

Route 1 : Bumberry Dam Loop

18km with 143m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41242410>

Take it easy on this leisurely 1.5 hour return trip out to the picturesque Bumberry Dam. Suitable for beginners and families. Perfect for a picnic lunch and bird watching.

As you leave the departure point, ride ~2km along Bindogundra Rd before turning left on Cashmere Rd. This great stretch of gravel road turns to the right and then zigs and zags before changing to Lake Metcalfe Rd at ~5km. Continue along this gravel road past some very typical Australian farms all the way until the T-Intersection and turn left on Bindogundra Rd which takes you out to the picturesque Bumberry Dam ~10.5km. Once at Bumberry Dam, take in the beautiful surrounds and enjoy the picnic area.

On the way back to your car, the course does not follow the same route as the one you rode out to the Dam. There is no need to turn onto Lake Metcalfe Rd or Cashmere Rd, just continue along Bindogundra Rd, returning you directly back to your starting point.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Henry Parkes Way & Bindogundra Road - not too far from St Stephen's Anglican Church. There is a large parking area off Henry Parkes Way on Bindogundra Road.

<https://goo.gl/maps/1Xg1vLJwRJAEuRE79>

It is a ~14km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.

Accommodation : Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Picnic tables at the dam.

Food : None available

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 0% v's 100%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

407m above sea-level at 10km / 347m above sea-level at 0.4km

Rating : 1 / 5

Timing : 0:54 @ 20 kph / 1:00 @ 18 kph / 1:07 @ 16 kph / 1:17 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : When at the Dam there are lots of fire tracks around, these are not part of the Ride with GPS link but feel free to explore and remember your way back from where you departed. Please do not ride from Parkes to begin this ride, it is ~14km along Henry Parkes Way which we advise as not suitable for bikes. Make sure you go through the 'Cycling Check List' below.

**Route 1 :
Bumberry Dam Loop**

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Route 2-1 : Parkes/Cookamidgera/Mandagery Loop

117km with 1,039m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41242460>

Route 2-1 :
Parkes/Cookamidgera/
Mandagery Loop
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2-1 SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Clarinda and Church Streets Parkes

<https://goo.gl/maps/y2CETexz59FV1QcN7>

Accommodation : Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Many options in Parkes

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 32% v's 68%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

523m above sea-level at 95km / 286m above sea-level at 50km

Rating : 4.5 / 5

Timing : 5:51 @ 20 kph / 6:30 @ 18 kph / 7:18 @ 16 kph / 8:22 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheets : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Summary of Route 2-1

From Parkes follow the signs to Orange and then to Cowra to get out of town. Please keep left on all roads, especially the major ones - there are generally shoulders but please ride with caution.

It is roughly 5km before you arrive at your first section of gravel. Enjoy the mix of gravel and paved roads on your way to Cookamidgera, a small well maintained rural village, (~16km) which is the start locations for Routes 2-2, 2-3 and 2-4.

Leaving Cookamidgera you will soon be on Amaroo Way, which offers a great well maintained gravel section including some climbing, cattle grid crossings and great rural views.

~6km after leaving Cookamidgera riders will enjoy many kilometres of descending on your way along Amaroo Way. Riders will turn off Amaroo Way on Mackeys Creek Rd which will take you to Escort Way.

Please note, this road has a speed limit of 100km - Keep Left - there is a shoulder along most of this road. It is a quiet country connecting road but please ride with caution. You will be riding this section for ~11km which includes the 'climb' up Whipstick Hill which is ~1km in length.

When turning off Escort Way onto Reedy Creek Rd you will be on another fantastic section of gravel road. Going past unique farming land, including windmills, old wool sheds and vibrant canola fields, if riding at the right time of year.

Pay attention as along this section as you will be continuing straight from Reedy Creek Rd onto Mandagery Rd. Soon after this 'Y-junction' riders will be on Mandagery Rd where you will see the RFS station and the quaint rural Trinity Anglican Church.

Along Mandagery Rd the road is paved for a section and then after Staircase Rd, the road turns to back to gravel and the road becomes narrower, the width of one car, as you ride alongside the train tracks. Get ready for a short and sharp 1.5km climb along this section. Then descend back down to Amaroo Way, the same road you rode out on, before turning right and back into Cookamidgera.

From Cookamidgera you ride the same route back to Parkes and back to where you started from.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 2-2 : Cookamidgera/Mandagery Loop #1

85km with 781m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41242504>

Route 2-2 : Cookamidgera/ Mandagery Loop #1

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2-2 SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Playground on Flagstone Street Cookamidgera

<https://goo.gl/maps/RmJV8scroseuRQAPA>

It is a ~16km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this route.

More Info on Start Location : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cookamidgera,_New_South_Wales

Accommodation : Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Cookamidgera at the playground on Flagstone Street [MAP LINK](#)

Food : None available

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 24% v's 76%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

523m above sea-level at 78km / 286m above sea-level at 32km

Rating : 3.5 / 5

Timing : 4:15 @ 20 kph / 4:43 @ 18 kph / 5:18 @ 16 kph / 6:04 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheets : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Summary of Route 2-2

Cookamidgera is a lovely little village ~16km from Parkes. There is a playground and toilets available on Flagstone Street in Cookamidgera, see above for the links.

Leaving Cookamidgera you will soon be on Amaroo Way, which offers a great section including some climbing, cattle grid crossings and good gravel conditions.

~6km after leaving Cookamidgera riders will enjoy many kilometres of descending on your way along Amaroo Way. Riders will turn off Amaroo Way on Mackeys Creek Rd which will take you to Escort Way.

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Pay attention as along this section as you will be continuing straight from Reedy Creek Rd onto Mandagery Rd. Soon after this 'Y-junction' riders will be on Mandagery Rd where you will see the RFS station and Trinity Anglican Church.

Along Mandagery Rd the road is paved for a section and then after Staircase Rd, the road turns to back to gravel and the road becomes narrower, the width of one car, as you ride alongside the train tracks. Get ready for a short and sharp 1.5km climb along this section. Then descend back down to Amaroo Way, the same road you rode out on, before turning right and back into Cookamidgera, back to where you started from.

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Route 2-3 : Cookamidgera/Mandagery Loop #2

60km with 675m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41242531>

Route 2-3 : Cookamidgera/ Mandagery Loop #2

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2-3 SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Playground on Flagstone Street Cookamidgera

<https://goo.gl/maps/RmJV8scroseuRQAPA>

It is a ~16km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.

More Info on Start Location : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cookamidgera,_New_South_Wales

Accommodation : Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Cookamidgera at the playground on Flagstone Street [MAP LINK](#)

Food : None available

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 11% v's 89%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

523m above sea-level at 53km / 286m above sea-level at 25km

Rating : 3 / 5

Timing : 3:00 @ 20 kph / 3:20 @ 18 kph / 3:45 @ 16 kph / 4:17 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheets : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Summary of Route 2-3

Cookamidgera is a lovely little village ~16km from Parkes. There is a playground and toilets available on Flagstone Street in Cookamidgera, see above for the links.

Leaving Cookamidgera you will soon be on Amaroo Way, which offers a great section including some climbing, cattle grid crossings and good gravel conditions.

~6km after leaving Cookamidgera riders will enjoy many kilometres of descending on your way along Amaroo Way. Riders will turn off Amaroo Way @ ~23km onto the sublime Water Hole Creek Road. This ~20km section is another part of the Parkes gravel-wonderland. There is some climbing to be done on your way up to Mandagery but it is worth every pedal stroke.

@ ~43km turn left on Mandagery Rd where the road is paved for a section and then after Staircase Rd, the road turns to back to gravel and the road becomes narrower, the width of one car, as you ride alongside the train tracks. Get ready for a short and sharp 1.5km climb along this section. Then descend back down to Amaroo Way, the same road you rode out on, before turning right and back into Cookamidgera, back to where you started from.

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Route 2-4 : Cookamidgera/Mandagery (inc Eugowra) Loop #3

77km with 863m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41286634>

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2-4 SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Playground on Flagstone Street Cookamidgera

<https://goo.gl/maps/RmJV8scroseuRQAPA>

It is a ~16km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.

More Info on Start Location : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cookamidgera,_New_South_Wales

Accommodation : Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Cookamidgera at the playground on Flagstone Street [MAP LINK](#)

Plus toilets in Eugowra at Pioneer Park on Grevillea Ave [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Options in Eugowra

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 31% v's 69%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

523m above sea-level at 71km / 272m above sea-level at 32km

Rating : 3.25 / 5

Timing : 3:51 @ 20 kph / 4:17 @ 18 kph / 4:48 @ 16 kph / 5:30 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheets : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Summary of Route 2-4

Cookamidgera is a lovely little village ~16km from Parkes. There is a playground and toilets available on Flagstone Street in Cookamidgera, see above for the links.

Leaving Cookamidgera you will soon be on Amaroo Way, which offers a great section including some climbing, cattle grid crossings and good gravel conditions.

~6km after leaving Cookamidgera riders will enjoy many kilometres of descending on your way along Amaroo Way.

Amaroo Way will take you all the way to Eugowra where you can stop in at the Gentle Cow Cafe. Note, that this ~17km out and back section is all on paved road.

Route 2-4 :
Cookamidgera/Mandagery
inc Eugowra Loop #3

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When riding back up Amaroo Way, towards Cookamidgera, riders will turn right at ~40.5km onto the sublime Water Hole Creek Road. This ~20km section is another part of the Parkes gravel-wonderland. There is some climbing to be done on your way up to Mandagery but it is worth every pedal stroke.

@ ~61km turn left on Mandagery Rd where the road is paved for a section and then after Staircase Rd, the road turns to back to gravel and the road becomes narrow, the width of one car, as you ride alongside the train tracks. Get ready for a short and sharp 1.5km climb along this section. Then descend back down to Amaroo Way, the same road you rode out on, before turning right and back into Cookamidgera, back to where you started from.

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Route 3-1 : Parkes to Forbes

3-1 : 47km with 176m of ascent
Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41256504>

Route 3-1 : Parkes to Forbes

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— This loop can be done as two rides, breaking up the adventure with an overnight in Forbes OR for the more committed, as an epic one-day-loop. See below 3-2 for more details if completing this as a one-day loop.

3-2 : 48km with 307m of ascent
Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41256623>

This ride offers some fantastic pedalling, image wide open gravel roads, long straights with the road ending into the horizon and then the chance to spend the night in Forbes or just use this great regional town as a lunch and/or coffee spot before jumping back on your bike to head back to Parkes.

This is a family friendly loop.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Clarinda and Church Streets Parkes
<https://goo.gl/maps/y2CETexz59FV1QcN7>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/parkes/>

Accommodation :

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Stay in Forbes : <https://www.amazingforbesnsw.com/stay-in-forbes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Parkes : Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Forbes: Toilets on Lachlan Street in Forbes [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Many options in Parkes and Forbes

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Bike Shop / Servicing : Forbes : *note this is not an actual bike shop but may have spares for your bike*

SportsPower Forbes : +61 2 6851 2277 : 137 Rankin St, Forbes NSW 2871 : [MAP LINK](#)

Phone : There is coverage all the way for this route.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 32% v's 68%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

331m above sea-level at 0 & 2km / 236m above sea-level at 45km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Timing : 2:21 @ 20 kph / 2:36 @ 18 kph / 2:57 @ 16 kph / 3:22 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

Leaving Parkes you will head South, cross the train tracks and then ride along Fisher St which turns to Back Yamma Rd for the first ~5km. There are some turns, right and left, to take you off Back Yamma Rd before turning back onto this same road further down the track, at around ~17km.

Enjoy the section along the Welcome Rd which offers you a wide, straight and long open gravel road. Once back onto Back Yamma Rd you will make more turns on a number of different gravel roads as you head through Daroobalgie and onwards, and then predominately descending to Forbes.

The closer you get to Forbes you take a variety of paved and smaller gravel roads before reaching another train track on Herbert St. Then meander alongside Lake Forbes on Hill St and over the Camp St Bridge into Forbes. There are plenty of places to select coffee, lunch, dinner and/or accommodation.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 3-2 : Forbes to Parkes

3-2 : 48km with 307m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41256623>

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This is a family friendly loop.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish :

Corner of Lachlan and Court Streets Forbes

<https://goo.gl/maps/Wow9ghPKp2yrGh9Z6>

More Info Start Location : <https://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au/visitors>

Accommodation :

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Stay in Forbes : <https://www.amazingforbesnsw.com/stay-in-forbes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Parkes : Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Forbes: Toilets on Lachlan Street in Forbes [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Many options in Parkes and Forbes

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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Bike Shop / Servicing : Forbes : *note this is not an actual bike shop but may have spares for your bike*

SportsPower Forbes : +61 2 6851 2277 : 137 Rankin St, Forbes NSW 2871 : [MAP LINK](#)

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 44% v's 56%

Highest & Lowest Elevation : 343m above sea-level at 44km / 237m above sea-level at 0km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Timing : 2:24 @ 20 kph / 2:40 @ 18 kph / 3:00 @ 16 kph / 3:26 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Route 3-2 : Forbes to Parkes

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Notes :

It is time to finish the loop and head North to Parkes. Leaving Forbes you will be on a mix of paved and gravel roads as you keep to the West of the Newell Highway. There are more wide, straight and long open gravel roads on this route which are family friendly due to space and lack of traffic.

Some of the roads in the first ~22km you will be riding on are Daroobalgie, Hoopers, Allens and Calarie Rds. Once on Calarie Rd, which is another long and straight gravel road continue along until ~26km where you will turn on Warregal Rd which is paved but then turns back to gravel.

There are just a few more roads to take before reaching Parkes and by ~42km the gravel ends and you zig-zag along the paved roads back into Parkes where you started from either earlier that day or the day before.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 4-1 : Bogan Gate Loop #1

38km with 136m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41255274>



Route 4-1 : Bogan Gate Loop #1

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Time to explore more of the Parkes Shire - jump in your car and drive out to the tiny village of Bogan Gate (BG). Please do not ride out along Henry Parkes Way to BG - you can ride out along the quieter roads, anticipate 46km with 179m of ascent : <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41360864> : ONE WAY.

This loop is a family friendly - CARE must be used when crossing Henry Parkes Way.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Logan and Hutton Street, Bogan Gate NSW

<https://goo.gl/maps/g7t8PDVRBb7bqs7BA>

It is a ~37km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/bogan-gate/>

Accommodation :

Bogan Gate Pub/Motel : +61 2 6864 1106 : 45-47 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#)

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Toilets at Bogan Gate Pub. There are also BBQ facilities at Burrawang Park aka Bogan Gate Park : [MAP LINK](#).

Food : Bogan Gate Pub offer counter meals available for lunch and dinner most days : +61 2 6864 1106 : 45-47 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#)

Suggest calling ahead to confirm : Saturday and Sundays the Bogan Gate Arts and Crafts are open in the repurposed Railway Station building : +61 400 890 325 : 74 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#). Enjoy Devonshire Teas, locally made preserves and pickles, local art and fresh home cooking.

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

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

Paved v's un-paved : 19% v's 81%

Highest & Lowest Elevation : 254m above sea-level at 36km / 212m above sea-level at 20km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Timing : 1:54 @ 20 kph / 2:06 @ 18 kph / 2:23 @ 16 kph / 2:43 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

From Bogan Gate riders will head in the other direction from Henry Parkes Way and begin riding on gravel almost immediately. Enjoy the quintessential Australian bush which lines the gravel roads. Soon you will be on Leafy Tank Road and enjoying more quiet country roads.

Around ~5.5km into your ride you will have to cross Henry Parkes Way, please use caution crossing this busy (and fast) road. This is the main road which connects Parkes to Condobolin.

Stay on the gravel Leafy Tank Rd (Dry Weather Only Road) for some time, then at ~16km riders will turn left on Taylor Ln and for the next four roads, riders will be riding on long and straight sections of gravel road.

You are now riding through the great open plains of country NSW. Pedal along the roads of Monumea Gap, Carlachy Road then back onto Monumea Gap Road which lead you to Bedgerebong Road.

Once on Bedgerebong Rd you have ~5km before you complete the loop back towards Bogan Gate. Along this section you will be riding up a false flat (~1% gradient) on paved road for ~3km and then another ~3km down to Bogan Gate.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 4-2 : Bogan Gate Loop #2

68km with 196m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41256669>

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Time to explore more of the Parkes Shire - jump in your car and drive out to the tiny village of Bogan Gate (BG). Please do not ride out along Henry Parkes Way to BG - you can ride out along the quieter roads, anticipate 46km with 179m of ascent : <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41360864> : ONE WAY.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Logan and Hutton Street, Bogan Gate NSW

<https://goo.gl/maps/g7t8PDVrBb7bqs7BA>

It is a ~37km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/bogan-gate/>

Accommodation :

Bogan Gate Pub/Motel : +61 2 6864 1106 : 45-47 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#)

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Toilets at Bogan Gate Pub. There are also BBQ facilities at Burrawang Park aka Bogan Gate Park : [MAP LINK](#).

Food : Bogan Gate Pub offer counter meals available for lunch and dinner most days : +61 2 6864 1106 : 45-47 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#)

Suggest calling ahead to confirm : Saturday and Sundays the Bogan Gate Arts and Crafts are open in the repurposed Railway Station building : +61 400 890 325 : 74 Station St, Bogan Gate NSW 2876 : [MAP LINK](#). Enjoy Devonshire Teas, locally made preserves and pickles, local art and fresh home cooking.

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 26% v's 74%

Highest & Lowest Elevation : 254m above sea-level at 66km / 208m above sea-level at 24km

Rating : 3.5 / 5

Timing : 3:24 @ 20 kph / 3:46 @ 18 kph / 4:15 @ 16 kph / 4:52 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

From Bogan Gate riders will head in the other direction from Henry Parkes Way and begin riding on gravel almost immediately. Enjoy the quintessential Australian bush which lines the gravel roads. Soon you will be on Leafy Tank Road and enjoying more quiet country roads.

Around ~5.5km into your ride you will have to cross Henry Parkes Way, please use Caution crossing this busy (and fast) road. This is the main road which connects Parkes to Condobolin.

Stay on the gravel Leafy Tank Rd for some time (Dry Weather Only Road) and go over Gunningbland Creek. When you get to ~24km, you will reach Yarrabandai Rd where you will turn left and onto paved road.

Follow this road to Bollingers Lane where you turn left and then first right onto Scotts Rd. Follow the route along straight and long gravel sections.

You are now riding through the great open plains of country NSW. Pedal along the roads of Carlachy Road and onto Monumea Gap Road which takes you through to Bedgerebong Road.

Once on Bedgerebong Rd you have ~5km before you complete the loop back towards Bogan Gate. Along this section you will be riding up a false flat (~1% gradient) on paved road for ~3km and then another ~3km down to Bogan Gate.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 5 : The Dish Loop

55km with 384m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/40475727>

Visit the CSIRO - Parkes Observatory aka 'The Dish', aka Murriyang. This 64-metre radio telescope is famous for many reasons including its lifespan of +60 years! It is one of the largest single-dish telescopes in the southern hemisphere and it is dedicated to astronomy. Open 7 days a week, it is worth the ride to check-it-out. For more details : <https://www.csiro.au/en/about/facilities-collections/ATNF/Parkes-radio-telescope>

More information on all these routes can be found at the bottom of this section.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish :

Corner of Clarinda and Church Streets Parkes

<https://goo.gl/maps/y2CETexz59FV1QcN7>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/parkes/>

Accommodation :

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Many options in Parkes

Dish Cafe, Telescope Road, Parkes NSW : [MAP LINK](#)

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 41% v's 59%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

389m above sea-level at 53km / 312m above sea-level at 8km

Rating : 3.5 / 5

Timing : 2:45 @ 20 kph / 3:03 @ 18 kph / 3:26 @ 16 kph / 3:56 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Heading out from Parkes, riders will be going along the Newell Highway, the first ~2.4km is a climb and riders should use caution along this busier road. There is also a right turn which riders will need to make soon after passing the Parkes Visitor Information Centre.

After ~3km riders will be pedalling along some straight wide open gravel roads. To keep riders off the paved Renshaw McGirr Way (RMW) as much as possible we have added in a few little sections which also give you more gravel road experiences.

At ~8.5 and ~10km riders will go over Goobang Creek. If there has been recent heavy rains, there will be water across these weirs. By ~15km riders will be off RMW and along Oliveview Rd where you will first get

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sightings of the famous Dish. Continue along this section until you reach Telescope Rd which takes you straight past the CSIRO - Parkes Observatory (The Dish) at ~24km. Stop in for a coffee and a bite to eat at the Dish Cafe : [MAP LINK](#).

From here and with the Dish now in your 'rear-view-mirror' you will ride on a mix of paved and gravel roads. At ~30km, riders will turn left on to the Newell Highway (NH) for ~1km, please be careful. The riders turn right from NH onto Woods Lane. From here back to Parkes, riders are along quiet gravel roads until the intersection at ~45km when riders return left and onto Bogan Rd which is a paved road. Follow this all the way back to the NH ~52km and use the shoulder to ride back to where you started from in Parkes.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 6 : Peak Hill Loop

136km with 977m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41242719>

Yet another option to explore more of the Parkes Shire - jump in your car and drive out to the village of Peak Hill (PH). Please do not ride out along Newell Highway to PH. There is an option to ride there via the quieter roads. The suggested route for this is ~66km with 380m of ascent : <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41286815> : ONE WAY.

More information on all these routes can be found at the bottom of this section.

Route 6 : Peak Hill Loop

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Start and finish :

Peak Hill Memorial Park : Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869

<https://goo.gl/maps/hFy5QmWxbTGsMjek6>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/peak-hill/>

It is a ~49km drive to/from Parkes to the Start/Finish of this Route.



Accommodation :

Peak Hill : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/peak-hill-accomodation/>

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities : Toilets at Peak Hill Memorial Park : Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Toilets at Commercial Gardens : 106 Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Food : Many options in Peak Hill including hotels, cafés and clubs

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Peak Hill has phone coverage, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 13% v's 87%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :

496m above sea-level at various times / 268m above sea-level near the beginning and end of the route

Rating : 4.5 / 5

Timing : 6:48 @ 20 kph / 7:33 @ 18 kph / 8:30 @ 16 kph / 9:43 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a big ride! Make sure you are fully prepared for such an epic adventure before committing to the FULL loop.

If you are wanting a shorter loop, there are two options for a different start point:

1) Corner of Peak Hill Rd and Gullendah Rd, Baldry NSW 2867 : [MAP LINK](#) - new loop distance ~60km

2) Corner of Gullendah Rd and Hervey Rd, Baldry NSW 2867 : [MAP LINK](#) - new loop distance ~40km

When leaving Peak Hill you will take some back roads so as to stay off the Newell Highway as much as possible. There is some gravel to be ridden on from ~2.5km > ~7km before turning right onto the Newell Highway. Please use extreme caution as you ride the next ~3.5km along this section of road, there is a decent shoulder so keep left.

Once you turn onto Baldry-Peak Hill Road (BPHR) you will be on a nice and quiet road and onto gravel before you know it. Stay on BPHR as you twist, turn and go up and down this fantastic section towards the outstanding green mountain of Goobang National Park.

BRPH naturally turns to Peak Hill Rd at ~26km and riders continue to follow this section until ~38km where you turn left onto Gullendah Rd. This is another meandering section as you head North.

On this loop section of the ride, you will be going through some fantastic farming land which includes a lot of cattle farms. There will be gates and cattle grids. If you open any gate, please close immediately after passing through.

You will turn left onto Greenbah Creek Rd (GCR) @ ~47.5km and then head back towards the impressive Goobang National Park where the highest point is Caloma Lookout. Continue to ride along GCR and please pay attention as there can be washed out sections along this rarely used gravel road.

GCR finishes @ ~66km where you will turn right onto Gundong Rd and onto a paved road. Enjoy the ~5.5km of paved road before turning right onto Yooronga Rd, another brilliant gravel road. Head South until the intersection of Hervey Rd where you will again turn right @ ~81km.

Hervey Rd is top-shelf as it rolls through more beautiful farming land before turning right onto Gullendah Rd @ ~88km. This intersection should look familiar as you rode past this ~40km before. Now you are following the same roads in the reverse direction all the way back to Peak Hill.

When closer to Peak Hill, you will be back on the Newell Highway. Please use extreme caution as you ride the ~3.5km along this section of road, there is a decent shoulder so keep left.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 7-1 : Parkes to Trundle

63km with 241m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41247579>

This is the first part of a great BIG loop, taking in some of the best and open gravel sections in the Parkes Shire. Stopping in pubs and motels along the way, you can really experience a great escape on your bike with this three-day loop. See below 7-2 and 7-3 for the other sections to this BIG loop.

Route 7-2 : Trundle to Peak Hill

71km with 318m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41248488>

Route 7-3 : Peak Hill to Parkes

66km with 380m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41286815>

There are some great wide roads with not too many twists and turns to make the navigating simple. In the towns of Trundle and Peak Hill, your overnight locations, there are some excellent places to eat and other things to explore when off the bike.

The Trundle Hotel is a National Estate Listed building. It boasts having the longest verandah in NSW (87.6m) on the widest main street in NSW. While in Peak Hill there is the Peak Hill Open Cut Gold Mine.

This is a family friendly loop and ideal if you have e-bikes and/or if you as well as your children have a good level of fitness.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Clarinda and Church Streets Parkes

<https://goo.gl/maps/y2CETexz59FV1QcN7>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/parkes/>

Accommodation :

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

The Trundle Hotel : +61 2 6892 1009 : 22 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875 [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/peak-hill-accomodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Parkes : Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Trundle : Toilets at Berryman Park in Trundle [MAP LINK](#)

Food :

Parkes : Many options in Parkes

Trundle : Trundle Hotel : 22 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875, Australia : [MAP LINK](#)

Trundle : Trundle Butchers Brew : 50 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875, Australia : [MAP LINK](#)

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Paved v's un-paved : 31% v's 69%

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Highest & Lowest Elevation :351m above sea-level at 2.4km / 248m above sea-level at 61km

Rating : 3 / 5

Timing : 3:09 @ 20 kph / 3:30 @ 18 kph / 3:56 @ 16 kph / 4:30 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

Leaving Parkes you will head North-West along paved roads. Soon after the Parkes Gun Club the road will turn to gravel as you ride along Back Trundle Road (BTR), this road is FAR from straight but it stays as BTR as it weaves through the farming lands until you get back onto paved roads at 58km, just shy of ~5km before reaching the town of Trundle.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 7-2 : Trundle to Peak Hill

7-2 : 71km with 318m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41248488>

This is the second section of a great BIG loop, taking in some of the best and open gravel sections in the Parkes Shire. Stopping in pubs and motels along the way, you can really experience a great escape on your bike with this three day loop. See below 7-1 & 7-3 for the other sections of this BIG loop.

Route 7-1 : Parkes to Trundle

63km with 241m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41247579>

Route 7-3 : Peak Hill to Parkes

66km with 380m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41286815>

There are some great wide roads with not too many twists and turns to make the navigating simple. In the towns of Trundle and Peak Hill, your overnight locations, there are some excellent places to eat and other things to explore when off the bike.

The Trundle Hotel is a National Estate Listed building. It boasts having the longest verandah in NSW (87.6m) on the widest main street in NSW. While in Peak Hill there is the Peak Hill Open Cut Gold Mine.

This is a family friendly loop and ideal if you have e-bikes and/or if you as well as your children have a good level of fitness.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Cantrill and Forbes Streets Trundle

<https://goo.gl/maps/hfn7EWAywymf6uhZ8>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/trundle/>

Accommodation :

The Trundle Hotel : +61 2 6892 1009 : 22 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875 [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/peak-hill-accomodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Trundle : Toilets at Berryman Park in Trundle [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : Toilets at Peak Hill Memorial Park : Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : Toilets at Commercial Gardens : 106 Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Food :

Trundle : Trundle Hotel : 22 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875, Australia : [MAP LINK](#)

Trundle : Trundle Butchers Brew : 50 Forbes St, Trundle NSW 2875, Australia : [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : Many options in Peak Hill including Hotels, cafés and clubs

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

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Paved v's un-paved : 21% v's 79%

Highest & Lowest Elevation :315m above sea-level at 35km / 251m above sea-level at 0km

Rating : 3.5 / 5

Timing : 3:33 @ 20 kph / 3:57 @ 18 kph / 4:26 @ 16 kph / 5:04 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

When leaving Trundle you will head North along Forbes Road before turning left just before 2km. This first intersection is a little complex so pay attention as you turn from Forbes Road, which turns to The Bogan Way, onto Numalla Road and then onto Bruie Plains Road (BPR). While along BPR you will be on paved roads until ~8km when it turns to gravel. This is a road similar to BTR which is FAR from straight as it meanders through more beautiful countryside along wide open and quiet gravel roads.

Just after ~21km, you will turn right onto Boorr Hill Road for a short period of time before the road turns back to BPR at ~22km. By ~27.5km you finally turn right off BPR and onto Collingwood Lane (CL). The next few roads which include CL, Coradgery Boundary Trail, Riverview Lane and Bogan Road have some long straight gravel sections as you meander North.

By ~52km you have reached Peak Hill-Tullamore Road and turn right, back onto paved road. This is just for a short period of ~4km before you turn right onto Trewilga Road then Attwells Lane @ ~63.5km which takes you into the back of Peak Hill and onto paved roads.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. Make sure you go through the '**Cycling Check List**' below.

Route 7-3 : Peak Hill to Parkes

66km with 380m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41286815>

This is the third section of a great BIG loop, taking in some of the best and open gravel sections in the Parkes Shire. Stopping in pubs and motels along the way, you can really experience a great escape on your bike with this three-day loop. See below 7-1 and 7-2 for the other sections of this BIG loop.

Route 7-1 : Parkes to Trundle

63km with 241m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41247579>

Route 7-2 : Trundle to Peak Hill

71km with 318m of ascent

Map, Cue-Sheet, Elevation Profile and GPX :

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41248488>

There are some great wide roads with not too many twists and turns to make the navigating simple. Peak Hill is your overnight location and there are some excellent places to eat and other things to explore when off the bike.

While in Peak Hill there is the Peak Hill Open Cut Gold Mine and Australia's first upright wheat silos.

This is a family friendly loop and ideal if you have e-bikes and/or if you as well as your children have a good level of fitness.

More information on all these routes can be found at the bottom of this section.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Corner of Ween and Caswell Streets Peak Hill

<https://goo.gl/maps/R1WjfDDHv21iAtNJ9>

More Info on Start Location : <https://visitparkes.com.au/plan/our-towns/peak-hill/>

Accommodation :

Peak Hill : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/peak-hill-accomodation/>

Visit Parkes : <https://visitparkes.com.au/stay/parkes-accommodation/>

Bathrooms / Facilities :

Peak Hill : Toilets at Peak Hill Memorial Park : Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Peak Hill : Toilets at Commercial Gardens : 106 Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW 2869 - [MAP LINK](#)

Parkes : Toilets on Church Street in Parkes at the bus stop [MAP LINK](#)

Food :

Peak Hill : Many options in Peak Hill including Hotels, cafés and clubs

Parkes : Many options in Parkes

Bike Shop / Servicing : Parkes

Kinsela Cycles : +61 2 6862 1800 : kinsela.com.au 41 - 43 Welcome St PARKES NSW 2870 : [MAP LINK](#)

Bicky's Cycling Shed : **SERVICING ONLY** : +61 429 829 939 : 1 Highland Avenue Parkes NSW 2870

Phone : Coverage in and around Parkes and it's villages is good, however you will notice limited coverage in certain areas travelling in between townships, see 'Cycling Check List' which lists the major mobile phone carriers coverage maps.

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

Route 7-3 : Peak Hill to Parkes

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Paved v's un-paved : 26% v's 74%

Highest & Lowest Elevation : 395m above sea-level at 37.5km / 270m above sea-level at 2.4km

Rating : 3 / 5

Timing : 3:18 @ 20 kph / 3:40 @ 18 kph / 4:08 @ 16 kph / 4:43 @ 14 kph

Cue-sheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes :

When leaving Peak Hill you will take some back roads so as to stay off the Newell Highway as much as possible. There is some gravel to be ridden on from ~2.5km > ~7km before turning right onto the Newell Highway. Please use extreme caution as you ride the next ~3.5km along this section of road, there is a decent should so keep left.

Once you turn onto Baldry-Peak Hill Road (BPHR) you will be on a nice and quiet road and onto gravel before you know it. Stay on BPHR until ~19km when you will turn right onto Kadina Road. This is another long and straight gravel road which leads you to the very small town of Alectown.

You get close to the Newell Highway but you will turn left on Cross Street which turns to Dwyers Road. This is a lovely section of road which meanders South and takes you closer and closer to 'The Dish' which will soon come into view. @ ~41.5km you turn off Dwyers Rd and head towards Telescope Rd which turns to pavement.

@ ~45km you will go past the CSIRO Parkes Observatory (The Dish) where you can stop at the Dish Cafe or just pull in to take some photos. When you depart you will be back on gravel as you ride along Telescope Rd then Oliveview Road which takes you to Renshaw McGirr Way @ ~54.5km. This can be a busier road so please keep left as you ride the ~4km along this section before turning right onto Maguire Road and back onto gravel.

You are on one quieter road back towards Parkes before riding along the Newell Highway for the last few kilometres, which has a good shoulder. These roads will take you back to where you started from just three days ago on this epic journey.

Please take note that after any major rain, flooding may affect this route - check local Council websites. 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
- If you open any gates, please close them immediately once you pass through them
- 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
- Carry spare tubes, tyre levers, pump and multi-tool at a minimum
- Always carry enough water, food and sunscreen 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 in NSW Forestry and on country gravel roads
- Check local Council websites for information about Road Closures including:
 - <https://www.parkes.nsw.gov.au/>
 - <https://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au/>
 - <https://www.cabonne.nsw.gov.au/>
- Phone coverage is not always available, but a well charged phone should be carried in case of emergency
- Mobile phone coverage providers:
 - Telstra : <https://www.telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/our-coverage>
 - Optus : <https://www.optus.com.au/living-network/coverage>
 - Vodafone : <https://www.vodafone.com.au/network/coverage-checker>