



## Hanmer Springs Forests and Hanmer Basin Routes

### The Hanmer Heritage Forest

We are particularly privileged to be able to ride in the Hanmer Heritage Forest. The forest was established in 1901 by the Government on former Thermal Reserve land near Hanmer Springs. The forest originally covered 250 hectares but was later extended and now covers over 5150 hectares. It was planted with a mix of native and exotic trees in order to test how different species would perform in New Zealand conditions. The oldest part of the forest contains trees that are now more than 100 years old. The Heritage Forest is protected under a Crown covenant to preserve its character and there are a great range of walking, mountain biking and horse riding tracks to be enjoyed. It's a special place.

Download map: <http://www.hanmerforest.co.nz/map/>

### Which tracks may I ride on?

In short, if you are able to drive a car on a track, then you may take a horse on it. Please do not jeopardize horse access to this land by riding on walking or mountain biking designated tracks. These tracks are generally marked with signs as shown below.

### Who has right of way on a multi-use track?

When using tracks shared with other users, approach blind corners no faster than a walk because other users may be just around the corner. Pass others at a walk and keep your horse under control at all times.

Please respect other users and follow this cycling code of conduct for shared-use tracks:

- Respect that other users have different, and valid, reasons for being there.
- Anticipate other users around corners or in blind spots.
- Expect the unexpected; travel at a speed from which you can stop safely if a hazard arises.
- Do not startle other users – greet them when approaching, especially from behind.
- The basic give-way rule for shared-use tracks is: 4WD and other motorised vehicles give way to walkers, cyclists and horses; cyclists give way to walkers and horses; and walkers give way to horses.
- Common sense and courtesy prevail at all times.

### Entrances to the horse tracks in the Heritage Forest and neighbouring forests.

These are at Fowlers Lane, Jollies Pass Road main entrance and Tarndale Place (see map).

Note there is no public access to Pawsons (forestry) Road which runs between Jollies Pass and Clarence Valley roads.

## **Woodlands Reserve Horse Park and tracks**

We are in the process of designing and constructing a skills park for horses and riders, the Woodlands Reserve Horse Park. We are planning obstacles along the lines of the cowboy skills challenge courses, as well as a horse labyrinth.

The horse track to the Woodlands Reserve Horse Park leaves the Jollies Pass Road main entrance opposite the step-over exit from the Heritage Forest at the end of Alligator Alley.

The sign-posted track follows the dirt road down and around to the left of the Hanmer Scout Den (formerly the DOC info centre), across Dog Stream and up to the large grassed area. Cross the open grassed area to the Horse Park which is the stand of black poplars at the base of Conical Hill.

Please do not ride on the footpaths for walkers.

## **Roads and tracks around the Hanmer Basin**

Download map of Hanmer Springs and Hanmer Basin: NZTopo centred on Hanmer Springs.  
<http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap?v=2&ll=-42.514199,172.816257&z=13>

### **M25 Ring Road - first part. 4 hr return (walk/trot)**

#### **Jollies Pass - Fowlers Lane - Hanmer River Road - Highway to the Village**

This is part of what will be our 'M25' or ring road right around the Hanmer Basin. The last section from the Waiau River back to the village via farm tracks will avoid having to ride back up the Main Road and hopefully will be completed in 2017. This is a half day ride. Please be aware that the Main Road has heavy traffic and although it has good grass verges, this ride will not be suitable if your horse doesn't cope with traffic.

Alternative: half-way back to Hanmer Village turn right into Chatterton Road and ride back to the village via the Chatterton-Tarndale unformed road.

### **Chatterton River - Woodbank Road track. 1.5 hr return**

This track leads from the Rogerson Track on the right hand bend in Jacks Pass Road, past the Hammer Hardware store. Follow the gravel track 50 m through a gateway. Turn left onto a grassy track which will lead to a small ford. The track follows down the true left of the Chatterton River, climbing out of the river bed to the left before going underneath the water supply pipeline. Follow down as far as Woodbank Road before making your way back to Jacks Pass Road via Argelins Road.

### **Tarndale to Lucas Lane Link. 2 hr return**

Enter the Heritage Forest tracks at Tarndale Place. Go in beside the chain across a gravel track on the right 20m in from the beginning of Tarndale Place. Follow the Heritage Forest Map to ride through the forest exiting at the Jollies Pass Road main entrance way. Turn left onto Jollies Pass Road for 50m before crossing right and joining the horse track past the Woodlands Ponds Reserve Horse Park, up Conical Hill and down to Lucas Lane. Ride past the Lucas Lane Arena, turn right onto Jacks Pass Road. In 200m turn left onto Argelins Road and follow down to the intersection with the Main Road. Lead or ride ½ km up the Main Road back to Tarndale Place.

(This ride can easily be started at Lucas Lane or Jollies Pass Road main entrance where there is float parking.)

### **Jacks Pass Pack Track. Approximately 1 hr**

The Jacks Pass Pack Track is our private horse "highway" to the High Country. The club reopened the old pack track that existed here before the road up Jacks Pass was built. It enables us to ride up to the top of Jacks Pass and avoid the vehicles heading up to Molesworth, St James Homestead, the ski-field, Lake Tennyson and the Rainbow Road.

The track leads off the end of Jacks Pass Road from the cattlestop opposite the Alpine Adventure Holiday Park. Follow the shingle forestry road straight ahead, past the Chatterton River walk track on the left before climbing the hill on the pylon maintenance track. 100m after crossing a small creek, the Pack Track leaves the Pylon Track sharply to the right, climbing up to the top of Jacks Pass. We usually ride up but walk the horses down the steepest section.

### **Jacks Pass - Jollies Pass Circuit. 6 hr return**

This a wonderful day ride with many good places to stop for a picnic lunch. Essentially, this ride circumnavigates Mt Isobel to the north of Hanmer Springs Village.

Begin by riding the Jacks Pass Pack Track, described above (approximately 1 hr). Follow the road north, heading in several loops down towards the Clarence River and a well-sign-posted road intersection. (approximately 30mins)

At this intersection there are two options:

- The first option is to go right and follow the Molesworth road to the Jollies Pass turn-off. (approximately 1.5 hr)
- The second option is to turn left on the road towards St James Conservation area, over a small wooden bridge. In 20m turn right down towards the Clarence River on a grassy vehicle track. Cross the Clarence, turn right and follow the grassy pylon maintenance tracks on the northern side of the Clarence until they cross back over the Clarence onto the road about 1km before the Jollies Pass turn-off. (approximately 1.5 to 2 hrs)

Follow the Jollies Pass Road back down to the Hanmer Springs Village. (about 2 hours)

### **Riding up to the Clarence River and the St James Conservation Area**

It takes 2-2.5 hours (walking) to ride up to St James Conservation Area from Hanmer Springs following the Jacks Pass Pack Track (see Jacks Pass - Jollies Pass Circuit). At the road intersection, turn left and continue along the road to reach the St James Homestead.

You can camp at the St James Homestead and access the many rides in the Conservation Area from there. See descriptions of the facilities and rides in the section Trek the High Country.

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