

CUDMIRRAH – WALTER HOOD MONUMENT – BENDALONG AND RETURN THROUGH CUDMIRRAH STATE FOREST

Start Point: Reserve by Swan Lake, on Goonawarra Dr., Cudmirrah
Map Ref: UD F17
Ride Finishes: The same Reserve, by Swan Lake
Total Distance: 40.6 kms
Degree of Difficulty: Medium Hard
Bike Recommended: MTB
Cautions: Creek crossings, wet weather
Allow: Five hours in good dry conditions

- 0.0 Leave picnic reserve, Swan Lake, Cudmirrah on Goonawarra Dr. **Follow detailed directions Ride A21.**
- 10.5 Turn **LEFT** under powerlines – keep **LEFT** at [CUDMIRRAH NP] sign.
- 11.6 **Walter Hood Monument.** Pit toilet, shelter, water (better boiled), Information.
- 12.7 Return to Monument turnoff under powerlines – turn **LEFT**.
- 12.9 Turn **RIGHT** on narrow, single track – little used, fallen trees, rough log bridges over creeks (walk across!), slow hard going. This track avoids a long difficult ford.
- 14.4 Turn **LEFT** and cross creek. Possible to get across without getting your feet wet!
- 15.0 Turn **RIGHT**.
- 16.1 Turn **LEFT** into [DAVIES RD]; 1 km on keep **RIGHT**.
- 17.8 Turn **RIGHT**.
- 18.3 Turn **LEFT** onto narrow track.
- 19.7 **North Bendalong;** houses, bitumen starts [FIRE ROAD BROKEN].
- 19.9 Turn **RIGHT** – 800 m on come to surf beach – shelter, toilets, picnic area, shower.
- *21.2 **Bendalong.** Turn **RIGHT** to start return journey. General Store, phone to left.
- 30.9 Turn **RIGHT** onto gravel [CEDAR RD] after long steady climb on bitumen.

- 32.2 Swing **LEFT** onto [BLACKBUTT RD] – generally down (and rough in places).
- 36.1 Steep rough down to concrete ford – always some water (and potholes!).
- 37.1 Through gravel pit – follow formed track.
- 38.2 Swing **RIGHT**, then keep to **LEFT** track 200 m further on.
- 40.0 Bitumen begins, houses – **Cudmirrah.**
- 40.6 Picnic Reserve, Swan Lake, Cudmirrah. Toilets, tables, water, wood BBQs. Telephones, general store across the road. End of ride.

Public Toilets: Walter Hood Monument, Bendalong Beach, Cudmirrah.

Shops/Facilities/Water: Cudmirrah, Bendalong.

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

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

- *1. Bendalong has a large Tourist/Caravan Park. Spend the night here and explore further along this part of the coast.



A varied mountain bike ride which explores the coastal forests between Sussex Inlet and Bendalong. The riding is challenging enough. Close to the coast, there are many creeks to be crossed. Further inland, the hills are steep. You visit the site of the Walter Hood wreck – see Ride A21. Do not venture into the area in wet weather – the creeks quickly fill and the clay soil makes cycling very difficult.