

Guy's FAR RIDE 700

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This is the second ride in my far-Ride series.

How it works:

The destination for this ride is Naracoorte. It is the participant's aim to get there and on time. They must also within 18hrs complete 700km's. This will be a Friends and Rellies ride so bring your friends, family and even the Grand kids.

You will need to plan your route, fuel stops, toilet breaks and coffee/lunch breaks yourself and to arrive at the destination on time, also plan your own activities while there, there is heaps to see and do. You need to be mindful that you have a schedule to keep so don't stay too long.

This is not a ride for everyone and the fact that it will be run on a Saturday will probably omit some people. This is going to be a long ride for many; hopefully this isn't too daunting and won't put anyone off.

What I suggest is for you to work out how far the destination is from your starting point, using anything at your disposal, paper maps, Google maps, GPS etc. Subtract the distance from the ride distance and plan to have that distance covered by the time you check in. Example: If you live 250Km's from the destination, subtract that from 700km's which leaves 450Km's. So ideally your ride needs to be 450km's when you check in. What you can do is ride to the destination of 250km's, ride past it another 100km's or more, then return back to the location, leaving the required trip back home to complete the 700km's. Another method and probably more interesting would be a zig-zag or a circular route. You need to be careful that you don't fall short of the 700Km's target. It is hard to make up the shortfall around town on busy 50kph roads with traffic lights!

Time is not your friend. Try and avoid leisurely rides through the hills on roads of low speeds. You have to make your way quickly using the most direct route through to high speed roads and highways capable of 100Kph and 110Kph. As a guide I use the formula 1 hour and 20 mins per 100 km's to be travelled. So in the above example I would need to travel 450Km's or more to check in, so I would allow 4.5hrs X 1hr 20 min = 6hrs travel plus coffee breaks etc.

Think you can plan and do this ride? Then give it a go!!

On Saturday 12-Apr-2014 we are heading to the park in Naracoorte on Smith St, between Bank Place and Jones Street. Arrive between 13:00 – 13:15. This time the ride is Petrol station/shop to Petrol station or shop. Make a purchase to get a printed receipt clearly showing the date and time. Take a photo of your receipt next to your odometer, send me the pic in an **SMS**, with your **name** and if you have a **pillion their name**. I will get the rest of the details I need at check in. At the end of your ride fill your tank or make another purchase, send me another **SMS** with another pic of your printed receipt and odometer and your **name**. If you can't SMS the pic I will make arrangements with you to view the pic.

I hope to see you there!