









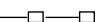
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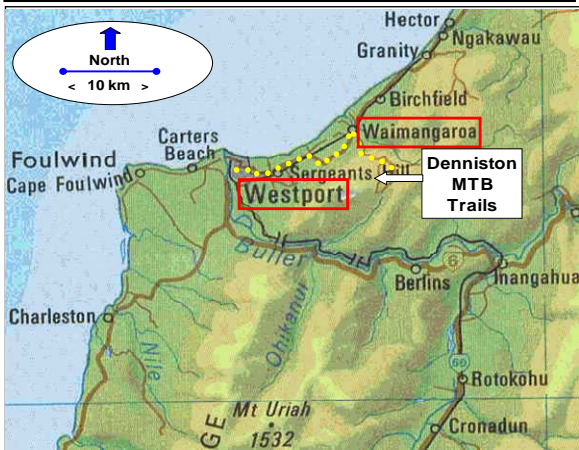
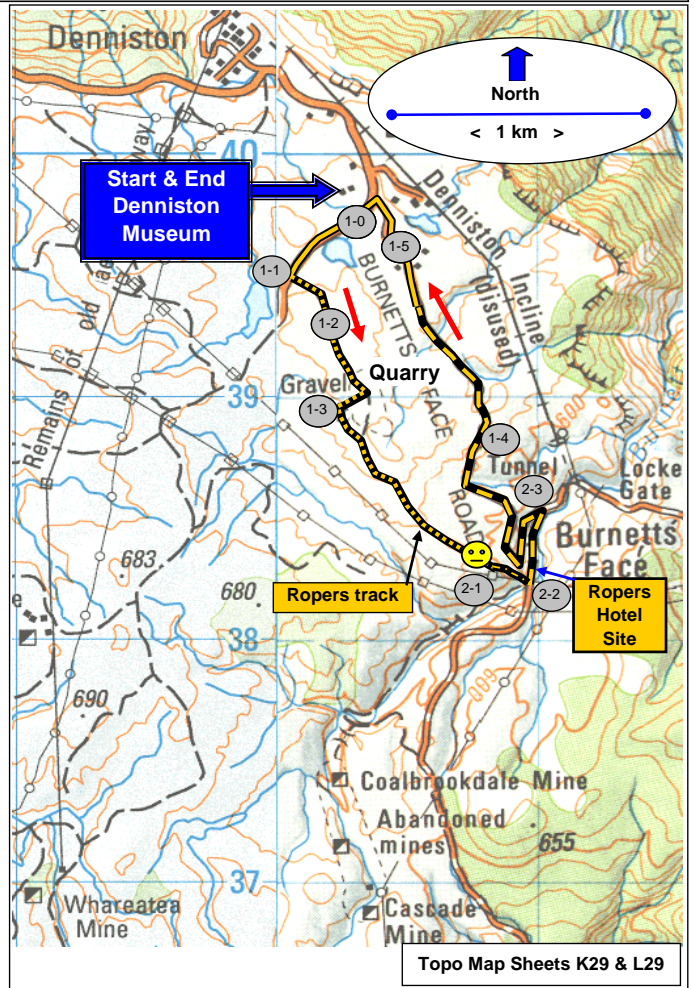
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Ropers Hotel Circuit

Approximate Riding Time = 30 mins
 Approximate Distance = 4.7 km
 Total Ascent = 130 m
 Grade = 2

-  Sealed road (1 km)
-  Gravel road (1.6 km)
-  MTB track (2 km)
-  Walking track (140 m)
-  Predominant travel direction
-  River crossings (0)
-  Technical sections (1)
-  Way point & Track markers
-  Power line

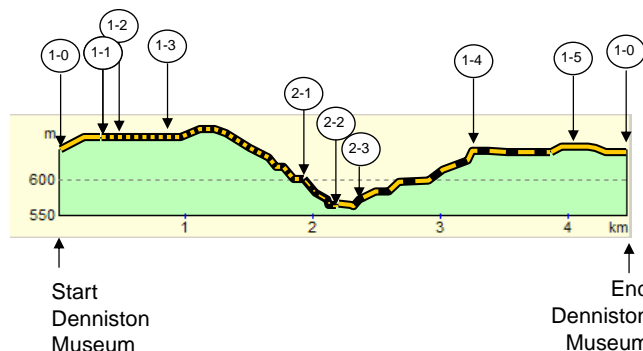


ROPERS HOTEL CIRCUIT -

This circuit is named after the hotel at the historic coal mining township of Burnetts Face. Today only the foundations of the hotel remain (so your chances of getting a drink there are not good, unless you bring your own). The MTB section of this circuit was originally built to access quarry rock for road construction. These tracks were later extended to construct pylons for the power lines.

The Ropers Hotel circuit follows the same route as the Quarry circuit for the first 1 km. 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. From there head generally south east towards the quarry area. There are numerous tracks through this area, so keep an eye out for track markers with gold arrows. At marker 1-3 the Ropers Hotel track separates from the Quarry circuit and veers to the right. (If you are not in a hurry, then the quarry area is a good place to have a play around before continuing down Ropers Track. The quarry has 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).

From marker 1-3, Ropers Track heads generally south east down the ridge. Again there are numerous side tracks in this area so keep an eye out for the track markers with orange coloured arrows. The wide track finishes at the pylon by marker 2-1, and a short section of single track continues down through the trees. (You will need to walk some of this section). The single track follows an old miners trail and connects to a good gravel road in the valley at marker 2-2. From there it is a straightforward ride back up to the museum. Just be aware that although this road often appears to be quiet, 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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