



Annual Rally 2026 - Road Rides:

- R1. GLENORCHY LOOP** - Cromwell, Queenstown, Glenorchy LUNCH 112 km, Arrowtown, Crown range Wanaka 121 km, Cromwell 53km Total 290km 31/2 hours non-stop but 6 hours with stops, lunch and pics, stunning ride to the back of Milford Sound plus beautiful Arrowtown then New Zealand's Highest pass to Stunning Wanaka waterfront and home.
- R2. HAAST RETURN** Cromwell to Lake Hāwea to Haast LUNCH 190 km, to Wānaka waterfront to Cromwell 194 km total 385 km. From the lakes of central Otago over mountains, beech forests to the ocean lunch at the Stags Head Haast then home via Wanaka waterfront, a lot of twists both ways and worth a return ride.
- R3. Macraes Loop**, Cromwell to Ophir to Hyde to Macraes, 165 km Lunch. To Ranfurly to Saint Bathans 125 km (approximately 15 km very good gravel) to Cromwell 86km, total 380 km. Travel the gold mining routes through central Otago, beautiful, easy, big sweeping roads, old and new gold mines, and little towns. Stunning and easy day in the sun.
- R4. Big Dunedin loop** (Pig Route) Cromwell - Roxburgh - Dunedin 224 km Lunch to Palmerston Ranfurly (pig Route, I'm jealous) Cromwell 239 km total 465 km This is a stunning day ride other than SH1, very few straights, magnificent views and the big endless corners of the pig route and great little towns and the huge Maniototo sky.
- R5. Gore Kingston Flyer Loop** Cromwell to Gore Via Tapanui 170 km Lunch to Lumsden to Kingston (you might meet the Kingston Flyer) to Frankton to Cromwell 213 km total 390 km. This is just a beautiful ride, no hard bits, no really long straights, very picturesque, great corners. And pictures or a ride with the Flyer 🕶️
- R6. Lindis** - Pig Route Loop Cromwell to Omarama to Oamaru 230 km lunch to Palmerston to Cromwell via pig route 240 km total 470 km Mountains twists lakes twists, SH1 to pig route and those huge sweeps and curves, jealous again.

Annual Rally 2026 - Gravel Rides:

G1. Gravel Skippers Canyon School Reserve. Travelling through the Kawarau gorge to Arrowtown, then heading towards Coronet Peak, you travel for approximately 45 km on Tar-seal, then the excitement starts. Turning left onto the very narrow Skippers Canyon Road and you travel on a mostly firm surface to Skippers School reserve for lunch and pictures 25 k in and 25 k out 😎. I would not call this a very technical ride, but it's narrow, and if you go off the riverside of the road, you won't be coming home. Toyota Corollas do this road and buses, and GSA1250s 2 up. If you're thinking about this, check out YouTube. Total 200k, allow 4 hours plus time in Arrowtown on the way home to Cromwell.

G2. Nevis is gravel and technical, and lots of water. This is a 70 km ride of about 50 km 4WD track, it includes numerous river crossings and requires a high level of caution and no cell phone coverage - do not do it on your own. We should have 2 or 3 members who could lead this ride, hopefully. You pop out at Garston, where you can have a coffee at the coffee bomb, then either go back the way you came 🧑 or Tar seal back through Queenstown to Cromwell 100km Total 180 km 5 - 6 hours? Once again, plenty to check out on YouTube.

G3. Thompson Track, Cromwell to Tarras 22km over Thompson gorge Rd to Omakau 30'ish km of Gravel, a bit of water and lots of gates and back to Cromwell 52 km. Total 110 km 4 hours? Check YouTube.

G4. Raspberry Creek, Mt Aspiring. One of my favourite little rides, Cromwell to Wanaka, then to the base of Treble Cone, 76 km of Tar seal, then about 40 km of interesting gravel and some nice little fords up to Raspberry Creek. This is a stunning country, the lunch with the sandflies, maybe a little walk, then the ride home. Total 240 km, 5 - 6 hours.

Short Rides:

S1. Saint Bathans and the ghost, Chatto Creek pub, home of the Chatto Creek motorcycle club, these guys ride every Thursday 52 weeks of the year, averaging 25 riders every time, the Hamlet of Cambrians ~ never been to a hamlet, this is your chance, it's stunning.

S2. Cardrona and another Ghost at the pub (just sold for 20+ million?). They need your custom. Arrowtown or Queenstown. What about Lake Hawea and visit the pub for the last time, being demo for 24 sections, 2 million each ~ just petty cash really 🤔.

S3. Roxburgh, see Barry at his favourite cafe. If you like pies, hunt down a Sangas pie, and you will never go to Fairlie again. All in all, in Central, we are so lucky to have so many rides. If anyone wants an 800 - 1100 km plus day ride, see me, I will be very jealous but can put you on an alpine loop, or something else...? 😎