

Waddle, Saddle & Pedal, Mt Colliery, via Tannymorel

~~Sunday 29 August~~ **26 September 2021**

- Explore the mountains and valleys surrounding Killarney and Tannymorel with this new trek commencing from the village of Mt Colliery.
- This is a family friendly event.
- A fundraising event for Killarney Show & Rodeo Society Inc.

Date & Ride Start Time

- Sunday 26 September 2021. 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 September 2021. Note the horse allocation is likely to book out prior to this date.

Venue

Bakers Road, Mt Colliery. From Killarney travel toward the Tannymorel on the Settlers Route. In Tannymorel turn right into Oak St and then again into the Tannymorel-Mt Colliery Road. Continue along this road to the village of Mt Colliery. 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.

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Registration

Please **register** your attendance at the event by **MONDAY 20 September 2021 via our online form and payment option at** <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=44322>

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 Killarney showgrounds on Saturday and/or at registration areas on Sunday. These are available from our website www.killarneyshow.org.au.

Food and Drink

Billy Tea Morning Tea is available approx. 7.5km through the ride/walk at the turnaround point.

A **Light Lunch** of Sandwiches or Soup will be provided by the Mt Colliery QCWA at the QCWA Hall for participants at the conclusion of the trek.

Please advise any dietary requirements when you register.

Terrain

The trek follows Bakers Road through thirteen creek Crossings and return.

Like our previous location, Bakers 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.

The track includes frequent small-medium hills at the beginning (and end of the trek) and then is quite flat with lots of lovely water crossings! We are fortunate to have the permission of a local landholder to enter private property for the final section of the trek to our Billy Tea location. The track is then a private farm track. The entire trek is approximately 15km. Up and 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 3-4 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 anticipated Bakers Road will be closed to all but local vehicles. (We are still confirming this.)

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 Bakers Road do not have mobile phone coverage.

No dogs, please.

Walkers

This walk should be more comfortable than previous treks. However, it may take up to 5 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 and Mount Colliery are 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. We will advise the Mt Colliery Sports Grounds PIC prior to the event.

Parking

Parking for floats and trucks is available on Mt Colliery Sport Grounds, entry is off Schreiweis Lane on Bakers Rd (next to the QCWA building) and will be indicated on the morning of the ride. **There is strictly no camping allowed on the Mt Colliery Sports Grounds.**

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 (right next to the Showground)

Killarney View Caravan Park 4664 1522

www.killarneyviewcaravanpark.com.au

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

Queen Mary Falls Caravan Park 07 4664 7151

www.queenmaryfallscaravanpark.com.au

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.

There is strictly no camping allowed on the Mt Colliery Sports Grounds.

It may be cool in the early morning and evening.

Pre-Waddle Dinner

This year we will be at the Killarney Hotel for the Pre-Waddle Dinner.

Please advise if you would like to attend so we can book a table/tables at the hotel. It gets very busy these days!

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 will be 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.