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RUSHWORTH WHROO RETURN BIKE RIDE - 14.5 KMS



TRACK NOTES

Site	Km	Description
1	0.0	Shire Hall. To the south of the hall was the original Gold Commissioner's camp - the start of the town. Richard Horne was an early commissioner.
2	3.3	From this point onwards, you can see a number of areas that are still leased to the Jones family. These are regularly harvested to provide the raw material for the eucalyptus oil production. The leaves are dried in the area near the still until they are ready for processing. There are many cherry ballart trees on this section of the road - a bushy small tree with native "cherries". Good bush tucker!
3	6.9	Whroo-Rushworth Rd. Check out the information board on your left. Dog-leg right then left into Balaclava Hill is on your right as you ride up the hill, the site of a fabulously rich gold mine. Gold was discovered here in 1853.
4	7.6	Whroo reserve. This was the centre of a thriving gold-mining town in the 1800s. There are public toilets and tourist information here. Walk up and check out the open cut mine. Non-native species appear in this area - sugar gums, pines, fruit trees and peppercorn trees.
5	8.8	As you ride along Green's Road, you will notice grass trees, particularly on the left hand side of the road. Stop and have a wander around these amazing plants. There is also a lot of grevillea alpina on either side of the road, a small shrub that has spectacular flowers in spring. There are other heathland plants to explore in this area.
6	11.0	Halfway dam. Stop and listen to the frogs going off in the dam.
7	12.1	Back on the bike trail, and you will notice some large, almost white-trunked trees. These are yellow gums, or colloquially, white ironbarks. Look for white cypress daisy bushes, hop bushes, correas, grey everlastings and brachyscomb.
8	13.6	This is the original Rushworth cemetery used from the start of the gold rush in 1853 until 1861 when the existing cemetery was established. There are no known records of burials in this cemetery.
9	14.3	Check out the area around the historic St Paul's Anglican church, which is open daily. There is also another information board on the road about the "whistle stop", part of the series that you have already seen an example of out at Whroo.

Disclaimers:

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Some portions of this track contain uphill ascents and rough terrain so it is not recommended for the elderly, people with health problems or small children.

This track is not signposted so it is recommended a topographic map or other navigation device be used in conjunction with this map.

Please ensure that suitable headgear is worn when attempting this bike ride.

Adequate water should be taken especially during the summer.

Please note there are many abandoned mine shafts in the forest and care must be taken when venturing off designated tracks.



Road Crossing, watch for cars



Designated Bicycle Track



Toilets



Point of Interest

A short dog leg here over the main road to take you to Whroo

Turn left here onto Greens Road

Here you turn into and follow Cheongs Road

Either continue along the Bike Trail or turn left then right onto the main road for a smoother ride back to Rushworth

Turn right here onto the Bike Trail just before the main road

