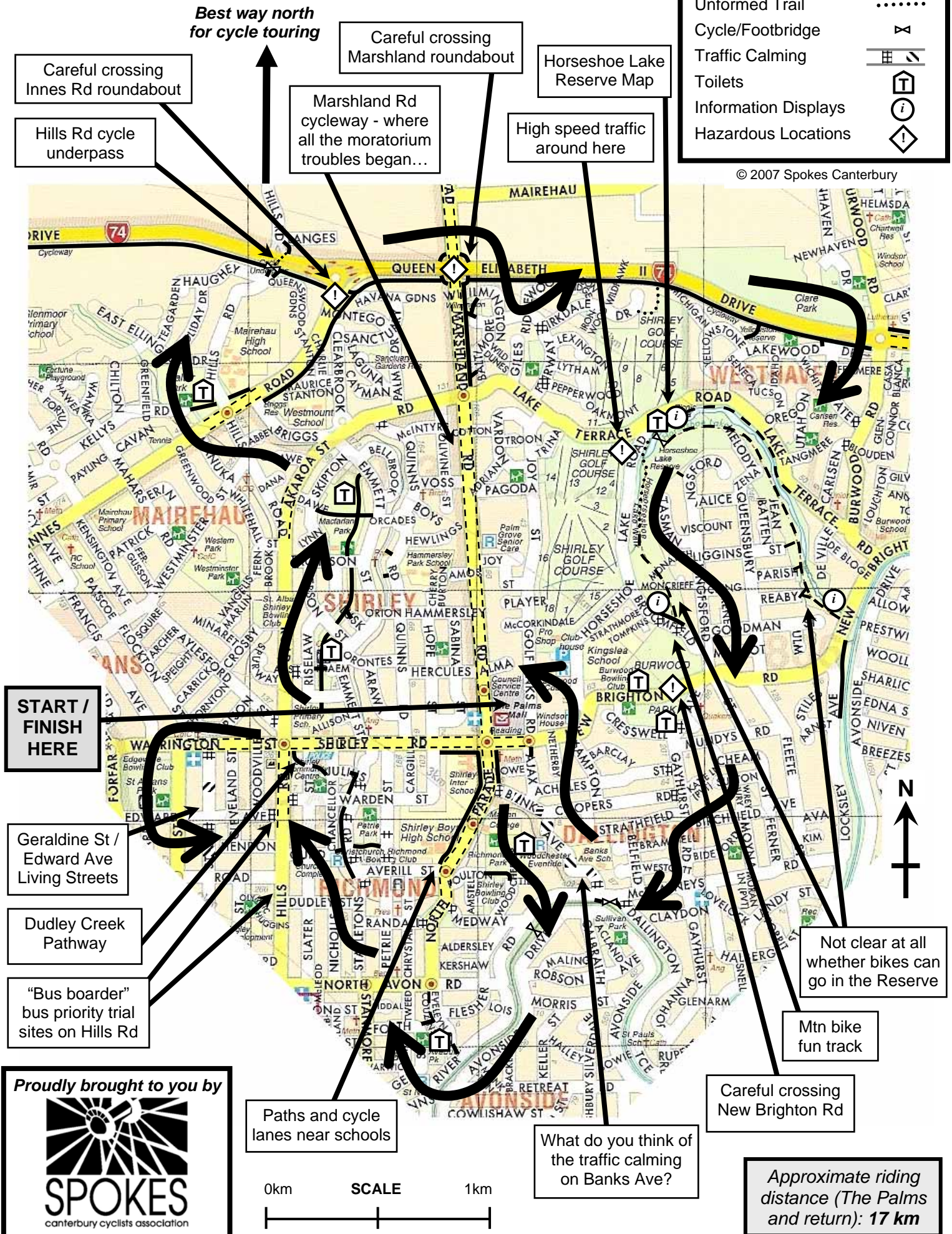


SPOKES CANTERBURY - SHIRLEY CYCLE RIDE - APR 2007

This ride will take us around the Shirley area, from the Avon River at the bottom to QEII Drive at the top – Enjoy!

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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Approximate riding distance (The Palms and return): 17 km

SPOKES CANTERBURY - SHIRLEY CYCLE RIDE – SUNDAY APRIL 8TH 2007

This ride will take us 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. 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 Shirley library and Service Centre (next to The Palms), proceed south along North Pde. Turn left into Richmond Park via Poulton, then follow Avon River south until Eveleyn Couzins. Back on North Pde, turn left at Randall St and follow the creek along Stapletons, Julius, and the pathway to Hills Rd. Loop around Warrington, Geraldine, Edward and Warden, then cross over Shirley Rd into Emmett. Follow the pathway through Macfarlane Park then cross over Innes Rd to reach the Hills Rd underpass. Follow the QEII Dr cycleway to Marshland Rd then head south to Lake Terrace Rd. Return to QEII Dr via Baltimore, Fairway and Birkdale then follow the cycleway until Lakewood Dr. Head south to Horseshoe Lake and follow the western pathway to Broomfield Tce. Cross over New Brighton Rd and make your way to Avon River via Gayhurst, Strathfield and Belfield. Finally head up Banks, Ajax, and Golf Links 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 has run a series of its popular recreational rides (more details below). 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. Over the past couple of years, Spokes has also held other similar rides and we look forward to continuing the trend in the future.

General Information

- Rides typically attract between 10 – 30 people each time, making for a manageable group.
- 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 (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, 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.

Other rides completed this summer (visit our website for route map and photos):

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!

Lower Avon River Ride - Sunday 4 February 2007

The second ride crosses over town to 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.

'Town to Gown' Ride - Sunday 4 March 2007

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...

Want to find out more about cycling happenings in and around Christchurch?

Sign up for our free monthly Spokes e-newsletter. See our website www.spokes.org.nz for more details.

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

***If you can think of a good route in your area for a ride, let us know!
We'll be happy to help organise a Spokes Ride with you.***

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