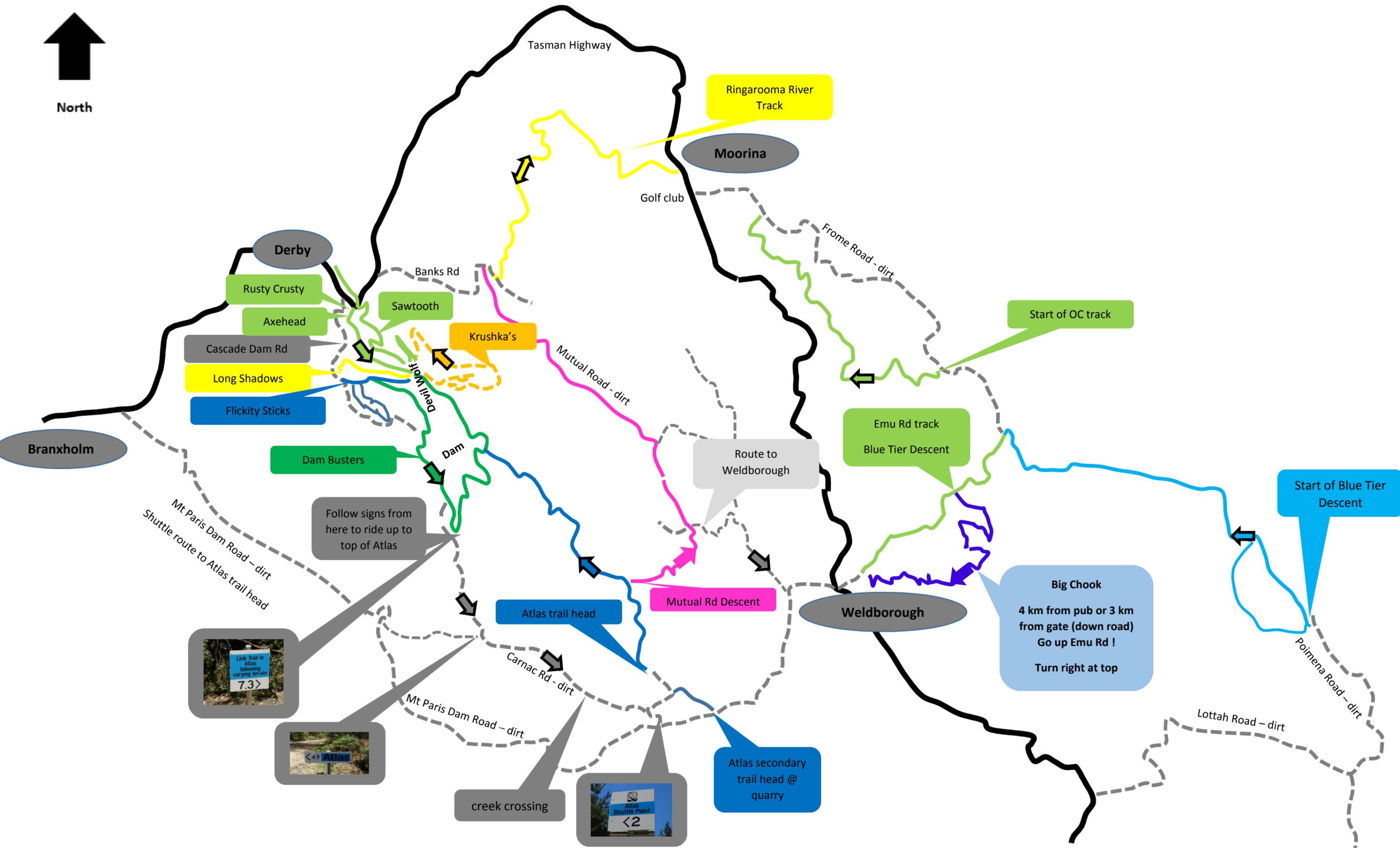


# Derby & Blue Tier Mountain Bike Tracks, Bush Tracks & Access Roads

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Derby

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Axehead

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Long Shadows

Flickity Sticks

Branhholm

Dam Busters

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Shuttle route to Atlas trail head



Atlas trail head

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creek crossing



Atlas secondary trail head @ quarry

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Mutual Rd Descent

Weldborough

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Banks Rd

Sawtooth

Krushka's

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## **Basic Trail Info for Derby & Blue Tier**

The trails around Derby are a “stacked loop” design and are ridden in a single direction ONLY. Note direction of arrows. Take plenty of water / food with you, especially if riding up to Atlas or Dam Busters. Do not drink from creeks! Not toilets on trails either! Mobile – Telstra patchy. No other providers have coverage in this valley!

### **For the kids & beginners – (green trails)** Fitness level required – not much

3 trails only – sorry!

River trail - from the showers (primary trail head) to the secondary trail head and shuttle depart point for Atlas.

Chain Gang – This trail is wheel chair friendly and flows around the mining works around the Cascade River’s edge. Great easy trail.

Rusty Crusty – This is a third option but please be careful as there are some rough rocky creek crossings and the odd rough section. Kids / beginners may need to walk these. The rest of the trail rides like Chain Gang and well worth it. This trail is the main trail into the trail network and thus links onto Saw Tooth.

### **Experienced beginner to intermediate riders**

Axe Head – This is the main trail that takes you up to all the other trails in the Derby network. This is a great ride that takes you through along the lower reaches of the Cascade River and through the “twisties”. Be sure to grab a photo at Trout Falls before heading up to Devil Wolf.



Devil Wolf – This rocky canyon is a must stop and is reached after crossing a small green bridge and rock pathway. More often than not, you miss this until you ride Long Shadows & Flickity Sticks.

**Devil Wolf** is the centre of most of the trails in this area. From here you can ride;

1. Up **Long Shadows &** down **Flickity Sticks**
2. **Dam Busters** (via Long Shadows & 1/3 Flickity Sticks)
3. **Krushka’s**
4. **Rattler**
5. **Boulder Falls**
6. or back to Derby via **Relics & Saw Tooth**
7. You can ride up to the **Atlas**, via Dam Busters (up route), then follow the signs.

**Long Shadows** (5 – 15 minutes) up

Long Shadows is a gentle climbing ride on an easy trail. Basic fitness is required, with basic bike skills. It follows a few water races, which were used to direct water to Derby’s tin mines, many years ago, as it winds its way up to Flickity Sticks.

**Flickity Sticks** (5 -8 minutes) down

Flickity Sticks is a great descending ride, with a selection of berms to get you ready for the other trails in the area. It is the easiest of the blue trails in the network and well worth your effort.

Note – If you find Flickity Sticks difficult, do not try the others and make your way back to Derby via Relics & Saw Tooth

**Boulder Falls** (5 – 10 minutes) Easy except for crossing at falls**Relics** (5 minutes) Easy. Suit experienced beginner

Relics is a return trail from the junction at Long Shadows & Flickity Sticks. It basically follows the old road back to where Rattler trails joins Saw Tooth.

**Saw Tooth** (10 – 20 minutes) Easy. Suit experienced beginner

Saw Tooth is the return trail back to Derby from Devil Wolf. It has a few minor technical points along the way, but these can be walked if need be. You can side track to Monument, which needs to be ridden with care, as some sections go past 3 metre drops. The monument gives you a view over the township of Derby.

## **Intermediate Riders**

**Dam Busters** (1 – 2 hours) – Good level of bike skills required (for the descent into Devil Wolf fitness and)

This ride requires a bit of effort to get to the main trail. From Devil Wolf you head up Long Shadows > then go down 1/3 of Flickity Sticks and turn right onto the Dam Busters Trail. You'll travel up along Heart Break Hill before descending down onto Cascade Dam Rd. You'll then follow this 4wd tack until one again hitting some magic single track. Be sure to look up and around as you ride along this bit of trail. When you hit the old logging bridge with the new bit over the top, stop here for a refueling stop, as the fun now begins or at the lakeside Stop, 5 minutes further on.

Dam Busters finishes at Devil Wolf. This is the rock canyon you see in many photos. From here, you can ride Krushka's or Long Shadows > Flickity Sticks or head back to Derby either via right (Boulder Falls) or left & cross over green bridge and head off right down Relics, cross the creek and left into Saw Tooth onto Derby.

**Ride Option 2** - This is a quicker and easier UP option, or so we believe, as it takes out Heartbreak Hill.

Ride up Cascade Dam Rd (which starts of Krushka's St (see Derby Town Hall). A tarmac rd soon turns to dirt and is a steady climb. You'll soon pass a Blue Derby trail signpost, where Long Shadows pops onto the road. Continue up Cascade Dam Rd and head straight ahead when the road goes right. Just after this, you'll see the trail post for Flickity Sticks. Continue up Cascade Dam Rd, as it climbs for another few km. Then it's down to the lake. Turn right head (Dam Busters trail from Heartbreak Hill comes in from the right here. You are now on the old road that will take you to Dam Busters & Atlas trails.

**Krushka's** (45 – 90 minutes) - Good level of bike skills & fitness required for both the climb up and descent. Intermediate beginner could attempt this, with car & fitness.

This is a great ride, especially if you like to put in a bit of effort before your reward. A typical cross country type of ride with descending berms you can "lose cows in". It has a few technical sections for the advance beginner, if you have the fitness, both when climbing & descending. It takes through a variety of forest types, so be sure to look around as you ride through. Climb up from Devil Wolf takes between 20 – 40 minutes, depending on fitness.

**Rattler** (10 – 15 minutes)

Rattler is normally done as part of Krushka's and requires the same level of skills and fitness.

**Howler** – (5 – 10 minutes) takes you past Boulder Falls. Advanced Beginner could ride this. Just be careful of rock features. You may be best to walk these.

**Atlas** (30 - 60 minutes – one way) - a good level of bike skills is required. Not for beginners!

Atlas is a 10km descent (14 km if riding back to Derby), with a few small climbs. You can roll over everything, with B-lines for those that need a safer option. You'll need a few rides to really appreciate the technical aspects of this trail. The trail builders have built a heap of hidden A-line features, for your riding pleasure. If you ride from Devil Wolf up to the top of Atlas & back to Devil Wolf, you'll need to allow 2 hours. The ride up to the Atlas trail head is from the top of Dam Busters. It is well sign posted from this point and is 4.7 km and follows Carnac Rd (forestry road).

**Mutual Road Descent – Suit advanced beginner rider up.**

This is an old school trail and is 28 km if ridden from Derby, via Dam Busters, up Carnac Rd to the Atlas Trail Head. From here, follow the first section of Atlas and turn right at 3 km (See pink writing on trees (MRD). There is a well-defined old logging trail heading down. 100 metres on, these is a junction to the right. Continue straight on. You are on the descent section. Enjoy. There is some trail marking. Follow MRD signage and pink ribbons/ markings.

## Weldborough / Blue Tier

### **Big Chook – suit intermediate beginner rider up.**

Big Chook is the first part of the Blue Tier Trail to open and is accessed from the southern end (ie. Weldborough Hotel). It can be found 4 km from the Weldborough Hotel, down Emu Rd. If heading off from the gate (1 km down Emu Rd) it will be 3 km until you reach the top of the first big climb. The climb requires some fitness but is not too technical. Big Chook itself is an easy ride, with a very smooth and flowy trail with berms you can “loose cows in”. The trail would suit intermediate beginners on and is a trail that has a lot of small A line jumps. These jumps would appeal to those that are keen to learn how to find some air, but on safe jumps. The land zones are particularly friendly, with smooth wide zones. It goes through a range of environments with again, heaps of ferns.....enjoy.

Note – You may like to ride from Derby to ride this section of the Blue Tier trail, a quick drink & lunch at pub and then up Mt Paris Dam Road to the Atlas Trail Head.

The quickest way to ride to Weldborough is via Banks Rd, at 2.7 km right onto Mutual Rd (after concrete bridge), turn right at 7. 2 km and up first section of Mutual Road Descent and left up forestry rd. Right at top of forestry rd and left when you hit the Weldborough sign. All up, this is a 14 km ride. (Zero speedo at start of River Track at signage at shower trail head). Alternatively, ride via Atlas ride route, but head right before final pinch and ride towards quarry and then down Mt Paris dam Rd to Weldborough. This is about 19 km.