

Come and Explore

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

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

If one day is not enough for you, try our new Wild Gravel Cycling Trail, a 440km adventure that takes you on a multi-day adventure around the Great Southern.



Primarily a farming region, the area also hosts numerous nature reserves, including the iconic Stirling Ranges. The areas around the Stirlings offer a flatter alternative to riding in the Stirlings with constantly changing scenery, and a multitude of historic towns to visit.

About the Trail

The trail is designed to allow you to spend days cycling on quiet, low-traffic gravel roads, whilst visiting and staying overnight in towns that offer food, drink and accommodation options, meaning you can travel light, and focus on enjoying the solitude!



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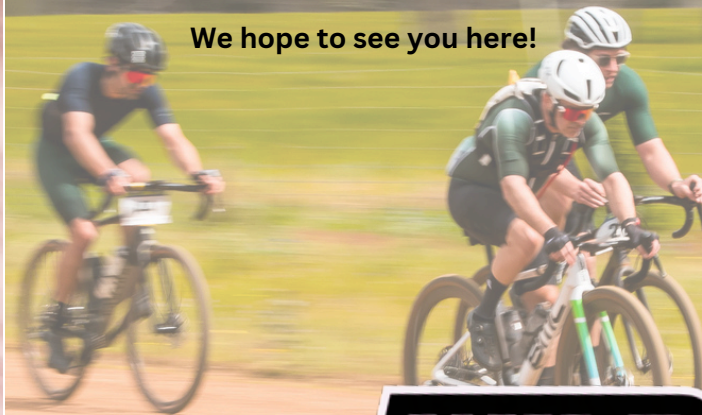
For up to date information on the Wild Gravel Trail, to view detailed maps and download GPX files, visit:

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We hope to see you here!



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A Great Southern Gravel
Cycling Experience

440km

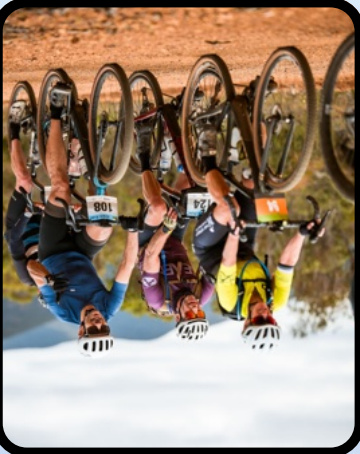
8 Towns

6 Stages

1 Big Adventure!



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: What is the Wild Gravel Trail?
 A: Wild Gravel, first held in 2024, is a mass community gravel cycling and running event held in the Stirling Ranges. The Wild Gravel Trail extends this event into a multi day, long distance challenge that people can tackle in their own time, at their own pace.

Q: When should I do the Wild Gravel Trail?
 A: Basically any time that the weather is not too extreme - check the weather forecast and avoid anything super hot or cold.

Q: What kind of bike do I need for cycling the Wild Gravel Trail?
 A: We recommend either a gravel bike or mountain bike. Whilst much of the course is flat, the section through the Stirling Ranges does get steep in places, hence a wide variety of gear ratios will make your ride much easier. If you are carrying a lot of gear, gearing will be even more important.

Q: Do I need to carry all of my gear, or are there luggage services available?
 A: There may be luggage services available to cart your clothes, sleeping bags etc. from one town to the next for you. Check the website for up to date contacts to arrange this.

Q: What sort of surfaces/roads will the trail have?
 A: The vast majority of the trail is relatively well maintained gravel road. Gravel roads can degrade and end up corrugated, so ensure you have your tyre pressures adjusted accordingly. There are sealed road sections - in these places please use extra care and be vigilant for trucks - move off the road if necessary to allow them to pass safely.

Q: Apart from bringing my bike, what else would I need to consider when planning to ride the Wild Gravel Trail?
 A: 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
 • Always tell people where you are going and when you'll be back.
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The Route



Start & Finish

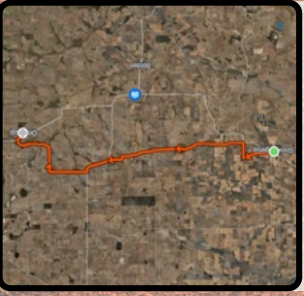


Services available:

- Supermarket
- Hotel - restaurant & accommodation
- Caravan Park
- Cafes
- Service Station
- Museum
- Pool

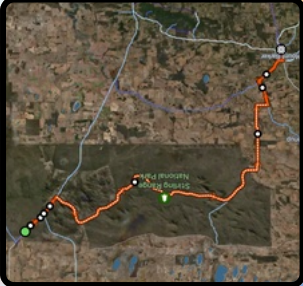
Start your journey at the home of Wild Gravel! Stock up on supplies, food and sleep(!) before you set off. Celebrate at the Hotel when you finish!

Stages



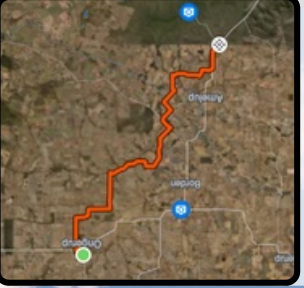
Stage 1: Gnowangerup to Ongerup
 Distance: 57km Vertical Ascent: 279m

A beautifully quiet trek out along Old Ongerup 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 Ongerup.



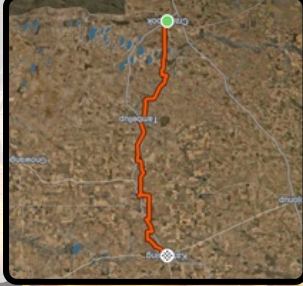
Stage 2: Ongerup to Buff Knoll
 Distance: 72km Vertical Ascent: 388m

A stunning southerly route that follows river beds, farm roads and rolling gravel hills. Offering increasingly stunning Stirling silhouettes as you approach Buff Knoll. After rewarding yourself with a drink and meal at the Buff Knoll Cafe, stay the night at Stirling Range Retreat or Mt Trio Bushcamp & Caravan Park. Visit Borden or Amelup for more food & drink options on your way.



Stage 3: Buff Knoll to Mount Barker
 Distance: 85km Vertical Ascent: 1176m

Undoubtedly the toughest, yet most spectacular section on the trail, including the legendary Stirling Range Drive. Enjoy a well deserved meal and drink in Mount Barker as you share your pictures and stories from this surely very memorable day.



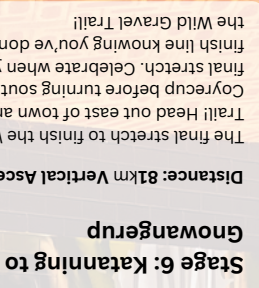
Stage 4: Mount Barker to Cranbrook (via Kendrup)
 Distance: 45km Vertical Ascent: 294m

Set off from the southern most point on the route over beautiful rolling hills, grab refreshments in Kendrup, then enjoy the route flattening off and then enjoy the cruise into Cranbrook for a well earned meal.



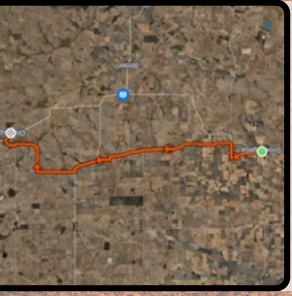
Stage 5: Cranbrook to Katanning (via Broomehill & Tambellup)
 Distance: 85km Vertical Ascent: 369m

Follow close to the old railway line for a gentle gradient and two town stops on your way to the largest town on the trail.



Stage 6: Katanning to Gnowangerup
 Distance: 81km Vertical Ascent: 317m

The final stretch to finish the Wild Gravel Trail! Head out east of town and visit Lake Coyrecup before turning south towards your final stretch. Celebrate when you cross the finish line knowing you've done it, conquered the Wild Gravel Trail!



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