



CTA Gingin Discovery Tour 2013 1-3 June 2013

Welcome to the CTA Gingin Discovery Tour 2013. Enjoy pleasant riding through quiet undulating country with some interesting venues along the way. Although this is a full pannier tour, the distances have been kept to around 60 Km per day so that the pace will be leisurely. In addition, there will be no pannier load on the second day (Sunday), as we will be staying at Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park for both nights.

Itinerary

Saturday 1st June (64 Km)

Arrive at Clarkson Railway Station at 8.31am or 8.46am for a 9.00am sharp start.

Ride north along Connolly Drive, Marmion Avenue, Yanchep Beach Road and Two Rocks Road to Two Rocks where we will stop for morning tea at Oscar and Sons Café (<http://www.oscarandsons.com.au/index.php>) overlooking the marina.

Head inland along Breakwater Drive to Wanneroo Road before turning off at Military Drive and heading north east. Turn off Military Road to the Gingin Gravity Centre (see <http://www.gravitycentre.com.au/>) where we will have lunch at the café before going on an informative guided tour of the Gravity Centre. This will include dropping water balloons from the 45m high tower.

We will then head off a short distance to our campsite for Saturday and Sunday nights at the Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park (see http://www.willowbrookfarm.com.au/caravan_park.html). This is a lovely spot next to a creek with an historic farm house built in 1874.

The evening meal will be at the Amirage Restaurant (see <http://www.amiragerestaurantbb.com.au/>) on the other side of Gingin Brook Road. This is a very good restaurant and we all enjoyed sharing a meal together here last year. Alternatively the caravan park has a full camp kitchen and BBQs where you could cook your evening meal if you prefer.

Sunday 2nd June (69 Km)

After free scones with jam and cream courtesy of Willowbrook Farm we will head off down Gingin Brook Road, stopping at West Coast Honey for morning tea, free honey tasting and a live bee display (see <http://www.westcoasthoney.com.au/>).

Then up Brand Highway before turning west to travel along Beermulla Road West through rolling farmland and a nature reserve. There is an 8 Km section of Beermulla Road that is unsealed, which is a challenge, but quite doable.



After turning down Cowalla Road we will arrive at Caledonia Mini Golf for a nice lunch at the café before a round of mini golf (see <http://www.caladeniaminigolf.com.au/>).

After lunch we will head back to Willowbrook Farm for an afternoon siesta.

The evening meal will again be at the Amirage Restaurant or you can cook your own at the Caravan Park.

Optional: The Gingin Observatory (see http://www.ginginobservatory.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40&Itemid=1) is open on Sunday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm and is only a short ride down the road. The building is split into two areas. The space observatory (with a fully retractable roof) houses 5 large telescopes, including the largest in Australia for public access, and 6 pairs of high magnification binoculars. The other half of the building is a theatre room where a big screen presentation on the universe is provided. The cost is \$44.

Monday 3th June (57 Km)

After packing up our gear we will head off on the return journey down Military Road to Wanneroo Road. After a short section of Wanneroo Road we will turn down Breakwater Drive towards Two Rocks. We will break for morning tea at a roadside stop on Breakwater Drive overlooking the Indian Ocean.

We will then ride through Two Rocks to Yanchep where we will enjoy lunch at the Yanchep Beach Lagoon Café overlooking the ocean.

Then on to Clarkson before departing on the 2.57pm train to return home.

Tour map

See Google map of the tour at:

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=204600390035064317141.0004becb4aea38f68b882&msa=0>

Meals

Breakfast: you will need to bring breakfast food and bowl etc. for Sunday morning and Monday morning

Morning tea: Saturday and Sunday will be bought at venue stops. Bring a snack for Monday morning tea.

Lunch: Saturday, Sunday and Monday lunches will be bought at café stops.



Dinner: Saturday and Sunday evening dinners can be bought at Amirage restaurant or you can bring your own food for a meal cooked at Willowbrook Farm. Wine is available at the Amirage Restaurant & meals are \$15 to \$17 for entrée and \$18 to \$27 for mains (see website for details).

What to bring

Camping gear: Sleeping bag, sleeping mat, pillow and tent

Eating gear: bowl, plate, eating utensils and dish cloth

Food: the only food you will need to bring is for breakfast Sunday and Monday and morning tea snack on Monday. The rest of the meals can be bought at venues along the way.

Riding gear

Other clothes

Bike gear

Costs

Camping fees: \$8 per night per person – total of \$16 for the two nights

Meals: morning teas – normal café costs for coffee/tea etc
Lunchs - normal café costs for lunch meals and drinks etc
Dinners - Amirage Resturant costs of \$15 to \$27 per plate are very reasonable for good quality food and dining (optional)

Gingin Gravity Centre lunch (two course), entry and tour: \$25 per person

Gingin Observatory stargazing and theaterette presentations: \$44 per person (optional)

West Coast Honey: no cost for viewing of bees and information - buy what you want from the shop

Caledonia Mini Golf: Lunch – normal costs. Mini Golf - \$10 per person for 18 holes

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