

CAIRN CURRAN LOOP

Difficulty:	Moderate
Distance:	48 km
Vertical Metres:	429 m
Type:	Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [0.7].

Detailed Route

From the Post Office at the corner of Francis Street and High Street in Maldon, take High Street downhill following the signs to Newstead. Ignoring the left hand turn to Castlemaine [0.7], stay on the Maldon - Newstead road through Welshman's Reef until you arrive at Newstead [13.5] where you will meet the Pyrenees Highway (B180). Turn right, ride through the township of Newstead and cross the Loddon River, staying on the Pyrenees Highway. There are several good cafés in Newstead and other shops where you can obtain food & drink.

Stay on the B180 following the signs to Maryborough. It can carry a fair amount of traffic but there is a shoulder on the road to assist cyclists. You will cross Joyce's Creek where it flows into Cairn Curran Reservoir. Immediately after you cross Joyce's Creek, turn right onto the Joyce's Creek-Baringhup Rd [20.5]. Follow this road keeping the lake on your right-hand side. Without deviating from the bitumen, it turns into Boundary Rd as it leaves the side of Cairn Curran. You will arrive at a crossroad and you take a right- hand turn onto Moolort-Baringhup Road [30.3].

Follow the Moolort-Baringhup Road until a T-intersection where you meet the Baringhup-Maryborough Rd [35.3]. Turn right and follow this road through the township of Baringhup, where you can get drinks and some food at the Store. Ride on until you reach a T-intersection, where you will meet the Maldon-Bridgewater Road [42.2]. Turn right and climb back into Maldon [47.7].

Note:

This loop can be done in either direction - check the wind direction before deciding! Hint – the western side of the lake is very open.