

CUDMIRRAH TO WALTER HOOD MONUMENT AND RETURN

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| Start Point: | Reserve on Goonawarra Drive Reserve, by Swan Lake at Cudmirrah |
| Map Ref: | UD F17 |
| Ride Finishes: | The same, beside Swan Lake at Cudmirrah |
| Total Distance: | 23.2 kms |
| Degree of Difficulty: | Medium Hard |
| Bike Recommended: | MTB |
| Cautions: | Creek crossings, wet weather |
| Allow: | Three hours for return trip in good dry conditions |

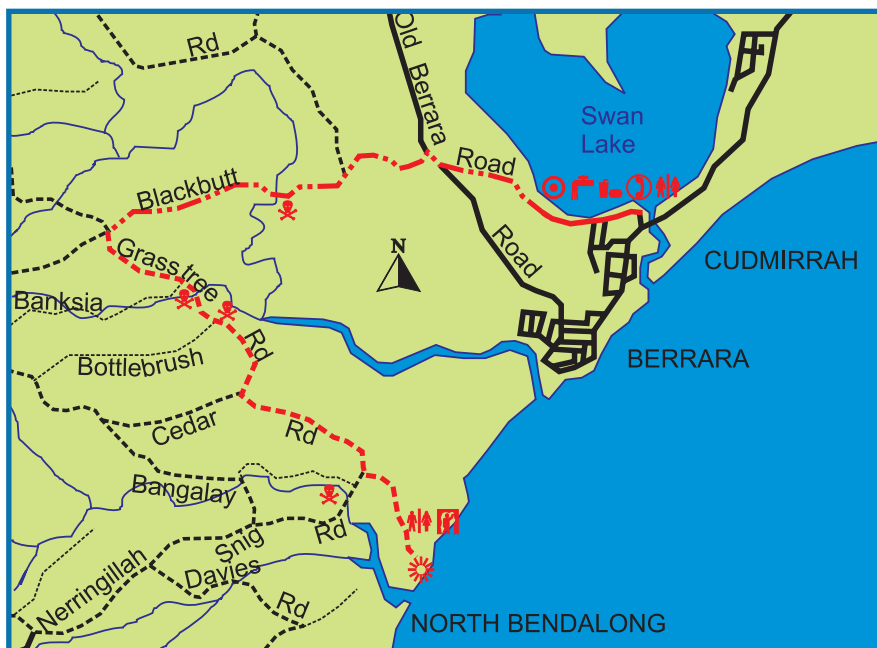
kms

- 0.0 Go west on Goonawarra Dr from picnic reserve on Swan Lake at Cudmirrah, opposite the general store.
- 0.6 Bitumen ends – gravel fire trail; be careful of potholes, washways.
- 0.8 Enter [CUDMIRRAH NATIONAL PARK] – track steadily climbs.
- 2.4 Turn **LEFT** – still climbing.
- 3.3 Gravel Pit – keep **LEFT** on formed road – follow [BLACK-BUTT RD] sign.
- 4.3 Concrete ford – always some water (and potholes!) – steep climb out.
- 6.2 Turn **LEFT** – [GRASSTREE RD] – steady uphill continues.
- 7.3 Cross very rough ford; boggy in wet weather.
- 7.6 Keep **LEFT** – (Bottlebrush Rd

- on right) – 200 m down to similar rough ford.
- 8.8 Turn hard **LEFT** – [CUDMIRRAH NATIONAL PARK] sign.
- 10.5 Turn **LEFT** under powerlines – keep **LEFT** at [CUDMIRRAH NP] sign.
- 11.6 **Walter Hood Monument.** Pit toilet, shelter, water (better to boil it), Information, picnic area, access to coast.
- Return to Cudmirrah by the same route.**
- 23.2 Picnic Reserve, Swan Lake, Cudmirrah. Toilets, tables, water, wood BBQs. Telephones, general store across the road. End of ride.

Public Toilets: Cudmirrah, Walter Hood Monument.

Shops/Facilities/Water: Cudmirrah only.



Bike Shops, emergency spares:
 Closest Sussex Inlet
 (see p 6).

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

1. At low tide it may be possible to cycle back to Cudmirrah along the beach. From the Monument, follow the walking track north, find your way across the rocks (difficult in places) and onto the beach. After approximately 1 km, cross Berrara Creek, cycle through the Caravan Park, and follow the coast to Collier Dr and back to Swan Lake. Total return distance is only about 5 kms.

A short but challenging mountain bike ride which explores the coastal forests south of Sussex Inlet. There are a number of creeks. The crossings and other parts of the track can be difficult. You visit the bay where the "Walter Hood" was wrecked in 1870, with thirteen people lost. Do not venture into the area in wet weather – the creeks quickly fill and the clay soil makes for very difficult cycling.