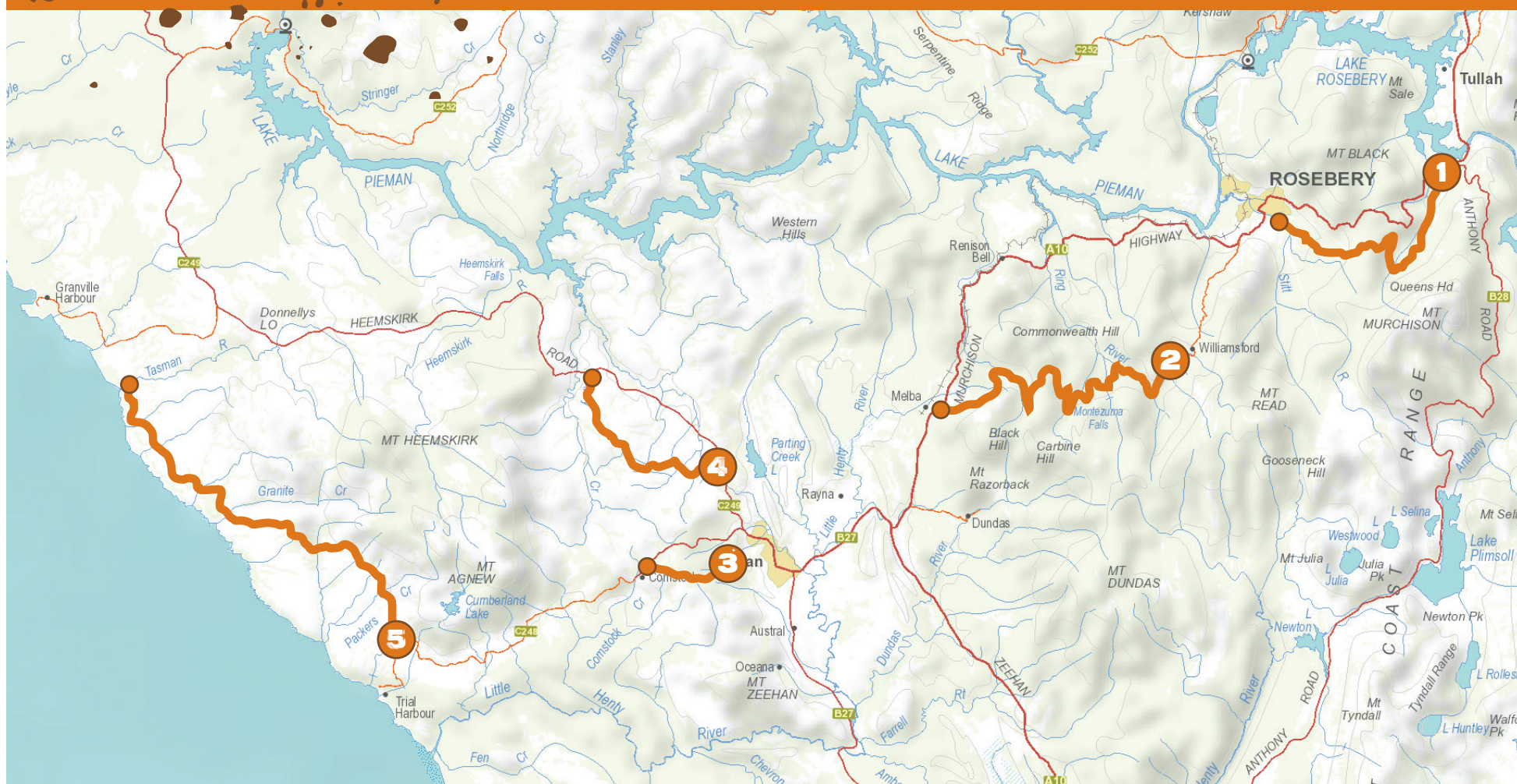




WEST COAST MTB



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STERLING VALLEY

12KM

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MONTEZUMA FALLS

28KM

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SPRAY TUNNEL

6KM

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HEEMSKIRK LOOP

14KM

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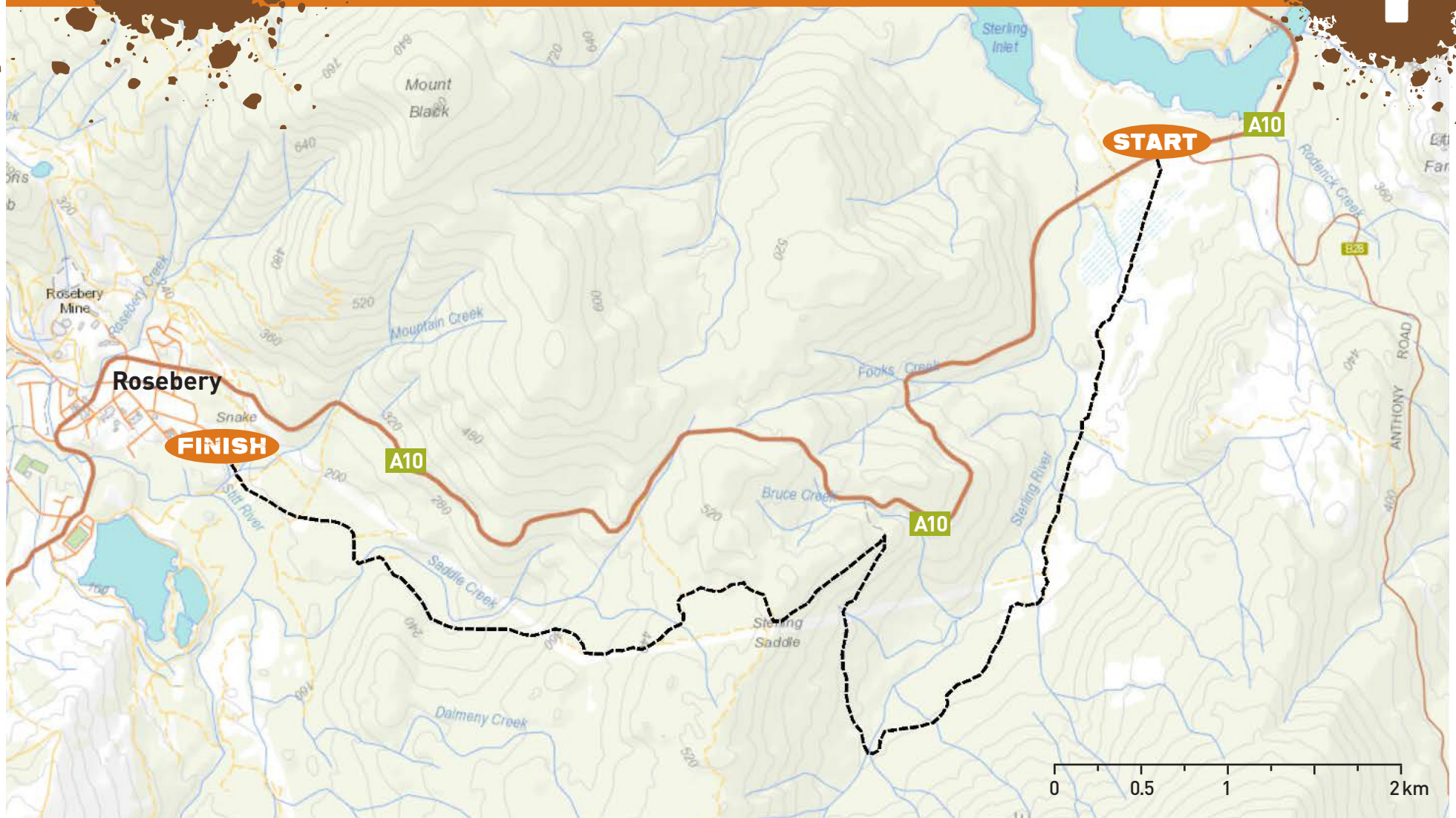
GRANVILLE HARBOUR

12KM



STERLING VALLEY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

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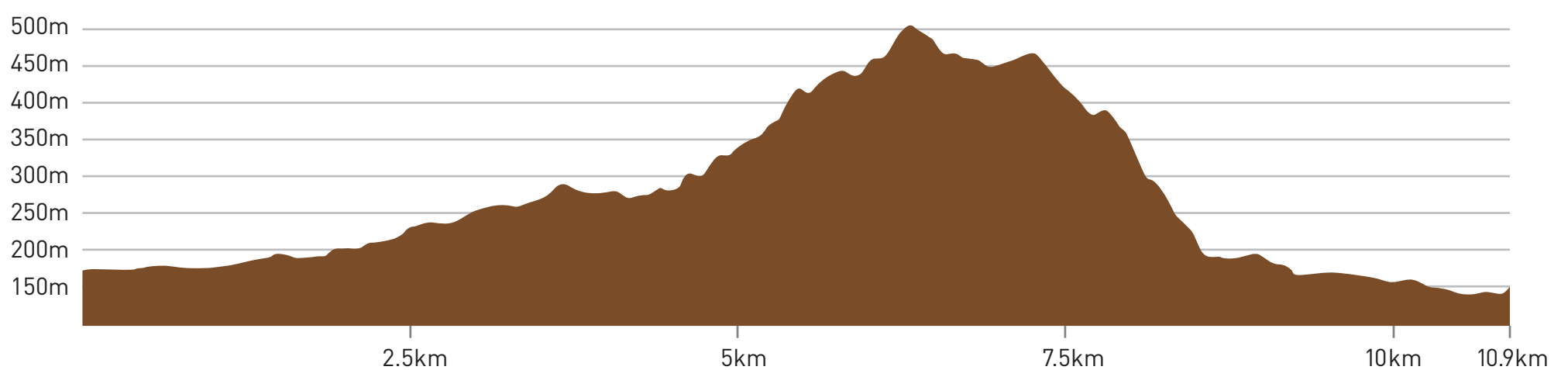
START: 300m west of the Anthony Road junction on Murchison Highway

FINISH: end of Dalmeny St, Rosebery

DISTANCE: 12kms

DIFFICULTY: intermediate (blue)

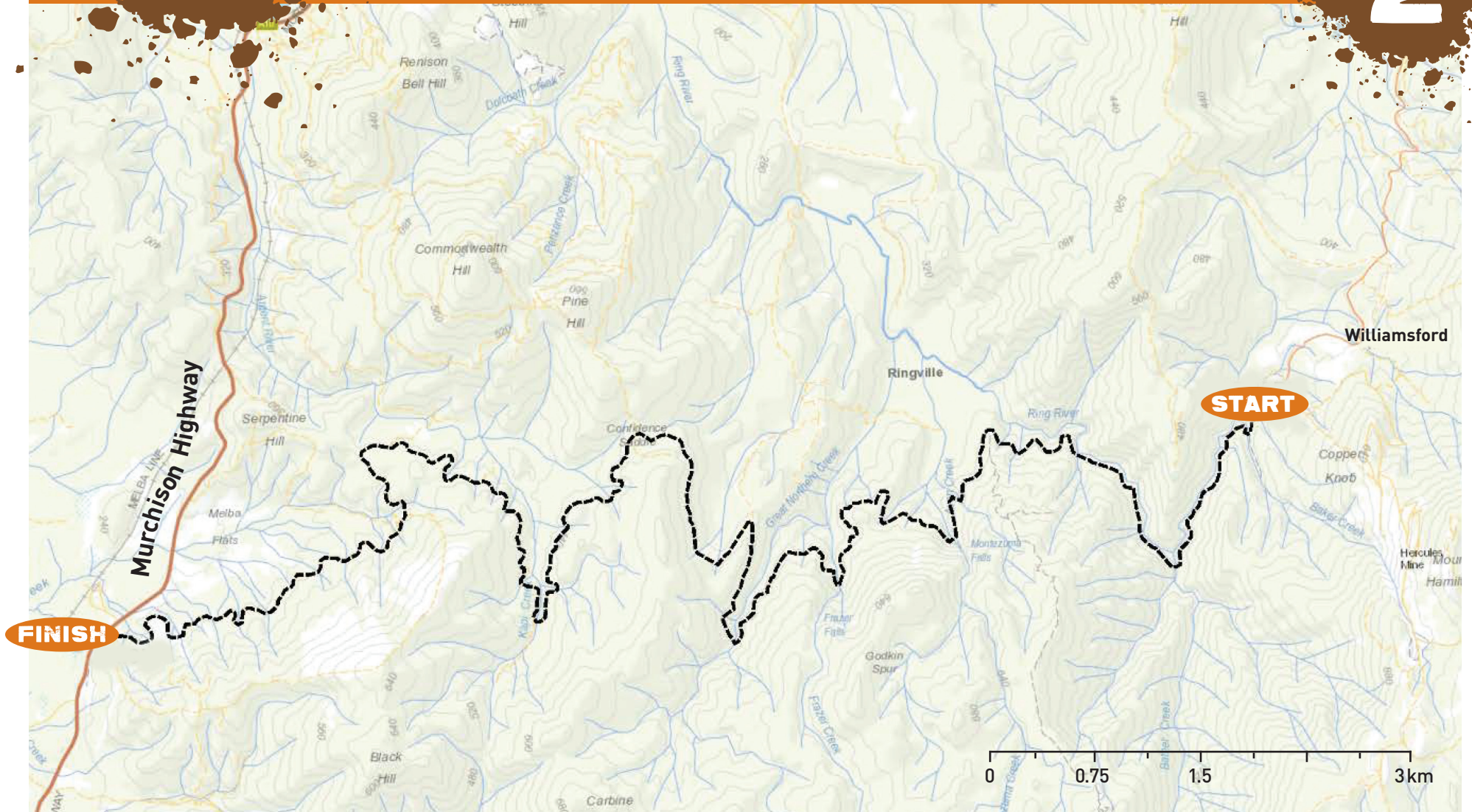
A challenging but rewarding ride through beautiful myrtle rainforest with occasional spectacular views to the impressive face of Mt Murchison. The track largely follows historical trails from near Tullah to Rosebery. A gravel track leads to the start of an historical track that winds up through the forest to Sterling Saddle. At the top gravel roads link through to the descent into Rosebery which mostly follows an old shoe track which was used when logging occurred on the slope many years ago. The sections of technical difficulty, which occur on the descent into Rosebery, are short and easily walked by less competent riders.



MONTEZUMA FALLS

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

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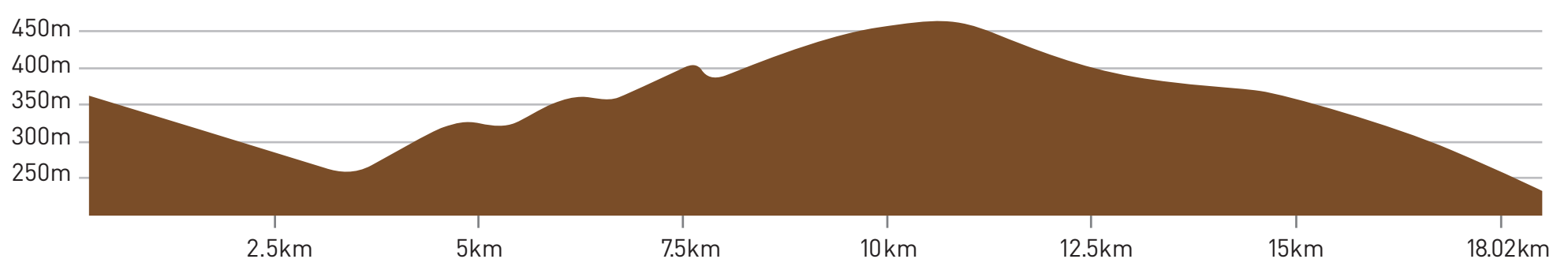
START: Montezuma Falls carpark. 200m after leaving Rosebery, travelling south, turn left to Williamsford. The car park is approximately 6kms at the end of this road.

FINISH: Melba Flats (opposite the road to the Melba Flats processing plant) Zeehan is approximately 9kms further on

DISTANCE: 28kms

DIFFICULTY: easy (green)

The trail follows the old NE Dundas rail line from Williamsford to Melba Flats. From the start it hugs the contours with gentle gradients until Montezuma Falls is reached after 7kms. As you cross the suspension bridge (an experience in itself), take a look at Tasmania's highest waterfall at 104m. After the falls, the trail hugs the contours again with a gentle rise to Confidence Saddle. From that point on it's all downhill! As you ride, spare a thought for those that constructed the trail entirely with pick and shovel. The first sod was turned in January 1896 with the official opening in June 1898. The rail line which was used to transport ore from mines at Dundas and Mt Read closed in 1932. Between the Falls and Melba Flats some parts of the trail are poorly drained and large puddles form. At drier times these can be mostly ridden around. Also be aware that this section of track is also open for use by 4WDs and ride with an expectation that you may meet a vehicle around the next corner.

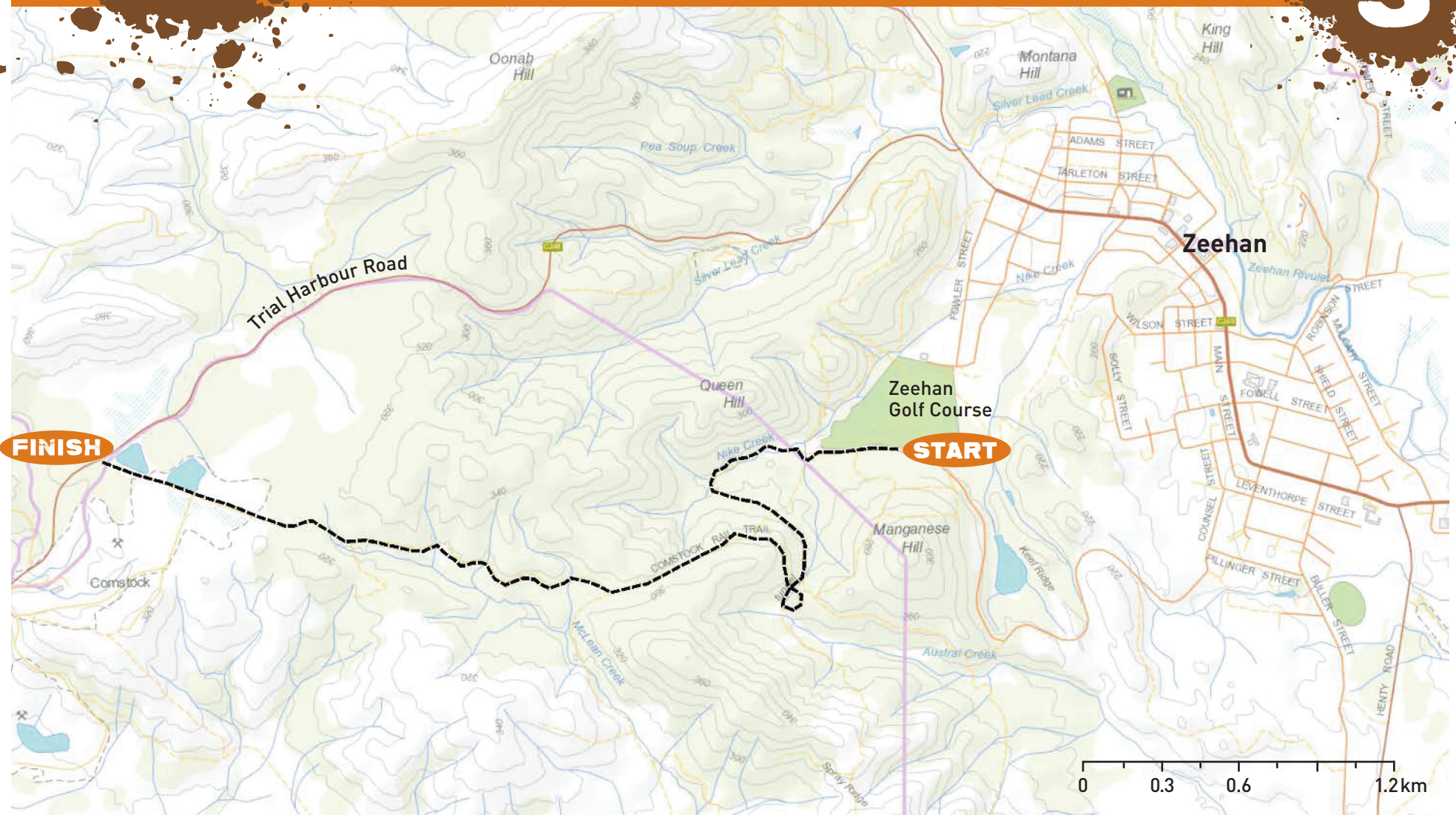




SPRAY TUNNEL

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

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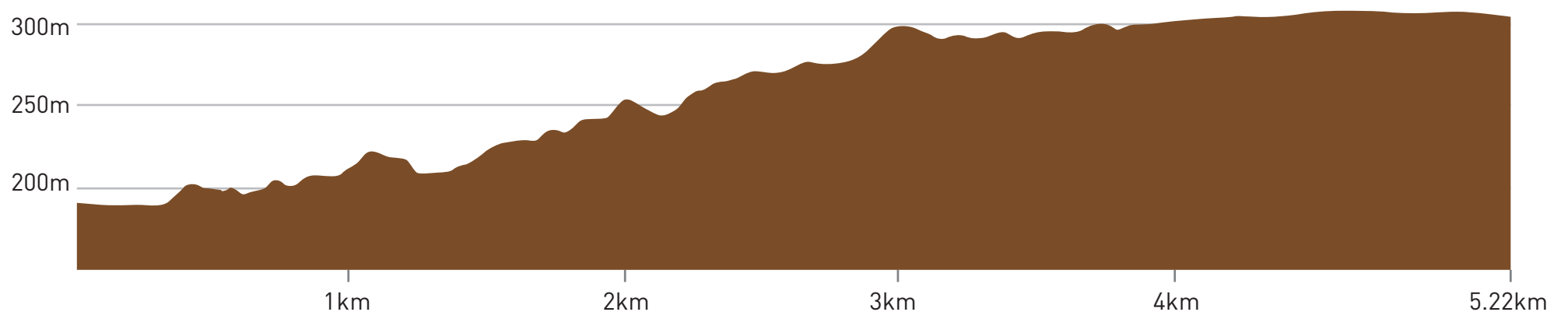
START: Zeehan Golf Course, 200m past the clubhouse

FINISH: same place, or Zeehan

DISTANCE: 6kms (approx)

DIFFICULTY: easy (green)

The trail follows old tramways through an area that was intensively mined in the late 1800's. The highlight is riding through the 200m long tunnel locally known as the 'Spray Tunnel'. After exiting the tunnel, you can take two quick lefts and take a trail that exits on the Trial Harbour Road. You can then enjoy largely a downhill ride back into Zeehan either back the way you've come or on the Trial Harbour Road.

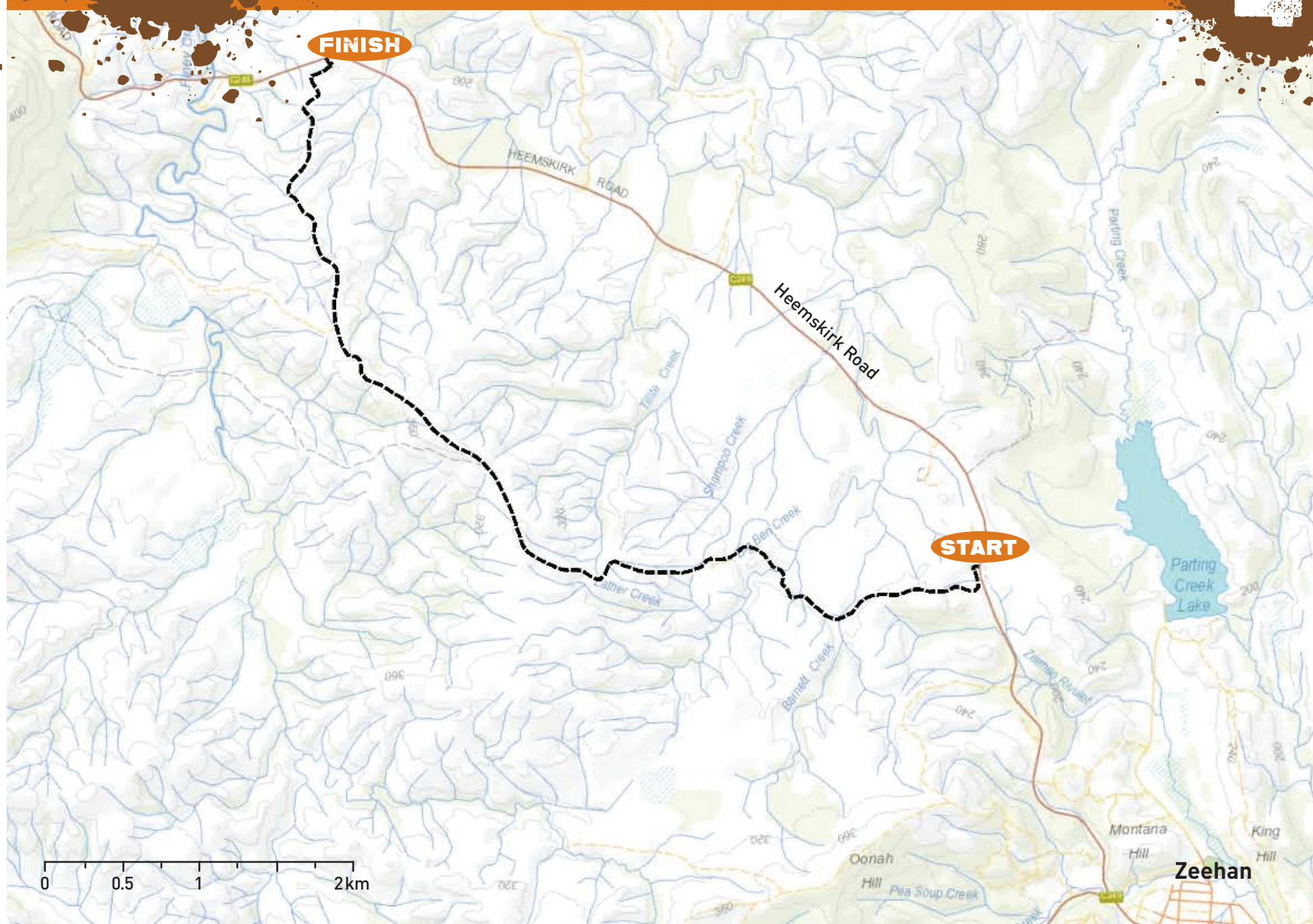




HEEMSKIRK LOOP

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

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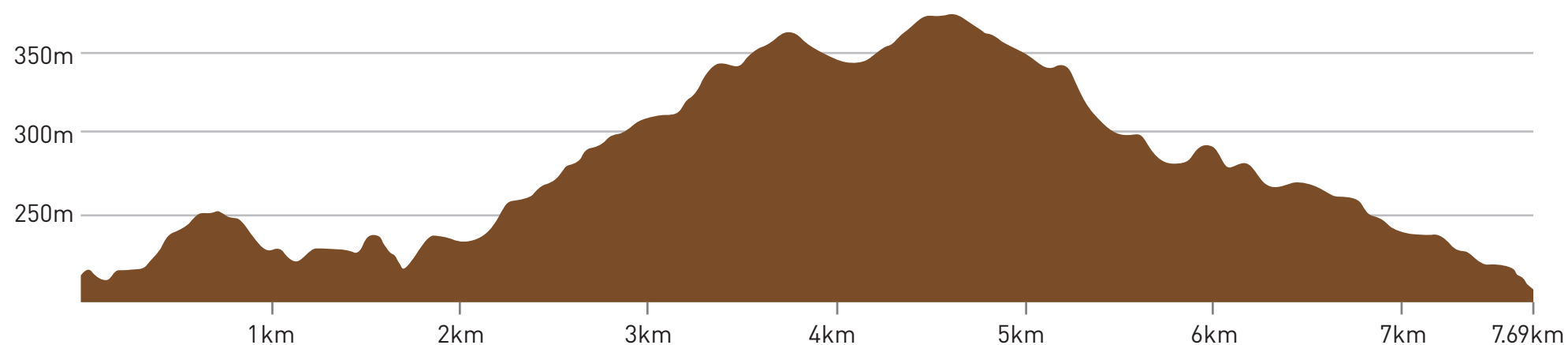
START: approximately 1.5kms north of Zeehan on the Heemskirk Road to Granville Harbour

FINISH: 300m south of Piney Creek on the Heemskirk Road

DISTANCE: 8kms (14kms return)

DIFFICULTY: intermediate (blue)

From the start near Piney Creek, the trail rises up the lower slopes of Mt Heemskirk through open buttongrass and heath country to a ridge with good views towards Mt Dundas that is followed for a short distance before a fun descent back down to the Heemskirk Road. The loop can be completed by riding back along the road to Zeehan.





GRANVILLE HARBOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

5



START: start of Climies Track,
approximately 2kms before Trial Harbour

FINISH: Tasman River

DISTANCE: 18kms

DIFFICULTY: intermediate (blue)

A challenging and rewarding ride through coastal heathlands with expansive views west to the Southern Ocean and east to Mt Heemskirk. The track undulates with numerous descents, creek crossings and climbs. Frequent exposed bedrock and washouts demand a high level of awareness and respect. Towards the end, when the legs are tiring, pause to think that Sid Taberlay, a 5 time winner of the *Wildside* mountain bike event, rode this stage starting in Trial Harbour in 54 minutes!

