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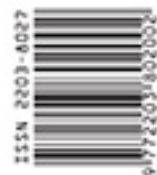


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MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL

A pretty ride, via tranquil roads in Robinson and Grasmere. It's a 60km return trip with an intermediate grading. At a leisurely pace, it can be completed in about four hours. You're finishing point will lead to Cosy Corner Beach, complete with picnic tables and barbecues under peppermint trees.



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THOMMOS AND ROCKY PONDS CYCLING LOOP

Mountain biking enthusiasts will absolutely delight in this challenging cycle. Thommos is a 20km scenic ride through Central Coast bushland. It's located in Brisbane Water National Park, takes about three hours to complete and has a medium grading. There are some steep inclines toward the latter part of the trail and care is recommended crossing busy Woy Woy Road.

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- 1** Ocean Beach Resort & Holiday Park
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LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN

The centrepiece of Canberra, Lake Burley Griffin, is also the focal point of this 16km journey. Called the Western Loop, the ride takes you past the National Museum of Australia, across Scrivener Dam and past the National Zoo and Aquarium and the Government House Lookout. Enjoy the leafy Westbourne Woods and take a well-deserved rest watching the sail boats as you finish at the Yacht Club with some fish and chips.

Recommended

1 Alivio Tourist Park Canberra
(02) 6247 5466
aliviogroup.com.au

2 Southside Village
(02) 6280 6176
southsidecanberra.com.au

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SIMSPONS GAP BIKE PATH

Experience the rawness of Central Australia as you wind along the foothills of the sublime West MacDonnell Ranges. The sealed path continues for 17km and is a fantastic opportunity to encounter the natural flora and fauna via a leisurely cycle. You will begin the journey at Flynn's Grave and find yourself finishing the easy-graded ride at the Simpson's Gap picnic area and walk.

Recommended

1 BIG4 MacDonnell Range Holiday Park
1800 808 373
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TO ALBANY

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1 Rose Gardens Beachside Holiday Park
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2 BIG4 Middleton beach Holiday Park
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MARIA ISLAND

Access to Maria Island is via ferry from Triabunna. Once there you will cycle alongside historic ruins, rugged cliffs, sweeping bays and mountainous ranges. Unwind as you roll by the unique Tasmanian wildlife and the natural terrain. With no shops or transport, you can completely relax.

Recommended

1 Orford Beachside Holiday Park
(03) 6257 1110
orfordholidaypark.com.au

2 Triabunna Cabin and Caravan Park
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MAGNETIC ISLAND

Offering a great selection of mountain biking and cycling attractions, just off the Townsville coastline. Wind your way under hoop pines and eucalypt headlands, alongside sandy bays surrounded by coral reefs and observe the rocky headlands.



RIESLING TRAIL

The ride runs for 35km from Auburn to Clare and onto Barinia. It was named after the wine and grape variety the region is famous for. The surface is compact and the grading is easy. Leisurely roll by the vineyards and rest assured knowing there are plenty of signs about directing you along. Ensure to allow enough time to stop by a cellar door or two and indulge in the local food and wine.

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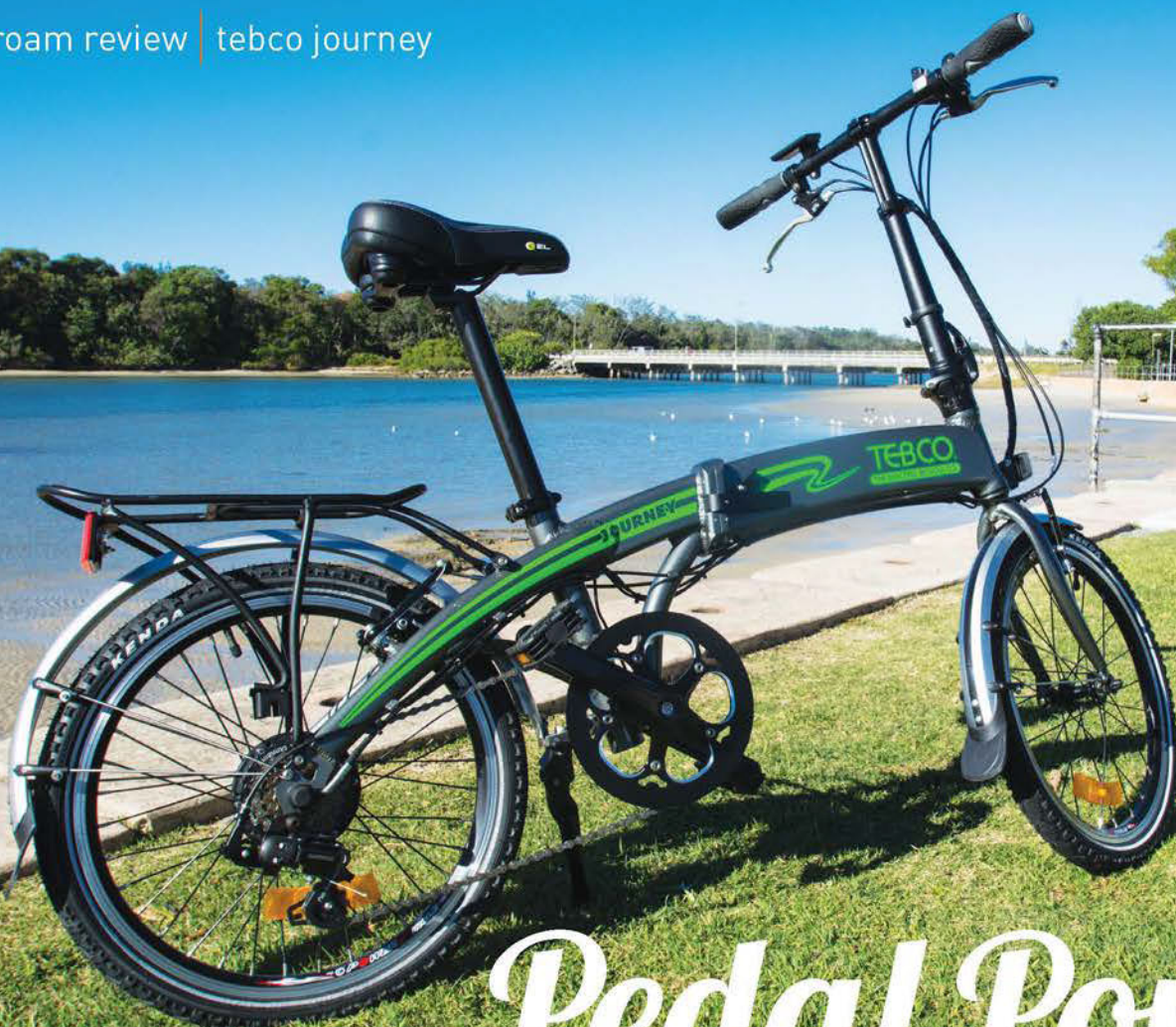


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Pedal Power

You'll never believe just how fun this electric bike is

By Brendan Batty

I do a lot of bike-riding. I ride with the kids, ride for exercise and even occasionally ride in races, so I've got a pretty high opinion of my riding ability. So I'm still haunted by the time two caravanners staying at our local park rode leisurely past me up a steep hill on their folding bikes as I huffed and puffed on the carbon fibre racing bike I've never admitted to my wife exactly how much it cost.

They were both riding the TEBCO Journey (I caught up with them on the next downhill) and laughed when they commented on how well they did up that last hill. TEBCO (The Electric Bicycle Co.) is the first company to start building and importing electric bikes into Australia, back in 1996. And not just run-of-the-mill rip-offs, the company designs, tests and builds its own bike frames and then fits them with top quality components from the likes of Shimano and Samsung.

The Journey is the company's only folding bike and to give it the best test, I booked into the stunning Pottsville South Holiday Park (see page 66 for more) and asked some fellow nomads to have a ride. The version we tested is fitted with a 250W brushless motor with pedal activation (another version with a 200W motor has a throttle). It takes some getting

used to, as the motor kicks in only when you pedal so on the first stroke you get a little kick of power which made all of us yelp with pleasure. It'll go up to 40km on a single charge, at speeds up to 26km/h. It weighs 17kg.

After that initial kick the bike pedals smoothly and you can generate power with a leisurely half-turn of the pedal. It's most useful up hills, where you can change through the seven gears, add the power of the motor while you pedal easily, laughing at the lycra clad cyclists you pass on the way. It does take some getting used to. A mistimed pedal-stroke around a corner can get interesting.

Packing down the bike is easy. It folds in the middle of the frame and at the base of the handlebars. It's small enough to fit in the hatch of a small car, or under the bed of a caravan or motorhome. It's actually the perfect vehicle to head up to the shops for small grocery runs, or morning coffees, without sacrificing its ability for longer rides to explore the local area (like the Riesling Trail on page 18). All in all, it's a fun, top-quality commuter that put a smile on all our faces.

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