

Waddle, Saddle & Pedal, Cambanoora Gorge, Killarney

Sunday 25 August 2019

- Experience the 14 River Crossings of the beautiful Cambanoora (Condamine) Gorge, part of the Bicentennial National Trail.
- A fundraising event for Killarney Show & Rodeo Society Inc.

Date & Ride Start Time

- Sunday 25 August 2019. First Ride Briefing at 7.45am
- Start times – Cyclists and Walkers 8am, Horse Riders 8.15. These will be followed by controlled starts including ride briefings until 9.30am.

RSVP Date

Registration and payment are due by **MONDAY 20 August 2018**.

Venue

Condamine River Road, Killarney. From Killarney travel toward the NSW Border, turn left into Brosnan's Rd. Continue along this road. Signs and stewards will indicate start place. Parking will be indicated by stewards.

Registration Fees

\$40 Adults/\$20 Children Under 16 (Free for under school age.) Plus online booking fee.

Fees are due by MONDAY 19 August 2019.

Registration

Please **register** your attendance at the event by **MONDAY 19 August 2019 via our online form and payment option at** <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35101>

If you are unable to register online please contact 07 4664 1655.

All registered participants will receive an email from us on Thursday prior to the event with further info.

Your registration is essential for organising camping, stewards, vehicle parking and catering.

Fees must be paid in advance with your registration. NO PAYMENTS ARE TAKEN ON THE DAY.

You will be asked to **confirm** your attendance on the day from 7am at the registration areas.

You must also complete an **Indemnity Form** in order to participate in the event. These will be provided at registration on the day. Forms for Under 18's must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Those travelling with horses will also need to present a **Horse Health Declaration**, on arrival at the showgrounds on Saturday or at registration areas on Sunday. These are available from our website www.killarneyshow.org.au.

Food and Drink

Billy Tea and Damper is available approx 12km through the ride/walk.

A **Light Lunch** of Sausage Sizzle or Soup and a soft drink is provided at the Long Crossing for participants on the return trek.

Terrain

The trek follows the Condamine River Road through the 14 Crossings of the Condamine (Cambanoora) Gorge.

The Condamine River Road is gravel with frequent stony river crossings. River Crossings can vary with the weather and may be up to 50cm deep in places. The road is in good condition. Water crossings are STONY AND ROUGH.

Some parts of the trek include wide grass verges. The track includes a couple of long climbs in both directions and undulating country.

The entire ride is 24km. 12km up and 12km back on the same track. Participants can choose to complete as much or as little of it as they feel comfortable.

Pace

The Waddle and Saddle is at walking pace for horse riders and walkers. The ride takes approximately 5-6 hours to complete.

Cyclists are encouraged to travel at a comfortable speed.

What to bring

- Bottled Water for drinking water
- Sun protection (Hats, sunscreen etc)
- Clothing - The river will be flowing so walkers may require a second pair of shoes for crossing water crossings. Cyclists and walkers may need a change of clothes!
- See also **Safety**

Safety

It is intended the Condamine River Road will be closed to all but local vehicles from the intersection with Brosnan's Rd to the First Crossing. The road closure will be in place from 7am to 4pm Sunday 25 August 2019.

This event is a mixed ride between cyclists, walkers and horse riders. Cyclists and Walkers will start first followed by Horse Riders.

Participants should be aware of the mixed nature of the ride with regards to safety of themselves and others.

Children must be under the supervision of a guardian at all times.

A support vehicle will be available during the ride. Local landholders/road stewards also assist at contact points.

Most areas of the Gorge do not have mobile phone coverage.

No dogs, please.

Walkers

This can be a challenging walk on foot. It may take up to 7 hours if the water crossings are deep. Roads are stony, can be muddy and the water is always cold!

Walking poles may be of benefit.

Cyclists

- All riders must wear an approved helmet.

Horse Riders

- We recommend all riders wear an approved helmet.
- Riders under 18 MUST wear an approved helmet.

- Suitable footwear which prevents foot sliding forward through the stirrup iron must be worn
- It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers and sleeved shirt.
- Water – there are frequent water crossings on the track.
- Please take care with feed if there are weeds of concern in your area.
- Consider using horse shoes or boots, due to the combination of wet feet and stones...

Killarney is in a Cattle Tick Free Zone. You are responsible for ensuring your horses are free of Cattle Ticks before bringing them into the Free Zone. The Queensland Biosecurity Manual provides instructions on the steps you need to take to ensure your horses are tick free. Biosecurity Regulations also affect the records you need to keep when travelling horses.

More information is available at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23.

Note the Killarney Showgrounds PIC is QEWW2157.

Parking

Parking for floats and trucks is available on Brosnan's Road and will be indicated on the morning of the ride.

Cancellation

Because of the nature of the route, on occasions very high rainfall can close the road. If the event is cancelled this will be advised on the www.killarneyshow.org.au website, on the Killarney Show and Rodeo Society Facebook page and by email if an email address has been advised. If the event is cancelled registration fees will be refunded by cheque or bank deposit.

Other Tips

Accommodation

You might like to book some warm accommodation!

Killarney Hotel 4664 1313

www.killarneyhotelmotel.com.au (have some horse yards)

Sundown Motel (07) 4664 1318 Cnr Pine & Acacia St., Killarney, Qld (next to the Showground)

Killarney View Caravan Park 4664 1522
www.killarneyviewcaravanpark.com.au

Spring Creek Mountain Cafe and Cottages
www.springcreekcottages.com.au

Adjinbilly Rainforest Retreat, Condamine Gorge, (07) 4664 1599

Queen Mary Falls Caravan Park 07 4664 7151
www.queenmaryfallscaravanpark.com.au

Also check out AirBnb for more options!

Camping

Camping is available at the Killarney Showgrounds on Saturday night at \$20 per adult/Free for children. Ample power is available on a first come, first served basis.

There will be no charge for stables/yards and these are also available on first come-first served basis. Please consider others – no camping in stables or yards. Please register for camping on your online registration form.

Showgrounds Location: The Killarney Showgrounds are on Willow St, which is the main street through Killarney, at its intersection with Acacia St. If you are coming from Warwick – Turn right at the Warwick Credit Union Killarney Branch and continue to the end of the street, you will pass the grounds. If you are coming from Legume - After the Killarney School continue to the bottom of the hill on Acacia St and turn left where it joins Willow St.

It will be very cold! Rug up yourself, horses and bikes!

Pre-Waddle Dinner

This year we will return to the Killarney Hotel for the Pre-Waddle Dinner.

Two course Roast dinner will be \$25 per adult/\$15 per child and can be booked on your online registration form.

More Riding Tips

Many people arrive on Friday or Saturday morning and ride out in the Killarney district on Saturday. There are many lovely rides for both horses and bikes around the district if you would like to extend your stay. A ride map is available on our website.

The Killarney Show & Rodeo Society has not organised any rides for Saturday – any activities are at your own risk.

What else to do?

The district is very beautiful – if you are looking for some non-riding activities a trip to Queen Mary or Browns Falls are highly recommended.

For more information

Please contact Louise Brosnan, Ride Co-ordinator on 4664 1655 or 0408 248 128 or by email to cambanoora@yahoo.com.au.