

Flinders 2019 track notes

John Hudson M 0414457455 Lads I am sweeping so if you want to know someone is behind you to help then it's a matter of leaving before the time I specify as the leaving time. Those who fluff around and are not ready at this time will be left. I won't have my crew riding at night because someone has slept in. We don't mind riding in late due to breakdowns or crashes. I would ask that if you are a slower rider then please try to be one of the first to leave each day. I would ask that slower riders not order a four-course meal at lunch and just grab something that is quick so they can keep going. By doing this you can enjoy the ride without the pressure of having the sweeps riding 5 meters behind you.

Please be safe, I ask is that you ride within your limits and be the person who helps others rather than the person who is trying to race everyone.

Remember to pay for your ticket to the congregation that includes fuel and food. \$40 Green valley Farms **(02) 6723 3370**

Day 1 Total 539 km Story bridge Hotel at 7-00 am for breakfast and some GPS loading. Bike full of fuel, camelback full of water.

8-00 am leave time.

Leg 1 Brisbane to Dalby 209 km. Follow the pink line and watch your speed. We will be meeting riders at Dalby moto which is on hospital road at Dalby at about 10-30 am.

Leg 2 Dalby to Westmar 199 km. Fill up with water and have enough till the next morning. Easy dirt roads the dust will be crap so don't leave in a group always spread out. If you catch another rider just get the overtake done in a safe manner and keep going.

Leg 3 Westmar roadhouse to Nindi Gully hotel 131 km Get fuel because there is no fuel at the night stop. Has not been pre ridden so don't go through any gates stay on public roads and just navigate back to pink line if there is an error. Once at Nindi Gully I would suggest making camp and check the bike over for loose bolts before hitting the bar. (We don't live in a perfect world so many of us will most likely end up sleeping next to our bikes wishing we were better humans.

The next two days are extra-large so we all need to be on the road by 8 am the next morning. Breakfast will be at Dirranbandi roadhouse.

Nindigilly Pub is Queensland's oldest hotel located in its original condition and position on the banks of the Moonie River. The license was issued in 1864 after operating as shearer's accommodation for the Nindigully Station. From the late 1800s the Nindigully Pub was a Cobb and Co coach change over station.

Day 2 710 km

Leg 1 Nindigully to Dirranbandi 95 km easy dirt road (Kangaroos will be on the menu) Get full of fuel at Dirran in case Bollon is closed. If it is we have a 368 km leg to get to Charleville.

Leg 2 Dirranbandi to Bollon 106 km. Good cafe to the left as we come into town. Fuel is on the right. Dirt road easy riding

Leg 3 Bollon To Charleville 263 km. In this section, we have about 10 gates I know that you and the guys have might have your own system on who shut the gates. Can i just say that on this trip we have only one rule for gates? If you open the gate then you are the one who closes it. If you approach a rider on a gate dont wave them on, please ride on through and get the next one. Obviously, leave a gate as you found it.

If you find rubbish at the gate pick it up and take it to a bin we leave country better then we found it. If for example a gate was dangerous because of dust please go back about 50 meters and hang some tape in a tree. The same for any bad obstacle that could take a rider out.

Obviously, if you see the tape or any marking like a horizontal stick you should slow immediately it could be marking a bad erosion rut in this type of country. Fuel and food at Charleville. Now if you are not getting 380 km out of your fuel load this is the town to buy a 10 liter jerry can so you can make some of the desert legs.

leg 4 Charleville to Colladi 90 km. Please top up with fuel here no fuel is at our night stop. After Colladi the track may be wrong. Do not go through any gates. If it is wrong stay on the bitumen and take the next public road to the left and it will join the pink line.

Leg 5 Colladi to Toompine 161 km. Lads set up camp and check bikes when you get in. The next day is big and we all need to be gone by 7-30 am. The pub is putting on a feed and I said we would help the pub staff by ordering 6 packs .

The South Western Hotel, locally known as the Toompine Pub is all that remains of this once bustling opal mining town. This iconic outback pub is over 120 years old but don't let its age fool you – it is full of all the character and charm you'd expect in an outback town.

Breakfast on at 6-00 am at the pub will be included in a package. Toompine hotel ph(07) 4656 4863

Day 3 Toompine to Arkooroola 800 km

Leg1 Toompine to Thargomindah 115 km Once at thargo there is fuel at fergi's road house and at the Toyota dealership. Fergis has a welder and a hood supply of canned food. The emus are thick out of Toompine in the morning so be careful. Make sure you have at least 4 litres of water on you for the next 4 days when you leave every fuel top. Check air pressures at Thargo .

Leg 2 Thargomindah to camerons corner 344 km Great Western section once in bullo downs don't ride in dust . There could be washouts after the floods. We have some gates so make sure you are super diligent when opening and closing. Please ride at 90 % for the next 3 days its an absolute nightmare to medic someone out of this country . Its all royal flying doctors and you will end up in Adelaide. If you get to camerons corner after 1-00 pm I would recommend getting a steak lunch because you will most likely be camping the night. They sell grog . If you do camp I have marked a waypoint called "short Camp" at 272 km into the next leg . Its on Portmans creek . No water but there is firewood. Once at camerons corner heavy loads of fuel and water. Camerons corner ph (08) 8091 3872

Leg 3 Camerons Corner to Arkooroola 337 km or 397 km shortcut is at your own risk. Heading out of camerons corners there is 80 km of supercross tracks for adventure bikes please be aware that cattle and vehicles are often coming the other way. Some sneaky corners as well. There is a short cut in this section which we may be closed so leave camerons with enough fuel. Great section if you get to Arkooroola before 5 pm make sure you get fuel and water so you can leave early if you want the next day. Arkooroola is a resort and has a restaurant and bar. It is not cheap. We are heading past and underground bakery the next morning but its 3 hours riding away. Arkooroola resort ph (08) 8648 4848

Day 4 Arkooroola to Craddock 430 km Its a short day because we are going through the Flinders ranges . Take plenty of photos. Be careful if there is any moisture the roads are hard packed clay and are like ice. Plenty of vehicles in here so just be a tourist and not a racer in here.

Leg 1 Arkooroola to Blinman 213 km fuel and Bakery at Blinman .

Leg 2 Blinman to Hawker 188 km Chris tyre and Mechanical (08) 8648 4611 these guys have tyres . get fuel and water there is neither at the nightstop.

Leg 3 Hawker to craddock 26 km great pub. Ph Craddock hotel (08) 8648 4107 great pub we will have dinner and breakfast there. No fuel at Craddock. If you are desperate for a bed you can stay in Hawker but you will miss a good night at Craddock.

Day 5 Craddock to Renmark 492 km

Leg 1 Craddock to Yunta 174 km great open country with some awesome old buildings. Kangaroos can be bad in this section. Fuel at Yunta . Food at servo (turn left at Hwy to go to fuel station).

Leg 2 Yunta to Renmark 320 km . Dengalli National Park There is a couple of sections of light sand they only go for about 10 km . You might have to drop tyre pressures to 15 psi to make it easier. Get fuel in Renmark and make sure you get water. We will all stay at Renmark Hotel motel ph (08) 8586 6755 (Murray avenue on the river) We will all go to evening drinks at Renmark RSL on the river. Murray marine centre is a good bike shop (08) 8586 6884 Renmark avenue close to Hotel. Tyres are available here. Well run family business. Lads go heavy on water if you are hitting the vic desert in the morning.

Day 6 Renmark to Denniliquin 560 km does not look like much but I would be gone by 7-30 am and not fluff around too much if you are doing the desert. Vic desert is a great introduction to sand riding its not that tough but if you really struggled in Dengalli then give this one a miss. Vic desert is a great ride . Please be super careful of roos . We are in a bush tunnel and you cant see into the sides it is not the place to put the hammer down. (collapsed lung 4 broken ribs sometimes experience is hard earned)

Leg 1 . Renmark to Hattah 208 km Victorian desert leg. 24 km out of town the pink line turns off the Hwy onto a dirt laneway. If you don't want to do 180 km of sandy tracks then just pull up and load "easy Butu track" on your Gps. This will take you on bitumen to Mildura and then to Hattah just stay on blue line till it runs out then select day 6 again and keep going the same direction you are heading. Hattah has fuel and some light food. Petrol is on Hwy don't miss it.

Leg 2 Hattah to Swan hill 190 km Cool tracks but be careful in the laneways of hard to see intersections. They are marked on the Gps so just be careful. Bit of sand in here but no more then a couple of km. Swan hill power products (03) 5032 2116 tyres and Honda parts Fuel at Swan hill

Leg 3 Swan hill to Denilquin 172 km Sorry lads this is a bit of a transport leg that I have not been on before we need to make up some time here to get to the congregation. Some nav could be out in parts just stay on public roads and navigate back to the pink line. Edward river Hotel (03) 5881 2065 Deni riverside caravan park 20 Davidson street. (03) 5881 1284 (has cabins and if you walk through the fence you are at the Edward river hotel)

Day 7 Deniliquin to Dubbo 670 km

Leg 1 Deni to Narrandera 205 km open going dirt roads some nav could be out . don't go through any gates stay on public roads and rejoin pink line .Fuel at Narrandera

Leg 2 Narrandera to Condobolin 261 km . Nav is good again. Open dirt roads Fuel and food at condo . Good motorcycle store Lark Motorcycles (02) 6895 4177

Leg 3 Condobolin to Dubbo 235 km Open dirt roads with some very cool see thru corners. At 78 km there is nice town called trundle it has fuel. Dubbo accom Westside (02) 6882 3500 it has a tavern attached to it . Ibis dubbo is next to it . across country motel is another option. Get fuel when arriving in Dubbo . We will have breakfast at Hungry Jacks across the road at 6-30 am next day . We have a big day and need to get an early start. All gone by 7-30 am Dubbo Motorcycle KTM (02) 6882 8884 close to tavern.

Day 8 Dubbo to Tingha ADV congregation. 495 km

Leg 1 Dubbo to Binnaway 140 km (get fuel here) I have doubts about the next stop We are going into a cool section about 20 km into this section . A little bit of sand but some awesome jumps . Kangaroos head office is situated somewhere near here.

Leg 2 Binnaway to Barraba 248 km Fuel at Barraba . If you see fuel on this section I would take it . The fuel at Barraba can be unreliable.

Leg 3 Barraba to Tingha 110 km . Get fuel at Tingha because you will need it the next day. No fuel at congregation. Once at Tingha find a camping spot and enjoy. They sell drinks at the congregation we may get some supplies at the pub whilst in Tingha.

Day 7 Green Valley farm to Brisbane 468 km . I will be leaving the congregation at 7-30 am .

Leg 1 . Green Valley farm to Glen innes 98 km fuel and breakfast . Some nice dirt roads.

Leg 2 Glen Innes to Tenterfield 120 km awesome tracks . fuel at Tenterfield

Leg 3 Tenterfield to Rosewood 255 km open dirt roads

Leg 4 Rosewood into Brisbane on the Warrego Hwy not marked on Gps. 60 km