

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Saturday 23rd May

9am	Meet at Curio Bay for a wonderful warm up ride to Waikawa. (8.30-9am - 5km)
10am	Riders meet at Waikawa Hall for registration and event briefing, guest speaker, and morning tea
11am	The Catlins Great Escape begins Ride from Waikawa to Tautuku – a total of 35 km
1pm – 3pm	Lunch at The Whistling Frog
1pm – 3pm	Guided tour of McLean Falls Departs every hour on the hour (FOC)

After lunch and the optional McLean Falls visit:

Back on the bike you get and off to Tautuku, with the option of a short break, and a short walk to Lake Wilkie.

3pm onwards	It is expected that riders will start arriving at Tautuku.
3pm – 5pm	Afternoon tea at Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre.
4pm – 7pm	Optional tours (additional charge) Nugget Point with the Bottom Bus or riders can relax and enjoy a free afternoon.
7.30pm	Dinner and evening function at Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre, with entertainment by the Possum Pickers , world famous in The Catlins. There will be an opportunity for you to perform your Catlins Great Escape poem or song.

Sunday 24th May

6am onwards	Breakfast
7am	Optional tour of Cathedral Caves hosted by the Bottom Bus
9am	Riders resume their journey and depart from the Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre.
11am	A traditional farm-style Woolshed Luncheon
2pm onwards	Riders will start to arrive in Owaka.
3pm	Sausage Sizzle and prize giving at The Catlins Inn.
3pm	Transfers to Waikawa (additional charge) Event ends.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Support riders and crews will be visible at all times during the event
- There is no cellphone coverage between Curio Bay and Owaka

Closing Dates for Entries:

Earlybird Entries	5pm, 1 st February 2009
All Entries	5pm, 1 st May 2009

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THE CATLINS GREAT ESCAPE BIKE JOURNEY

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May 2009

Waikawa to Owaka



A wild and exciting bike ride, full of adventure and fun.
Escape from everyday constraints, and ride along a rugged coastline and magnificent old-growth forests.

Share the adventure with friends and family.

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ENTRY FORM (one entry form per person)

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Gender: male / female (please circle) DOB: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Entry: (please tick)

Earlybird (before 5pm, 1st February 2009) \$215 per person

Standard Entry (after 5pm, 1st February 2009) \$235 per person

Optional Tours/Transport: (please tick)

Guided Tour of Nugget Point \$50 per person

Guided Tour of Cathedral Caves \$30 per person
(Subject to suitable conditions)

Return Transfers from Owaka to Curio Bay \$30 per person
(Includes transfer of bikes)

TOTAL \$ _____

Waiver

I understand that this activity covers a degree of risk and have prepared myself for the nature of this event. I agree to compete at my own risk, and waive all claims against the event organisers. I acknowledge that I have read the event information and agree to abide by the event rules as set out by the organisers.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return your completed entry form and payment (by cheque only, made out to Tourism Catlins) to:

Kim Dodds
Tourism Catlins
Rapid 430
Papatowai Highway
The Catlins
03 415 8954 or 027 533 7876
kim@ds-nz.com

ENTRY FEE

\$215 per person
(Earlybird entry, before 5pm, 1st February 2009)

\$235 per person
(after 5pm, 1st February 2009)

EVENT INFORMATION

Included in your entry fee will be:

- Accommodation at the Tautuku Recreation Centre for Saturday 23rd May*
- All meals during the event
- Dinner and entertainment at the Tautuku Recreation Centre on Saturday night (entertainment will be provided by the "Possum Pickers")
- Equipment & Baggage will be transferred to Tautuku and Owaka

* *Shared bunk accommodation*

In addition to your entry fee you will also have the option of including the following activities:

- Guided Tour of Nugget Point \$50 per person
- Guided Tour of Cathedral Caves \$20 per person
- Return transfer from Owaka to Curio Bay on Sunday \$30 per person

What to bring:

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Plenty of warm clothing
- Bike tool kit, plus extra tubes
- Snacks
- Water bottle(s) and/or camel back
- Basic first aid kit

EVENT ITINERARY / DESCRIPTION

23rd May (morning)

Waikawa – Tautuku (35km)

You will ride from the historic fishing village of Waikawa, through Niagara, Progress Valley, and Chaslands to Tautuku. The route is all tar-sealed and takes you from the estuary edge through farmland and ancient forest. Detours can be made en-route to Niagara Falls, McLean Falls, and Lake Wilkie.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

23rd May (afternoon)

Optional Tour:

Nugget Point Wildlife Tour hosted by the Bottom Bus.

23rd May (evening)

Accommodation at Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre.

Dinner and entertainment at Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre, with entertainment from the **Possum Pickers**, who are world famous in The Catlins.

The menu and entertainment will be true Catlins cuisine and talent.

24th May (morning)

Optional Tour:

Cathedral Caves early morning tour hosted by the Bottom Bus.

24th May (daytime)

Tautuku – Owaka (35kms)

You will start with a climb to the picture postcard view from Florence Hill, and will then take a freewheeling descent to Papatowai.

A detour to explore Papatowai is possible before the challenges of the Puaho gravel road which takes you to the Purakaunui Falls.

Enjoy a traditional farmstyle luncheon before you head round the Catlins Lake to Owaka for the farewell sausage sizzle and prizegiving.