

LIFE CYCLE OFFROAD 2025 @ Lake Brockman to Pickering Brook

INFORMATION

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Dates are **Saturday 3 to Monday 5 May**

SATURDAY START and TRANSPORT

We will be leaving vehicles at the Pickering Brook Sports Club, 35 Weston Road Pickering Brook (top carpark) *at your own risk* (should be OK, but we will all have to sign a waiver). Meet at 6:30am for a 7am start.

We will then travel by coach to Lake Brockman.

No self-drive to Logue Brook Dam unless you have someone to take your vehicle after drop-off as we will have no facility for hopping vehicles along the route. Support crew will be towing trailers to carry bikes and luggage. **We supply cardboard to pack between bikes.** If self-driving the coach should arrive round about 9am. Morning tea will be available there.

Please remove your pedals before arrival and keep them with you. Be ready to start riding – cycle gear on, shoes, pedals, backpack, etc as you will not have access to your luggage until Dwellingup.

ACCOMMODATION

Saturday: Dwellingup Oval fringe (outdoors, some undercover). **Wet weather option available if needed.**

Sunday: Jarrahdale: Veterans Transition Centre – indoor or outdoor)

In either case you will need a mattress, bedding, tent, swag, etc as desired.

Showers and toilets will be available at both places.

RETURN TO PERTH

The finish point will be the Pickering Brook Sports Club. You must arrange your own pick-up from there if you don't leave a vehicle on Saturday. Arrival times during the afternoon will vary for different groups.

By Sunday evening we should be able to give a reasonable prediction of times.

CATERING

We will have our own catering team to supply breakfasts, lunches, dinners and morning and afternoon teas.

FUNDRAISING

- A \$200 minimum applies with once only for any couple or family group.
- Get creative with ideas such as work morning teas, sausage sizzles, games afternoon, book sale, etc. Jenny can put you in touch with others to help at sausage sizzles if you book one when they are available.
- A free CanTeen cycle jersey (once only) for riders who raise \$500 or more will again be on offer.



FACEBOOK POSTS

We love it when you post on facebook before, during or after the event.

A BIT OF FUN

During the event, keep watch for and do in any funny or silly actions. There will be opportunities to highlight these with chicken awards. Watch at the start for Shane who will be the first on display after he took two left cycling shoes out into the bush for the start of a leg at Nannup last year and hasn't lived it down since.

NO PETS POLICY

It is now a policy of Life Cycle for CanTeen that participants cannot take pets/animals of any kind on any event.

PHOTOS

After the event, please send Jenny a few of your favourite photos. They can be useful for thank you posts and certificates, the website gallery, etc. For those who do not wish to be photographed, note the question in the registration process.

MERCHANDISE

New riders will be able to order their complimentary blue vest during the ride. Return riders must bring their vest for another row of stitching and will also receive another item. Other articles of merchandise and Life Cycle jerseys will be available for sale during the event.

YOUR BIKE

Mountain bikes or gravel bikes are both suitable.

Please make sure your bike has been serviced.

Make sure you read our policy on **Mechanical problems during the ride** as posted separately on this web page. See the link on the website *OffRoad Rider > Information Sheet OffRoad 2020 > Mechanical Problems During the Ride*

SPARE PARTS

We will have some spare tubes and tyres, which can be purchased as needed.

Your spares list – most of these are specific for your bike; we cannot supply every conceivable spare.

- Chain link – correct size for your chain (8, 9, 10, 11 or 12) **and a chain breaker if you have one**
- Tubes – correct size & valve type (26", 27.5", 29" Presta or Schrader valve)
- Appropriate derailleur hanger – all bikes have different types and they DO break
- **A small tube of latex if you have tubeless tyres (and a tube in case all else fails)**

GROUPS ON THE TRAIL

We will ride in groups of no more than 12, graded by speed/experience, each with a front and rear marshal who will carry a small first aid kit. We will be using the marking system (for crossing roads, at points of uncertainty, etc.) that we have been using on our social rides.

Support crew from the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of WA will be stationed along the route each day at checkpoints and meal stops. They are there to ensure your safety and comfort, but do not have room for anyone besides injured riders. They will have first aid kits, food and water (and lollies!).

Daily distances are in the order of approx 58km (or 46 km), 73 km (or 51km) and 72 km (or 47km).

Please also remember that we do not want any rubbish left in the bush, whether it be paper, apple cores or banana skins. Please carry it all out with you or off-load it to a support vehicle or a catering vehicle when you see them.

WHICH GROUP SHOULD I JOIN?

You do need basic mountain bike skills and to have been training so you have a reasonable degree of fitness and skill. You choose your group at the start but can sometimes change groups at lunch or each day where possible.

Groups will be approximately graded from stronger and faster through to slower. However, remember that this is not a race. Discussion on choosing a group will occur on the way down in the coach on Saturday morning.

MONTHLY SOCIAL RIDES

The dates, locations and details for our monthly social rides are posted on our website. Friends are welcome to attend.

These can also help you decide which group suits you.

WHAT TO BRING

- Previous OffRoad riders please bring your blue vest – clean and named - for this year's stitching
- Sleeping bag/bedding, pillow (or swag), inflatable mattress, ear plugs
- Warm pyjamas
- 3 sets of riding clothes
- A rainproof jacket for riding
- Water bottle/Camelbak, butt cream, backpack if desired/raincover, bike lock, spare tubes
- **See spare parts list above**
- Suggest arm protectors and fingered gloves in case of scratchy bushes on track side
- Your white name plate, attached to your seat, from a previous ride if you have it
- Warm clothes and shoes for evenings

- Mozzie repellent, sunscreen (we will have plenty), lip balm
- Toiletries, towel
- Medications
- Credit card
- Torch
- Plastic bags for wet clothes
- Garmin or other GPS device with routes loaded (we can help you with this during the event)
- Chargers for all your gadgets, small USB power pack or multi plug?
- Spare battery and charger for e-bikes
- Please carry spare parts (see above)
- Any hydralytes, etc that you may wish to use.
- A sense of adventure, humour and fun