

TIANJARA FALLS – BOYD LOOKOUT – CUDMIRRAH

A great one-way mountain bike ride from deep in Morton National Park along fire trails to the coast at Cudmirrah (near Sussex Inlet). The first 15 kms to Boyd Lookout is hard, slow going – then it is down hill along well-maintained fire trails most of the way to Cudmirrah. These tracks are, however, very clayey in patches, and make for very difficult, slippery cycling after rain.

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 **LEFT** at T-junction. (Tianjara Fire trail to right). Now rocky, very rough and steep down for 1.2 kms.
- 9.9 Cross rocky ford.
- 11.1 Very rough ford, very large potholes.
Caution: impassable after heavy rain.
- 14.7 Turn **RIGHT** into [BOYD LOOKOUT]. Extensive views over the coastal plain, the sea, and St Georges Basin. Walking track to picnic area (off road below).
- *15.1 Back at Twelve Mile Rd – turn **RIGHT** and start steep down. Caution: rough narrow descent. Now be wary of occasional traffic until you reach Princes Hwy.
- 15.5 Picnic tables, wood BBQs, pit toilet.
- 15.6 Steep, rough down for 1 km, then fast steady downhill formed gravel to highway.
- 22.9 Give way sign, Princes Hwy. Straight across onto [MONDAYONG RD].
- 24.2 Keep **LEFT** on Mondayong Forest Rd.
- 26.0 Keep **LEFT**. Peppermint Rd on right. Good cycling, gentle downhill.
- 28.1 Turn **RIGHT** into [SLATYBOX RD].
- 29.1 Swing **RIGHT** keeping on [SLATYBOX RD].
- 29.4 Sheoak Rd comes in on right. Ignore other tracks coming in on right and left. Track has now deteriorated, wash-aways, very muddy in wet weather.

Start Point:	Tianjara Falls, Morton National Park
Map Ref:	UD B8
Ride Finishes:	Swan Lake, Cudmirrah
Map Ref:	UD F17
Total Distance:	37 kms
Degree of Difficulty:	Medium Hard to Hard
Bike Recommended:	MTB
Cautions:	Steep, rough descents, fords on Twelve Mile Rd impassable after heavy rain
Allow:	At least four hours in good, dry conditions

- 33.3 Gravel Pit, rough trail bike area. Find your way to other side of gravel pit and turn **LEFT** onto the only formed track, Blackbutt Rd.
- 34.5 Swing **RIGHT**, then keep to left track 200m further on.
- 36.3 Bitumen begins, houses – **Cudmirrah**.
- 36.9 Picnic Reserve, Swan Lake, Cudmirrah. Toilets, tables, water, wood BBQs. Telephones, general store across the road. End of ride.

Public Toilets: Boyd Lookout, Cudmirrah.

Shops/Facilities/Water: Cudmirrah only.

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

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

1. Riding back to Tianjara Falls by any of the available routes recommended only for the very fit and experienced cyclist.
- *2. Check out Granite Falls, just after Boyds Lookout.

