



## Rec Ride May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Wairau Valley The Haycocks

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Up, up and more up

The rec ride on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 was on "The Haycocks", a steep hill country property up the Wairau Valley. After an easy couple of kilometre warm up riding up the valley, the call was left turn at a junction in the track. The track went up, with more up followed by even more up into the fog. There was some pushing the bike by most of the nine riders. Mumbling about the organiser and his rides was heard in between hard breathing. The reply was that it was **GRADE 3** ride in bold and capitals.

Morning tea was at a world class restaurant near the high point (700 m asl). The view remained hidden by the fog. A massive downhill followed with some amazing bush in the gullies which has an unusually high proportion of mature lancewoods. That restored some confidence in the organiser whose 19 or 20 year memory of the last trip on this property was found wanting.

A short deviation was made up to a small woolshed and yards before a mostly downhill ride back to the vehicles. A convivial stop was had at the Wairau tavern on the way home. Thanks to the Godsiff family for access.

Next rec ride Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and likely to be at Ward.

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