

Route 1 : Town Loop

17.7km with 159m of ascent

Start Grenfell, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37918650>

This is a great introduction and welcome ride around Grenfell.

If you have just arrived or want a leisurely pedal around town, this loop gives you the chance to stretch your legs after the drive into town.

Check in to your accommodation or grab lunch and a coffee then saddle up for a pedal.

On this town loop, you will experience some great gravel and ride past some of the local attractions including:

Grenfell Painted Silo by Heesco

Henry Lawson's Birthplace

O'Brien's Hill - where gold was found by a Shepard in 1865 and the town was born.

This is a family friendly loop.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Visitor Information Centre / Community Hub at 88 Main Street Grenfell

<https://goo.gl/maps/uwVUUU1UsKtSptGC6>

Bathrooms : Visitor Information Centre at 88 Main Street Grenfell

Phone : Good across all networks as you are close to town

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 90% v's 10%

Highest Elevation on ride : 450m above sea-level at 13km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 368m above sea-level at 4km

Rating : 1.5 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~1:11 hours // @ 25kph : ~43 mins

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There is a section of fire trail ~14.3km > 15km after riders turn left off Adelargo Rd. Along this section you will be climbing and caution should be used. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route 2 : The Stock Route

100km with 834m of ascent
Start Grenfell, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37911232>

You will head out of Grenfell and get onto your first gravel road pedalling along Abbotts Lane. Soon after you will be on the paved road which heads out to Holy Camp National Park but you will turn right well before reaching the Park.

After ~8.5km turn right on Stock Rte Rd where you will be back on gravel, enjoy this ~6km section and just imagine what it would be like following a herd of cattle as they meander through Weddin Shire along the Stock Route Rd.

Cross the Mid Western Highway and onto Henry Lawson Way, which is paved. There is a decent shoulder to ride along during this ~5km section, use caution, before you turn left and onto the quiet country Pinnacle Rd.

This ~28km 'box' section is predominately paved. Enjoy the scenery and appreciate the view off in the distance of the Weddin Mountains National Park. At ~48km you will turn left and then quickly right over the Henry Lawson Way and onto Bald Hills and Barkers Roads. These are some of the best roads you will ever pedal along and over some glorious gravel.

Enjoy more beautiful countryside as you go through this farming land and climb up to one of the highest points on the ride at ~60km where you are 430m above sea-level.

There are some short sections of paved roads as you tic-tac over New Forbes and Gooloogong Rds. By ~75km you have finished the gravel sections and now heading back towards Grenfell along Adelargo Rd which is another quiet country road.

To keep you off the Mid Western Highway, cross over and onto Derribong Lane and meander back into Grenfell on more low trafficked roads as you head back to the starting point of 88 Main Street.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Visitor Information Centre / Community Hub at 88 Main Street Grenfell
<https://goo.gl/maps/uwVUUU1UsKtSptGC6>

Bathrooms : Visitor Information Centre at 88 Main Street Grenfell

Phone : Very limited access when you away from town

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 70% v's 30%

Highest Elevation on ride : 450m above sea-level at 96km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 263m above sea-level at 39km

Rating : 4 / 5 due to accumulative distance and remoteness being key factors

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~6:40 hours // @ 25kph : ~4:00 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : The busiest road you will be riding on is the Henry Lawson Way. Use caution and keep left. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route 3 : Ochre Farm Route

50km with 365m of ascent

Start Ochre Farm, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37911216>

This ride starts outside of Grenfell. Riders can start wherever they please on this loop but we suggest beginning near Ochre Farm - links below.

NOTE : these ride notes are based on starting from Ochre Farm.

The first ~7km riders will be going along Goodes Lane which is gravel, heading towards Henry Lawson Way (HLW).

When at HLW you will turn left and go along this section for ~3km. Use caution and keep left.

Soon after, you will turn left onto Mortary Road. Along this paved section, which goes for ~10km, you will ride past Maudry State Forest and then turn right onto Pinnacle Rd ~20km.

Meander along this section for ~4km before turning onto the gravel road of Pinnacle Driftway.

After turning left onto Ballendene Rd ~32km you will sight off in the distance of the Weddin Mountains National Park.

At ~36km turn left onto Gap Road and back onto gravel. From here all the way back to the start, the ride is on 99% gravel roads. You will also ride on Mittons Ln (~40 > 44km) and Hectors Rd (~44km > 47km) before arriving on Pinnacle Rd for a very short time before your left turn back onto Goodes Ln and back to where you began.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Ochre Farm - +61 2 6343 5105 - 761 Goodes Lane, Pinnacle NSW 2810

<https://g.page/ochresearch?share>.

Ochre Farm is 24km / 25 min drive from 88 Main Street Grenfell

<https://goo.gl/maps/m2Lbaz6nnUa2bZz68>.

Bathrooms : Available if Ochre Farm is open

Phone : Very limited access when you away from town

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 57% v's 43%

Highest Elevation on ride : 358m above sea-level at 2km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 251m above sea-level at 25km

Rating : 2 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:20 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:00 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : The busiest road you will be riding on is the Henry Lawson Way. Use caution and keep left. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route 4 : Country Meander Route

52km with 396m ascent

Start Grenfell, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37917105>

You will head out of Grenfell and get onto your first gravel road pedalling along Abbotts Lane. Soon after you will be on the paved road which heads out to Holy Camp National Park but you will turn left well before reaching the Park.

After ~8.5km turn left on Stock Route Rd where you will be back on gravel - enjoy this ~12.5km section and just imagine what it would be like following a herd of cattle as they meander through Weddin Shire along the Stock Route Rd.

At the end of Stock Route Rd ~21.5km, you will turn left on the paved Mary Gilmore Way and then soon after turn right onto Old Forbes Rd, paved as well. Follow this road until ~26km when you will turn left Birches Ln and along a straight quiet paved farm road.

Just before ~30km you will veer left onto Arramagong Rd and back onto gravel. Pedal along this road as it weaves left and right taking you northward, back towards Grenfell.

At ~39km you will veer left and pedal along Henry Lawson Way (HLW), paved. Please use caution along this ~1.5km section and keep left.

Turn off HLW at ~42km and onto your last gravel section along Schneiders Lane before turning right onto Mary Gilmore Way, which is paved. Keep left as your ride back into Grenfell to complete this lovely loop.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Visitor Information Centre / Community Hub at 88 Main Street Grenfell

<https://goo.gl/maps/uwVUUU1UsKtSptGC6>

Bathrooms : Visitor Information Centre at 88 Main Street Grenfell

Phone : Very limited access when you away from town

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyre

Paved v's un-paved : 70% v's 30%

Highest Elevation on ride : 411m above sea-level at 4.3km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 308m above sea-level at 27.5km

Rating : 3.5 / 5 riding on some busier roads

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:28 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:04 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There are some sections along busier roads including Mary Gilmore Way, Old Forbes Rd and Henry Lawson Way. Use caution and keep left. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route 5 : landra Castle Route

57km with 623m of ascent

Start landra Castle, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37918586>

Riders can start wherever they please on this loop but we suggest beginning at landra Castle - links below.

Enjoy this start location, it is another beautiful landmark in the Weddin Shire. To begin, head out along landra Rd for the first ~4km and then right on Wirrimah Rd, all paved.

You are predominately climbing (~136m) for the first ~8km, all the way to the first gravel section which commences on the aptly named Scenic Rd. This is an amazing road! They got the marketing right when they named this road, it rolls, twists and descends down towards your right turn onto Crouchdale Rd ~15km.

Follow this gravel road all the way through ~19km and back onto a paved road as you pedal through the town of Bendick Murrell. Soon after the dog-leg, over the train line, you will be back on gravel road and headed in an upwards direction, climbing (~146m) for the next ~6km and back onto Scenic Rd.

This is another magical section along the ridge line and at ~32km you will be at Touts Lookout. It is highly recommended to go into the lookout to appreciate the valley view.

Once back on your bike, head towards the town of Monteagle on the paved road but before you reach 'town' you will turn right on Grenfell Rd ~36.5km and then another right onto Jerrybang Lane. This gravel section offers another piece of paradise as you ride parallel Bulla Creek.

Follow this great gravel road until ~45.5km where you will turn right onto Rosewood Ln. This ~5km section takes you back up towards the Castle where you will turn left onto landra Rd and ride 6.5km back on paved road to your starting point.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : landra Castle, 870 landra Rd, Greenethorpe NSW 2809

<https://goo.gl/maps/8qaLL4MTBctzowBg7>

If the Castle is closed, there is ample area to park on landra Rd

landra Castle is 34km / 26 min drive from 88 Main Street Grenfell

<https://goo.gl/maps/EeHYKq8SboaVqFCP6>

Bathrooms : Not available at the start if the Castle is closed. There are facilities and picnic tables at Touts Lookout on Scenic Road ~32km.

Phone : Very limited access when you away from town. There is a Telstra phone box in Bendick Murrell ~22km.

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 30% v's 70%

Highest Elevation on ride : 536m above sea-level at 32km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 369m above sea-level at 15km

Rating : 3 / 5 due to elevation

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:48 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:17 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There are some fast descending sections along the way. Use caution. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route 6 : Mystic Maze Route

56km with 299m of ascent

Start landra Castle, Weddin Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37918618>

Riders can start wherever they please on this loop but we suggest beginning at landra Castle - links below.

Enjoy this start location, as it is another beautiful landmark in the Weddin Shire. For the first ~4km riders will be on paved roads. Starting on landra and then along Tyagong Hall Rd before turning right and onto the first section of gravel along Dunkleys Rd. This ~8km section is rather flat and straight, sit back and enjoy the country views as you pedal through the farm lands.

Riders will cross Tyagong Creek Rd during this ~8km section before turning left at ~12.5km onto Lewis Lane, which is gravel. There are a number of left and right turns along Lewis Lane as you wind your way along Gerrybang Rd which is paved.

For just over ~3km you continue along Gerrybang Rd when it will turn back to a gravel road as you head south. At ~26,5km you will make a very hard right onto Parnells Lane. This is a nice and narrow road through more beautiful Weddin countryside.

The gravel will turn to paved roads at ~31km when you turn right onto Tyagong Hall Rd which is followed by a left turn on Henry Lawson Way (HLW). Please use caution along this ~2.5km section and keep left. This is not to confuse you but you will turn off HLW onto Jerrybang Lane (a different road to Gerrybang Rd) at ~36km. Enjoy another marvellous section of gravel road.

Along Jerrybang Lane is The Rustic Maze & Country Garden ~43km. If it is open it is worth the time to stop in and check out the maze which is made out of corrugated iron sheeting.

Turn off Jerrybang Lane at ~44.5km with a left turn onto Rosewood Lane. This ~5km section takes you back up towards the Castle where you will turn left onto landra Rd and ride 6.5km back on paved road to your starting point.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : landra Castle, 870 landra Rd, Greenethorpe NSW 2809

<https://goo.gl/maps/8qaLL4MTBctzowBg7>

If the Castle is closed, there is ample area to park on landra Rd
landra Castle is 34km / 26 min drive from 88 Main Street Grenfell

<https://goo.gl/maps/EeHYKq8SboaVqFCP6>



Bathrooms : NA at the start if the Castle is closed. If The Rustic Maze & Country Garden are open they have facilities ~43km.

Phone : Very limited access when you away from town.

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 45% v's 55%

Highest Elevation on ride : 446m above sea-level at 51km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 321m above sea-level at 2km

Rating : 2.5 / 5 due to elevation

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:44 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:14 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There is a section along Henry Lawson Way. Use caution and keep left. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Cycling Check List

- Your own cycling safety is your responsibility so stay aware and take stock of your surroundings
- Follow the road rules at all times
- Check your bike and equipment before you depart, i.e. tyre condition, well lubed chain, helmet condition etc. Make sure it is all in good working order and if in doubt take it to your local bike shop before you venture out
- Always tell someone where you are going and your estimated time of return
- Check the weather forecast for the area where you will be riding
- Carry maps &/or a well charged GPS device for the area you are riding in
- Phone coverage is not always available, but a well charged phone should be carried in case of emergency
- Carry spare tubes, tyre levers, pump and multi-tool at a minimum
- Always carry enough water, food and suncream as you will be in remote areas
- It is highly recommended that you do not ride alone in remote areas
- Always be aware that roads and conditions regularly change, especially on country gravel roads