

## Karkloof Route

Dirt = 280 km

2014



The Karkloof route leaves Midmar turning right towards Nottingham Road, then a left 5 kilometers later (just past Piggly Wiggly – P162) towards Balgowan, and then left again onto the Curry's Post road P165. The verdant green flora of KwaZulu-Natal makes this a spectacularly scenic ride, especially after entering the Umgeni Nature Reserve after turning onto the P145 at 12 kilometers from Midmar. The roads are Provincial and District roads with good surfaces. There is a section of loose pebbles where care must be taken.



A short detour of 11 kilometers at kilometer 85 brings one into New Hanover where fuel is available, as well as meals at the historical Travellers Rest, dating back to the days of the ox-wagon (more at <http://thetravellersrest.wix.com/guesthouse#!>)

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The ride continues into the Valley of 1000 Hills, passing numerous villages along the way. At Ahrens Station, the ride moves onto the P74 to Greytown. There is a fuel stop just past kilometer 127 on R74 from Kranskop to Greytown.

Lunch is available in Greytown at the Golf Club, Wimpy Bar and Tranquillitee, with multiple fuel outlets. The route can be picked up just outside Greytown on the R33 to Pietermaritzburg. The route then uses good gravel roads past the Craigie Burn Nature Reserve and Dam towards Mooi River, then on to Linga Lapa and the Curry Post Road and back to Midmar.



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