

TIANJARA FALLS – POINTER GAP – BENDALONG

Start Point:	Tianjara Falls, Morton National Park
Map Ref:	UD B8
Ride Finishes:	Washerwoman's Beach, Bendalong
Map Ref:	UD J17
Total Distance:	54.3 kms
Degree of Difficulty:	Hard
Bike Recommended:	MTB
Cautions:	Rough rocky tracks; Traffic on Porters Creek Dam, Bendalong Rds
Allow:	Six hours

- kms**
- 0.0 Leave Tianjara Falls – back along Braidwood Rd towards the coast.
 - 1.4 Turn **RIGHT** onto [TWELVE MILE FIRE TRAIL]. Rough, rocky track through low scrub and heath land.
 - 8.7 Turn **RIGHT** at T-junction. [TIANJARA FIRE TRAIL]. Steep, rocky, rough.
 - 14.0 High point near *Mt Tianjara*. Extensive views to the west. Track rough, steep.
 - 19.0 *Narrow Neck*. Views west and to the coast.
 - 21.7 *The Ravines* (straight, vertical gaps in the rock formation). Extensive views.
 - 23.2 Swing **LEFT**. *Mt Bushwalker* walking track on right. Track surface improves.
 - 27.2 Turn **LEFT**. (Porters Ck Dam Rd). Becomes formed gravel road.
 - 28.8 Turn **RIGHT** – [POINTER GAP LOOKOUT]. Track to lookout steep up.
 - 29.6 *Pointer Gap Lookout* – sweeping views to coast. Return to road – turn **RIGHT**.
 - 30.5 Begin steep down for 2.5 km, some bitumen. **Caution:** watch for vehicles and hairpin bends.
 - 35.9 Turn **LEFT** onto [GALAGAROO RD]. Rough fire trail, steep up and down.
 - 39.7 Turn **RIGHT** at [ROCKY RIDGE RD] intersection. Rocky, rough fords.
 - 41.7 Turn **RIGHT** onto [MARTINS RIDGE RD].
 - 42.0 Princes Hwy. Turn **RIGHT**.
 - 44.3 Turn **LEFT** into [MURRAYS RD]. Downhill, bitumen for 1.4 km.
 - 43.7 Cross bridge, turn **RIGHT**, begin 2 km steep climb on narrow gravel road.
 - 45.7 Turn **RIGHT**. Good bitumen road, some sealed shoulders, traffic.
 - 53.7 **Bendalong**. Turn **LEFT** – [MAPLE ST]. General Store straight through 100 m.
 - 54.3 Turn **RIGHT**. *Washerwoman's Beach*. End of Ride. Toilets, water, shower, shelter, picnic tables, surf beach.

Public Toilets: Bendalong only.
Shops/Facilities/Water: Bendalong only.
Bike Shops, emergency spares: Closest Ulladulla (see p 6).
Variations on this route/alternative activities:
 1. Riding back to Tianjara Falls by any of the available routes is recommended only for the very fit and experienced cyclist.



Another classic (and challenging) full-day mountain bike ride from deep in Morton National Park to the beach at Bendalong. The first 23 km is very hard cycling, but the views and the geological formations on the Tianjara Fire Trail (closed to vehicles) are absolutely stunning. After Pointer's Gap Lookout, you plunge deep into the bush (much of it rain forest) again, before a hard climb up to the bitumen and an easy run to the beach. Tianjara 8927-1-S (1:25 000 Topographical Map) is useful for detail.