

Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge Route Description

The ride from Coffs Jetty to Raleigh is flat to gently rolling, interspersed with the occasional moderate rise.

The first 500m from Jordan Esplanade, takes you left onto Marina Drive, over the railway line and onto Harbour Drive where another 1.5 undulating kilometres brings a left turn at the roundabout onto Hogbin Drive.

Continue 3.6km on Hogbin Drive, through the Education Campus Roundabout and a further 3km to the Toormina Roundabout where you will be directed left onto Sawtell Road. A 3km ride, with a couple of undulations, takes you down the main street of Sawtell and onto Lyons Road.

The 4.8km section of Lyons Road ends when you cross the Highway overpass and left turn which puts you on Pine Creek Way (old Pacific Highway). Continue 9.5km, through the village of Bonville, Archerfield Rd Roundabout and Bongil Bongil National Park, climbing a total of 55m to Mailmans Track Roundabout. From this higher point, you emerge from the forest to enjoy the descent and a pleasant ride along the Bellinger River.

After 4km you'll reach the junction with North Bank Road (waypoint "H") which is **the change point for both legs of the relay**. The old Bellinger River Highway bridge is 400m further on and the roundabout on the Eastern end of the bridge (waypoint "D") is **the turning point for 60km riders**.

From there a 20m climb, over 0.8km, through the village of Raleigh will take you across the Highway overpass and onto Waterfall Way. A gentle climb and 1.6km brings a left turn onto Short Cut Road and, after a 20m rise, a downhill run takes you 1.6km to a right hand turn onto South Arm Road.

The road narrows here and traffic is lighter as the route takes you up the picturesque, forested Kalang River Valley. The going is mostly gentle undulations with an 80m climb just before the 14km mark. Here you'll reach a T junction where a marshall will direct a right turn onto Bowraville Road. After another 2.7km the route leaves the valley floor for a 110m climb over 2.2km (the biggest climb of the ride) before you coast down 120m over 2.6km and into Bellingen.

Your route through beautiful Bellingen, and across the Bellinger River, has 5 turns all manned by a marshall to direct you. The last of these, at the Hammond/Wheatley St roundabout, will lead you to North Arm Road. This section of 12km includes a couple of 60m climbs and then easy riding back to waypoint "H" again, where the **second relay leg will change**. All others turn left back onto the Old Pacific Highway and retrace the first 30k of the outward journey. After 2km you climb the 75m from the Bellinger River to Mailmans Roundabout again with the remainder being the flat to rolling terrain you experienced on the way out. The finish line at the Jetty soon awaits you!

max height:
min height:
total asc:
total desc:

136m
2m
409m
408m

