

## **DARKY'S HUT AND ROCK OF AGES**

Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 10 km

Elevation gain: 199 m

Type: Gravel roads & bitumen (55% unpaved)

The approximate distance from the start is shown in km as [2.2].

### **Detailed Route:**

From the Post Office cross High Street, take Francis Street east to the T-intersection [0.1]. Turn left into Templeton St (not signed) and head north for 600 m. Turn right at the former Bushell's Milk Bar into Adair Street. In another 200 m turn left into Church Street and cross Lowther Street at the Give Way sign (C283). Continue up over the hill to Davies Lane [2.2km] where you turn left.

Stay on Davies Lane, ignoring the nearby intersection and sign to 'Rock of Ages', as you will return down that track later. Note: at this corner Davies Lane sign is also signposted as Jones Track. After steadily climbing along Davies Lane, you arrive at a junction where Davies Lane / Jones Track and Nuggetty Track converge [3.5]. From this point either ride or walk north-east, taking the track on the left, the short distance to Darky's Hut [3.6]. From Darky's Hut you get a majestic view towards the North. Photo of Darky's Hut below.

Returning to the Jones Track / Nuggetty Track junction [3.8], head south-west on Nuggetty Track (with great views on your right) back to a point where it meets Rock of Ages Track [4.6]. At this junction turn right and follow Rock of Ages Track to the end near the Rock of Ages (not sign-posted) [5.6]. Walk 50 metres to the viewing area with looking west over the Cemetery, the Prison and Mount Tarrengower.

Retrace your path back along Rock of Ages Track to Nuggetty Track [6.5], continuing on Rock of Ages Track to Davies Lane / Jones Track [7.1]. Turn right onto Davies Lane and shortly left onto Church Street. Follow this road (ignoring the turn-off to Bells Reef Road), where it becomes Reef Street. Continue down the hill to Allens Road at a Give Way sign [8.4]. Cross over and follow Reef Street to a T-intersection where it meets the Maldon-Bendigo Road. Turn right down Main Street. At the end of Main Street turn right onto High Street and the Post Office will be on your left [9.8].

