

# Come and Explore



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Welcome to the Shire of Gnowangerup, the home of Wild Gravel, WA's most spectacular Gravel cycling and running event!

Gnowangerup is situated 340km from Perth, and 140km from Albany in the Great Southern region of Western Australia.



Primarily a farming region, the area also hosts numerous nature reserves, including the iconic Stirling Ranges. The area to the north of the Stirlings offers a flatter alternative to riding in the Stirlings with the added bonus of the spectacular silhouette of the mountains as a backdrop.

Why not sharpen your gravel riding skills here before embarking on Wild Gravel?

The Shire includes the towns of Gnowangerup, Ongerup and Borden, each offering camping, food and drink options and are suitable places to base yourself for a gravel cycling holiday in the region.



All of these routes are available to download at:

[wildgravel.com.au/rides-around-gnowangerup](http://wildgravel.com.au/rides-around-gnowangerup)

For any feedback or questions about these routes, or for any other support, drop in to the Shire Office at 28 Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup, or email:

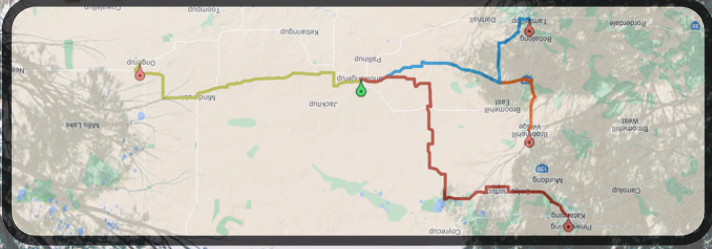


[wildgravel@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au](mailto:wildgravel@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au)

We hope to see you here!



## Visit nearby towns



**Katanning**  
 Distance: 74km Vertical Ascent: 281m  
 Visit Lake Coyrrecup on your way to Katanning where you'll have a choice of food and shopping options, or visit the adult playground!

**Broomehill**  
 Distance: 49km Vertical Ascent: 233m  
 With a long railway heritage and the start of the Holland Track that goes all the way to Coolgardie, learn about the history of the town at the museum, or visit the winery & cafe.

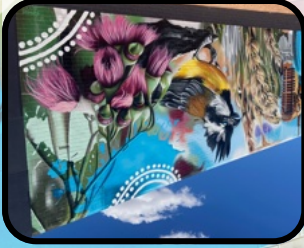


**Tambellup**  
 Distance: 49km Vertical Ascent: 215m  
 Head out south west from town to visit the historical Tambellup township with a well kept historical facade that takes you back to the 1800s.

**Kenderup**  
 Distance: 100km Vertical Ascent: 522m  
 A challenging journey south with a taste of the Stirlings on Red Gum Pass, ending in Kenderup where you'll be rewarded with a well earned food and drink stop.

## Rides around Gnowangerrup

**Route #1 & #1a**  
 Distance: 24km & 35km Vertical Ascent: 125m & 159m  
 A gently rolling loop around the area north-east of town, with tree lined gravel roads, quiet farm roads and abundant native birdlife to keep you company. Option 1a includes a visit to the Philippines Red Trucks and local historical farming equipment.



After your ride, reward yourself with snacks and refreshments from the local food providers in Gnowangerrup.

**Route #2 & #2a**  
 Distance: 35km & 42km Vertical Ascent: 139m & 159m  
 Take a trip out west to enjoy views to the Stirlings, farmland and follow the creek bed home. Enjoy the 35km route or take the longer 42km option.

**Route #3**  
 Distance: 55km Vertical Ascent: 267m  
 Take a longer loop around the area to the north of town and see some beautiful tree canopies growing over gravel farming roads whilst enjoying the solitude!

**Route #4 - Ongerrup**  
 Distance: 57km Vertical Ascent: 279m  
 A beautifully quiet trek out along Old Ongerrup Road that offers a lovely silhouette of the Stirlings, on your way to a satisfying food and drink stop at one of the numerous options around Ongerrup.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: What is gravel cycling?**

A: Gravel cycling bridges the gap between road cycling and mountain biking. Gravel cycling is usually done on gravel roads, fire trails, and occasionally single track. It is less technical than mountain biking, with rocks, jump and logs typically off the menu!

**Q: What is Wild Gravel?**

A: Wild Gravel, first held in 2024, is a mass community gravel cycling and running event held in the Stirling Ranges in Spring by the Shire of Gnowangerrup. See [wildgravel.com.au](http://wildgravel.com.au)

**Q: What kind of bike do I need for gravel cycling?**

A: Gravel bikes look very much like road bikes, or even some road bikes (if they can fit tyres wider than around 32mm) can be suitable for gravel cycling.

**Q: Is gravel cycling related to bikepacking?**

A: It can be. Bikepacking is a modern term for cycle touring off road. Bikepacking usually involves carrying clothing, food and supplies for multiple days.

**Q: Apart from bringing my bike, what else would I need to consider when gravel cycling around Gnowangerrup?**

- Make sure your bike is in good condition and has been recently serviced
- Bring spares like tubes, patches, pump etc. Tubeless tyres are highly recommended!
- Check the weather and bring plenty of water & sunscreen!
- Navigation - a GPS bike computer with maps downloaded is highly recommended
- Check your phone coverage before you leave home - and buy an eSIM if you need to
- Don't plan to ride too late in the day, and always tell people where you are going and when you'll be back.
- Check in with the Shire to ensure you avoid the busy time of harvest

