

Denniston Plateau MTB Tracks

Route Guide for the Quarry Circuit

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Quarry Circuit

Approximate Riding Time = 20 mins
 Approximate Distance = 3.1 km
 Total Ascent = 50 m
 Grade = 2

- Sealed road (1 km)
- - - - Gravel road (0.6 km)
- ⋯⋯⋯ MTB track (1.5 km)
- · - · Walking track (0 km)

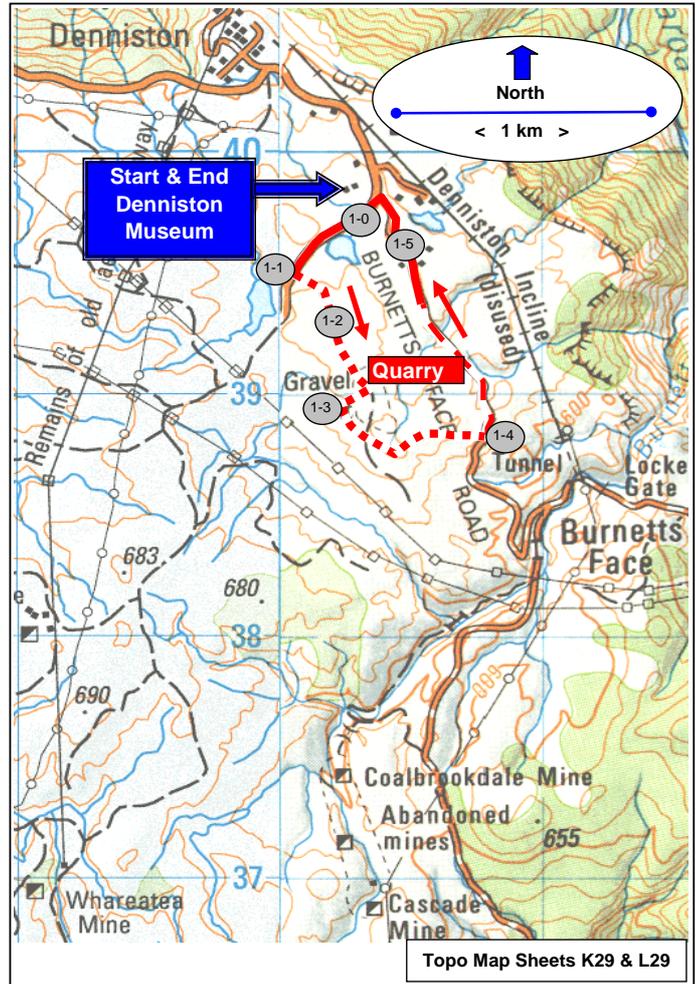
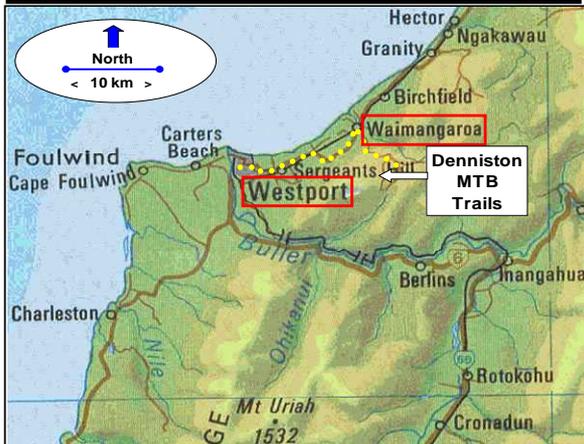
➔ Predominant travel direction

River crossings (0)

Technical sections (0)

Way point & Track markers

Power lines

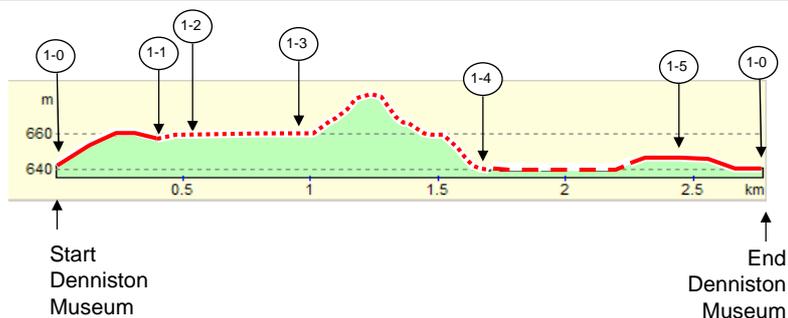


QUARRY CIRCUIT -

This circuit was named after the abandoned gravel quarry which is located in the middle of the circuit. The MTB section of this circuit was originally built to access quarry rock for road construction in this area.

The Quarry Circuit provides a quick and relatively gentle introduction to the type of terrain found elsewhere at Denniston. (You should be comfortable riding this track if you want to enjoy riding the others). Starting at the museum, head south west following the short section of sealed road before turning left at marker 1-1 onto a wide MTB track. Head generally south east through the quarry area. There are numerous tracks through this area, so keep an eye out for track markers with red arrows. (If you get slightly lost in the quarry area don't worry - you will eventually pick up the track markers again if you keep heading generally south east!). If you are not in a hurry, then the quarry area is a good place to have a play around for a while, with numerous slopes and humps to ride over. Just **be aware there is a 10m vertical face on the south east side of the quarry - so always make sure that you can see where you are riding in this area !!** (Especially when riding at night or in fog).

Once you have ridden past the quarry area the track heads downhill and rejoins a good gravel road at marker 1-4. From here it is a gentle ride back up the hill to the museum. Although this road often appears to be quiet, **be aware there is a good chance you will encounter other vehicles at any time, including 30T truck and trailers** hauling coal from mines operating in the Cascade Valley. The road is narrow and the trucks are wide - so keep out of their way !! and enjoy the rest of your ride.



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