

# Cooktown Cycling Trails

## Route 1 - Cooktown Circuit

Adelaide Street - Boundary St - Mclvor Rd (Cemetery) - Mason St - Savage St - Hope St - Ida St - May St - Charles St - Garden St - Power St - Howard St - Garden St - Walker St



### start

Begin at the junction of Adelaide St and Charlotte St in Bicentennial Park.

Continue along Adelaide St to Hogg St where the Scenic Rim walk marker leads to the old Laura train stock, then follow the old railway line on a rough ungraded track through mangroves and over the salt flats to the cemetery.

This option is only possible at **LOW TIDE** and the final section to the cemetery passes through a tea tree forest which crosses several shallow trenches so caution is required.

At **HIGH TIDE** Continue along Adelaide St to Boundary St. Left turn into Boundary St up to roundabout then take cycle path along Mclvor Rd to the cemetery.



### bike & hike

Walk through Cooktown Cemetery

Take time to wander through the Cooktown cemetery which is the final resting place for the people of many nationalities, religions and cultures that lived in this remote pioneering town.



Continue back to a right turn into Mason St then follow until turning left into Savage St. At the end of Savage St cross over to Hope St, turn right past the hospital into Ida St then right again into May St. You will pass the impressive Old Hospital building (now Kingdom Hall) on your left side. When turning left onto Charles St you will pass the Community Events Centre.

Take time for a dip at the public swimming pool then left turn into Garden St and at the end cross over into Power St. Continue along Power St then left turn into Howard St followed by a right turn into Garden St then through a small gully before a right turn into Walker St.

Continue along Walker St then left turn into Botanic Gardens and stroll through the relaxing surroundings. Stop for lunch at Vera's Café and find info on local tours and attractions at Nature's Powerhouse VIC.



### bike & hike

Take the Scenic Rim walking trail to Finch Bay or Cherry Tree Bay.

A lovely walking trail from the Botanic Gardens passes through thick forest down to the expansive beach at Finch Bay. Allow 1 hour for the 1.7 km return walk.

A separate marked trail forks off to the secluded beach at Cherry Tree Bay offering magnificent coastal views (0.9 km, approx 45 minutes from Finch Bay). This section is narrow and steep in parts and requires a reasonable level of fitness.



Alternatively, return via Walker St, cross over Hope St then right turn into Helen St. Visit the fascinating James Cook Museum then turn left down to Charlotte St.

Right turn, then cycle past several heritage listed buildings, (include a stop at the not to be missed displays at the History Centre), before finishing your ride at the wharf where you can take in the views with a refreshing drink.



### start per route 1 to walker st

Then right turn at Junction Walker / Hope Sts to continue along Hope St and up Grassy Hill.



### bike & hike

Follow the Scenic Rim walking trail to Cherry Tree Bay.

Half way up Grassy Hill a signed walking trail passes through open forest before descending to the small secluded beach at Cherry Tree Bay.



Cycle back down Grassy Hill then turn right into Green St, then a right turn onto Charlotte St and end your ride at the wharf.

## Route 2 - Mount Cook Extension

Adelaide St - Boundary St - Mclvor Rd (Cemetery) - Mason St - Savage St - Charles St



### start per route 1 to charles st

Then continue straight past the swimming pool until joining up with Melaleuca St (dirt track). Continue down Melaleuca St to the base of Mount Cook.



### bike & hike

Link to Scenic Rim walking trail up Mount Cook

Or cycle along Melaleuca St back to Parkinson St. Turn right then left turn into Ida St. Right turn into Power St and continue as per ROUTE 1.

## Route 3 - Grassy Hill Climb

Adelaide Street - Boundary St - Mclvor Rd (Cemetery) - Mason St - Savage St - Hope St - Ida St - May St - Charles St - Garden St - Power St - Howard St - Garden St - Walker St

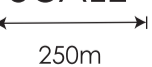
### SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

- 1 James Cook Statue
- 2 Cemetery
- 3 Swimming Pool
- 4 Tennis Courts
- 5 Botanic Gardens
- 6 Nature's Powerhouse
- 7 Finch Bay
- 8 James Cook Museum
- 9 History Centre
- 10 Leopard Tank
- 11 Fisherman's Wharf

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- B Bakery
- \$ Banks
- CH Courthouse
- D Doctors' Surgery
- EC Events Centre
- H Hospital
- L Library
- P Pharmacy
- PS Police Station
- PO Post Office
- T Public Toilets
- S Supermarket
- SP Swimming Pool
- TC Tennis Courts
- Drinking Fountains

### SCALE



- Route 1.....
  - Route 2.....
  - Route 3.....
  - Walks .....
- A detailed Heritage and Scenic Rim Walk map is available from Nature's Powerhouse and accommodation providers.







More info [www.crocodile-trophy.com](http://www.crocodile-trophy.com)

Now an annual event held in October, the Crocodile Trophy is billed as the hardest, longest, hottest and most adventurous mountain bike race in the world.

### the crocodile trophy

### Mountain Bike Events

### Cycling Options

#### stunning natural scenery

The stunning natural scenery around Cooktown can be enjoyed by the whole family on exhilarating cycle trails.



Ride past heritage buildings, visit our pioneering ancestors in the cemetery, go bird watching, stop for a dip in the public swimming pool or park the bikes and combine a **BIKE & HIKE** day activity on the Scenic Rim walking trail.

#### breathhtaking views

Energetic riders can try a hill climb to reach the summit of Grassy Hill, or combine this as a **BIKE & HIKE** trail – the amazing 360 degree views are worth the sweat!



Experience the stunning Tropical North Queensland scenery and raise funds for a great cause at the same time. This annual charity bike ride from Cairns to Cooktown held every September raises funds for the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation.

### the cardiac challenge

### Cycling Events

The Cardiac Challenge



Further afield experienced mountain bikers can tackle the 4WD Battecamp Road to Laura – a challenging route taken by the Crocodile Trophy racers.

### Battecamp road to Laura

Keatings Lagoon



There are several scenic attractions in the Cooktown region accessible by bike. Always be aware of traffic, take plenty of water, use sunscreen and wear safety helmets when cycling.

### Keatings lagoon

### Around Cooktown

# Surrounding Areas & Cycling Events

### bicycling trails



# Cooktown

and CAPE YORK PENINSULA

### Bike Hire

Bike hire is available in Cooktown from Webber's Sport & Tackle Shop opposite The Bakery on Charlotte St.



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