

"Cycle the Railtrail" activity sheet – Little River

Read this sheet before you start so you know what you're doing



First stop... Little River Railway Station!

Inside the station find the fireplace. On the wall are items of railway uniform. What colour are they? _____ Which item is your favourite? _____

Tick when you find the photo of a train . The place where train tickets were sold .

Go outside and find the panel at front of the station and answer the following: When did the station open? _____ When did the last train depart? _____

Walk around the back of the station. Tick the box when you see a:

- Luggage trolley Sack Barrow Railway tracks Small wagon Guards van



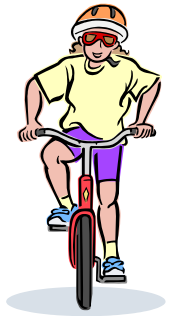
Look at the Guard's van. What is its number? _____

How heavy is it? _____ What colour is it? _____

Now it's time to get on your bike and ride!

Look out for birds and tick off the ones you see.

Along the Railtrail, choose two places to stop to do the following activities. Suggested stopping places, where there is space and things to see, are Catons Bay, Birdlings Flat and Ataahua (Kaituna).



Name of stop ①: _____ Name of stop ②: _____



At each stop sit quietly for at least 5 minutes and look around. Look at the birds – can you see the bird's feet or beaks? Are there any you can tick off the list? How many different birds can you see?

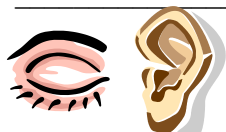
Number of birds ①: _____ ②: _____

Can you name the birds?

Names of birds ①: _____ ②: _____

Where are the birds? (e.g. on the paddock, lake, water way, in the sky etc.)

The birds are ①: _____ ②: _____



Close your eyes for a minute. What can you hear? (e.g. birds, sheep, traffic, people etc.)

I can hear ①: _____ ②: _____

Tick the birds you see and note their main colour:

Pukeko



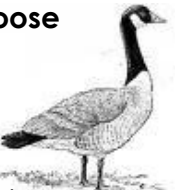
Colour: _____

Swan



Colour: _____

Goose



Colour: _____

Crested Grebe



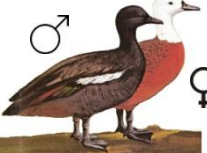
Colour: _____

Heron



Colour: _____

Shell duck



Colour: _____

Pied stilt



Colour: _____

Duck



Colour: _____

I also saw a:





Take in a deep breath through your nose... what can you smell?

I can smell ①: _____

②: _____

Where did you go on the Railtrail? Tick the places you visited during your trip:

- Little River
- Catons Bay
- Birdlings Flat
- Kaituna
- Motukarara

At each stop draw a picture of a bird and a plant you can see. Can you name them?

Stop ①

Stop ②

Bird: _____

Bird: _____

Plant: _____

Plant: _____



If you would like to find out more about the Railtrail pick up a brochure from the Little River Craft Station or visit the Railtrail website www.littleriverrailtrail.co.nz.

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