



G6. MUCKLEFORD FOREST: WESTONS TRACK - TUNNEL TRACK

Difficulty: Medium
Distance: 28.5 km
Vertical Metres: 283 m
Type: Gravel (87% unpaved).

The approximate distance from the start is shown in km as [1.0].

Short Description:

A slightly longer ride on gravel tracks past the North British Mine site and then through the Muckleford Nature Conservation Reserve, passing an old mining tunnel, and returning via the Maldon Historic Reserve.

Elevation Profile:



Detailed Route:

From Maldon Post Office turn right down High St and take C283 Newstead Rd south out of Maldon. Turn right into Parkins Reef Rd [1.0] (CAUTION) and follow on the bitumen past the ruins of North British Mine on the left. Turn left on the gravel Parkins Reef Rd South [2.5]. After 500 m the road forks; keep right and continue on Parkins Reef Rd South. At the crossroad take a left turn to Western Tk [4.7]. Proceed down this stony track and turn left into Sells Lane [5.2], which is followed for 2.3 km to the intersection with Maldon-Newstead Rd (C283) [7.5]. Continue straight ahead (CARE) into Barham Rd and turn right across Sandy Creek at the ford (CARE) [8.4]. Follow the track to the right onto Sandy Creek Rd [8.5] and continue for 300 m before turning left into Mia Mia Track [8.8].

Cross over Pullans Rd [10.1] and immediately verge right into Jamies Tk which is followed until a left turn into the short link to Westons Tk is reached [11.9]. After 100 m, turn right into Westons Tk [12.0] and continue for 1.4 km to Mia Mia Tk [13.4]. Turn right and proceed in a southerly direction to Bells Lane Tk [14.4]. Turn left into Bells Lane Tk and follow for 1.3 km to Telecom Tk [15.7]. Head north along Telecom Tk, crossing the dry creek bed [16.0] and after 50 m, turn right into Tunnel Tk.

Follow this track uphill, passing the disused mining tunnel on the right [17.0], and continue on Tunnel Tk over the intersection with Break Tk [17.1]. Swing right at the next intersection [17.3]. Follow the undulating track, passing a waterhole on the left [18.0]. After a long downhill section Pullans Rd is reached [19.5]. Proceed across Pullans Rd into Nevilles Tk. After 1.8 km, Maldon-Castlemaine Rd is reached [21.3]. Cross with care into Smiths Reef Tk, and continue for 1.1 km before turning left into Tatt Town Track [22.4]. Stay on this track for 3 km, until it joins Railway Tk [25.4]. Merge left onto Railway Track and continue until it joins the sealed Maldon Tip Rd [25.9]. Continue on, and cross Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283), into Hornsby Street (CARE). From here follow the Castlemaine-Maldon rail trail markers back into Maldon to the starting point [28.5].