

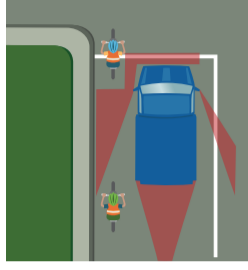
Safety Tips

Most cycling accidents are easily avoided – check that your bike is well set up and from the moment you set off, stay alert for other road users, pedestrians and hazards.

When you're out on the roads, drivers will be looking out for you. Bright clothes, reflective material and bike lights make it much easier for drivers to see you in low light conditions.

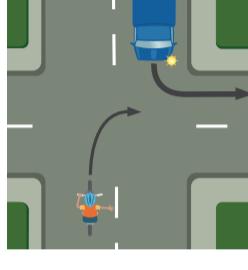
Parents - when cycling with small children, be aware they are less visible. Ride behind them and slightly to their right.

INTERSECTIONS
Almost half of all cycling accidents happen at intersections and other junctions, usually when riders are not seen by a turning vehicle.



The more time spent in a driver's blind spots, the greater the chance they'll turn across your path.

Look for vehicles and signal your intention to turn. If you are unsure you've been seen, wait until the intersection is clear.



Rules for uncontrolled intersections

When turning right, give way to oncoming vehicles that are turning left.

When turning right from a road terminating at a T-intersection, give way to other vehicles turning right.

Sharp corners catch out many riders, especially if there's loose grit about. **Brake hard on the straight** before each corner and **release your brakes** if you hit slippery patches of road.

Bikes on Public Transport

TRAINS: Compact and fully folding bikes will be carried at all times and on all trains. Other bikes will be carried free of charge and without reservations on a first come, first served basis. However, space is limited and cycles will be excluded from some peak period Matangi trains.


BUSES: Bikes can be carried using bike racks on public bus services in the Wellington region. This is on a first come, first served basis at no extra cost.

Information: metlink.org.nz/getting-around/using-a-cycle-on-pt or 0800 801 700




'No Surprises' policy: riding a steady line past parked cars, pot holes or broken glass also makes it easy for cars to give you a wide berth.

A safety margin of 1 metre when passing parked cars is needed to avoid being 'doored'.



Groups: Sudden braking or swerving are common causes of crashes. Riding in a group works best when riders communicate hazards and rotate smoothly.

Riding two-abreast is legal (unless you are passing other vehicles or holding up traffic). Riding three-abreast is never legal. On many roads, riding single file is the safest and most courteous option.

Reporting Issues

Reporting a roading problem

Masterton District Council Ph: (06) 370 6300

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Ph: 0800 444 449

Carterton District Council Ph: (06) 379 6626

Hutt City Council Ph: (04) 570 6666

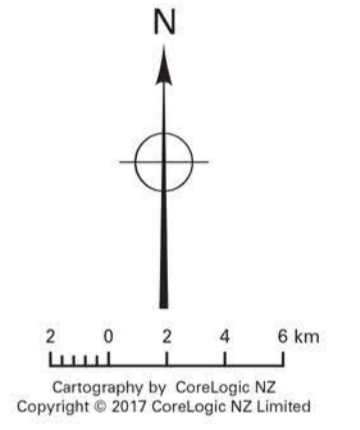
South Wairarapa District Council Ph: (06) 306 9611

Upper Hutt City Council Ph: (04) 527 2169

Reporting dangerous driving

Contact Police Ph: *555 from your cell phone

www.police.govt.nz/service/road/roadwatch.html



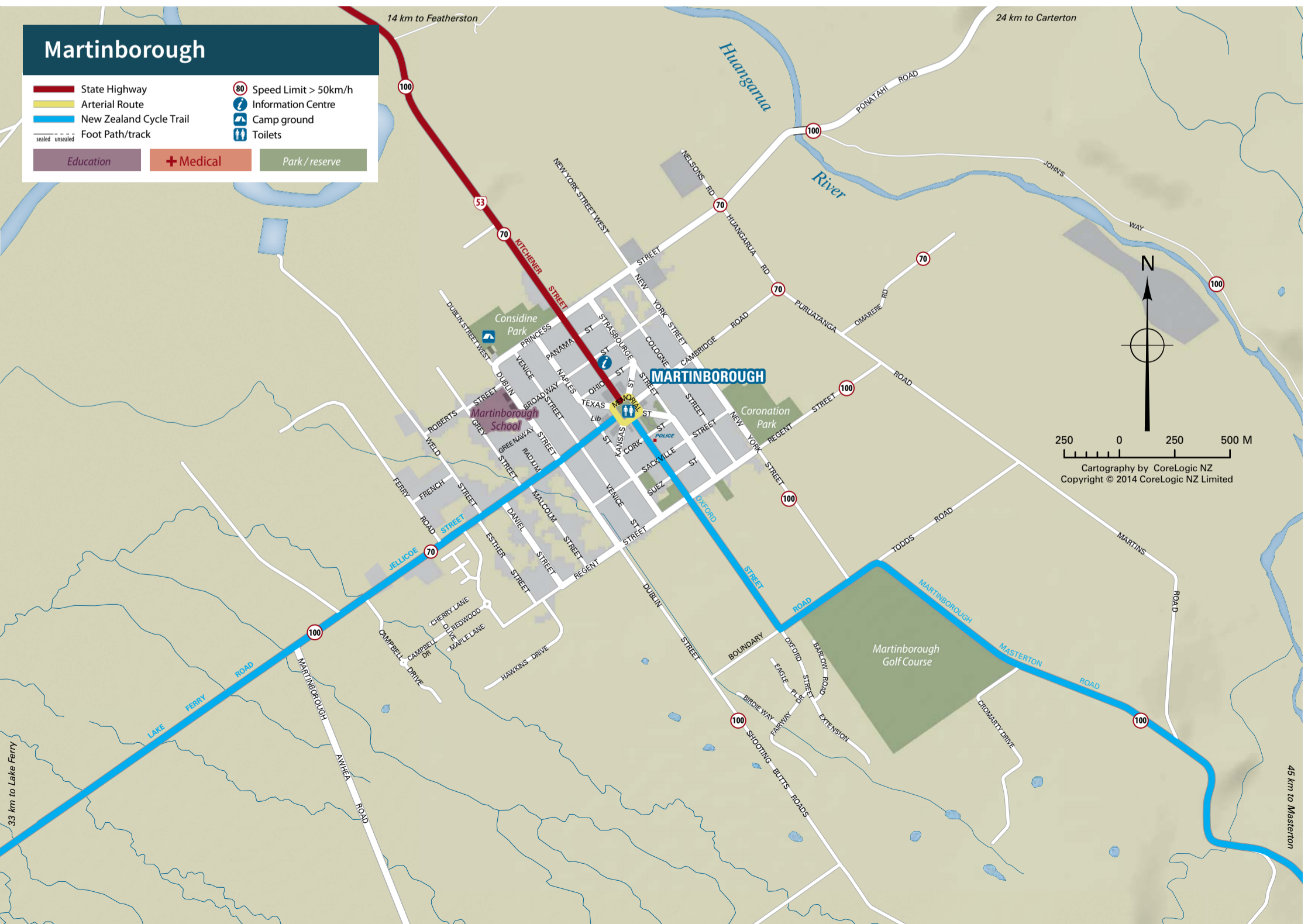
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Resources

- Destination Wairarapa – Cycling Information wairarapanz.com/see-and-do/cycling
- Huri Huri - Wairarapa Cycling Information hurihuri.co.nz
- Wellington Regional Trails wellingtonregionaltrails.com
- Pedal Ready Free Cycle Skills Training pedalready.org.nz
- Metlink Public Transport Information metlink.org.nz or 0800 801 700
- Weather Forecast metservice.com/rural/wairarapa
- Official NZ Code for Cyclists nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/code-for-cycling

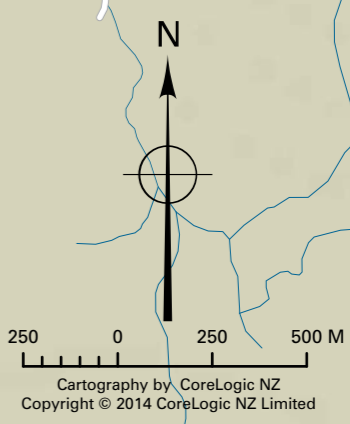


Masterton

- State Highway
- Arterial Route
- Extra road space (Cycle/bus lane or wide road shoulder)
- New Zealand Cycle Trail
- Off road vehicle track
- Off road shared path
- Foot Path/track

- Speed Limit > 50km/h
- Railway Station
- Information Centre
- Camp ground
- Cycle Shop

- Education
- Medical
- Park / reserve



9 km to Carterton

35 km to Eketahuna

45 km to Martinborough

41 km to Alfredton