

Denniston Plateau MTB Tracks

Route Guide for the Pig Route Circuit

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Pig Route Circuit

Approximate Riding Time = 45 mins
 Approximate Distance = 5.4 km
 Total Ascent = 194 m
 Grade = 3

- Sealed road (3 km)
- Gravel road (400 m)
- MTB track (2 km)
- Walking track (0 km)

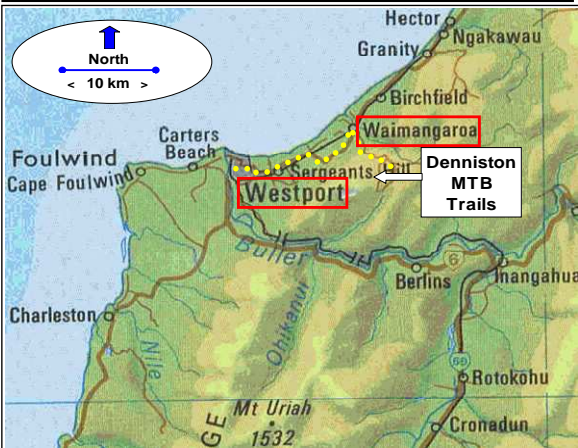
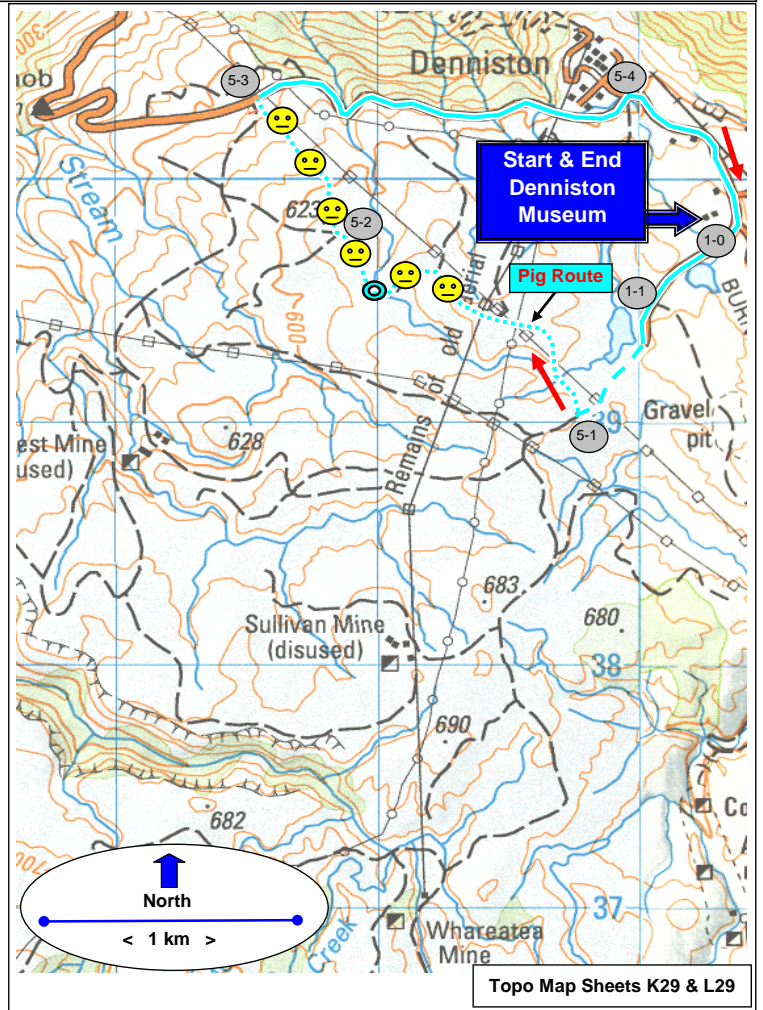
Predominant travel direction

River crossings (1)

Technical sections (6)

Way point & Track markers

Power line



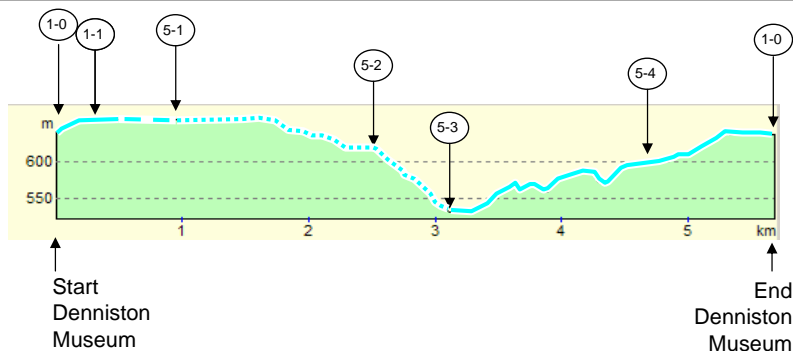
PIG ROUTE CIRCUIT -

No one really knows why the Pig Route is called the Pig Route - it just is!

Starting at the museum, head south west for approximately 1 km following the short section of sealed road then a good gravel road. At marker 5-1 turn right onto a wide MTB track and head north west, initially following the power line. The first few hundred metres after marker 5-1 are generally flat and easy going before the track heads steadily down the side of the plateau. There are numerous steps and rough surfaces all the way down this slope to marker 5-3 on the sealed road. Depending on your level of skill and experience, this section of track is either great fun or a long walk! (Intermediate / grade 3 cross country riders on hard tail bikes will be able to attempt this section of track). For those who find it too easy - come back and do it again in the dark.

There is one small stream crossing before marker 5-2. This crossing is usually shallow and rideable. (If it is in flood, don't take any risks - just return back the same way you came down).

From marker 5-3 it is an easy climb back up the sealed road to the museum. If you still have time to spare, turn left at marker 5-4 and check out the top of the famous Denniston incline. (There is far more interesting history here than you will find on your average MTB trail).



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