

Amuri Pass to the West Coast – 4 Hours 30 minutes

There are five crossings of the Waiheke River from Amuri Pass to Slaty Creek Hut. From Amuri Pass follow the track down into the bush and cross three creeks till you arrive at Big Log Creek.

Lead down the track just past Big Log Creek, as marked to the Waiheke River. Cross the river twice to arrive at Torrent Creek.

You are able to camp at Driftwood Camp or proceed along to Slaty Creek Hut, generally on the true left of the Waiheke River. Riding Time from Amuri Pass to Slaty Creek is 2 hours

There is a horse paddock located at Slaty Creek Hut.

From Slaty Creek ride out to the Department of Conservation carpark at Waititi Downs. When crossing the Tutaekeri River head directly opposite the crossing point to regain the track through the gorse.

There is a horse gate at the carpark to enable access. Riding time from Slaty Creek to Waititi Downs is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Enjoy your ride crossing the Southern Alps. Total Distance is sixty-four kilometres.

It is a tough ride and horses need to be fit and well shod. and used to this type of topography and mountain travel.

IMPORTANT: Check river levels and rainfall on the ECAN website before you leave home:

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/riverflow/>

This pack and stock track is one of the Historical Routes from Canterbury to the West Coast. It is part of our heritage and should be preserved. Most of the gradients were built to allow packhorses to travel on them. The entire track has been reformed in places and is generally 1.8 metres wide to cater for packhorses.

This pack track is a credit and a testimonial to the early settlers of New Zealand. They broke in this country by hand and with horses, so please ride this.