



Lake Crackenback Resort

## ROAD CYCLING

Whether you're here to notch up Strava stats or just soak up the scenery on two wheels, you're in for a ride. With smooth road surfaces, minimal summer traffic and the jaw-dropping serenity of Kosciuszko National Park, road cycling in the Snowy Mountains might just be one of the best-kept (and best-climbed) secrets in Australia.

It's you, the road, and our favorite routes – handpicked for maximum scenery, good vibes, and that magical feeling that makes you forget you're riding uphill. ●

### Dead Horse Gap (40 – 80 km return)

A classic out-and-back that winds up the Alpine Way through the Thredbo Valley to the high point of Dead Horse Gap – just 5 km past Thredbo Village. Expect steady climbing with a few pinches that'll keep things interesting. Want to push it? Continue to Leather Barrel Creek or all the way to Tom Groggin. That last stretch includes one of the toughest climbs in the country, complete with sub-alpine forests and views that might just distract you from the lactic burn.

Approx. climbing

Dead Horse Gap: 1000 m

Leather Barrel Creek: 1850 m

Tom Groggin: 2200 m

### Charlotte Pass (115 km return)

Head out toward Jindabyne, turn left onto Kosciuszko Road, and don't stop turning pedals until you hit the Pass. Along the way: Waste Point, Rennix Gap, Smiggin Holes, and Perisher. Big climb energy meets alpine drama – sweeping views of Mt. Kosciuszko at the top and Lake Jindabyne on the way down. You can always turn around early – we won't tell anyone.

Approx. climbing

Charlotte Pass: 2600 m

Perisher: 2300 m

Rennix Gap: 1300 m

### The Dalgety Loop (115 km return)

Roll down to Jindabyne, then out along Barry Way before cutting across to Dalgety via Snowy River Way. Cross the historic bridge, ride through rolling farmland to Berridale, then loop back on Kosciuszko Road. Want a more bite-sized version? Start and finish in Jindabyne for an 85 km loop that's every bit as scenic.

Approx. climbing

From Lake Crackenback: 2000 m

From Jindabyne: 1450 m

**Still chasing that perfect ride? Check out the next page for more routes that deliver big views, good climbs, and even better stories.**

# OAKS.

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## **Barry Way (85 km return)**

Set off for Jindabyne and swing right at the big roundabout onto Barry Way. It's a steady climb out of town, easing into rolling farmland and framed by views back to the Thredbo Valley. Outbound it's mostly up – but the return leg's a glide. Start and finish in Jindabyne for a cruiser 52 km version.

Approx. climbing

From Lake Crackenback: 1250 m

From Jindabyne: 800 m

## **Eucumbene Dam (120 km return)**

From Lake Crackenback, head into Jindabyne, cross the dam wall, and continue on toward Eucumbene Road. It's a rare treat: the first 20 km is one of the flattest rides in the region. Then it's a sweet descent into the valley, a steady climb out, and a final drop down to the Eucumbene Dam wall. Want less saddle time? Start in Jindabyne and shave off 30 km.

Approx. climbing

From Lake Crackenback: 1550 m

From Jindabyne: 1150 m

● Note: forgetting you're climbing doesn't mean you won't feel it tomorrow. Treat yourself to a soak, a stretch, or something frothy – you've earned it.

