

- For riders with some experience cycling is a great way to enjoy the scenery (mallee, casuarinas, spinifex and bluebush are the main vegetation types), to get among the birds and mammals and to travel to points of interest. You can get to the walks, bird hides and historic Old Gluepot on a bicycle.

When cycling on Gluepot Reserve take

- Plenty of water,
- A map of Gluepot Reserve.
- Snacks,
- Sunscreen
- Spare tube(s) / puncture repair kit and pump.
- A first aid kit is also recommended.

Brief Comments on the Tracks

Track 1: The road from the Visitors' Centre to Emu Hide (Don and Chris Lill Bird Hide) (8 kms) has a few minor sandy spots, corrugations and stones but most cyclists can ride all the way. This is one of the better tracks.

Track 2: The route travels from the Visitors' Centre to Kangaroo Dam. (5 kms) There are occasional sandy sections which may require walking. The same applies from there to the west to Old Gluepot (9 kms). There is a corrugated section prior to junction with Track 4. Old Gluepot to Kelly Dam (7 kms) has a number of stony sections, but not much sand.

Track 3: The first section of this track takes you from Emu Hide (Don and Chris Lill Bird Hide) to Old Gluepot (5.5 kms). There are two sandy sections which may require walking. The second section of track 3 takes you from Old Gluepot to Swamp Dam. (9 ½ kms) The route is good with only one significant sandy section.

Track 4: The track north from Emu Hide (Don and Chris Lill Bird Hide) to the junction with Track 2 (3 kms) is good. There are some sandy sections heading further north. (4 ½ kms to boundary).

Track 5: The route from Kangaroo Dam to Froggy Dam Hide (5 ½ kms) is generally good.

Track 6: The track from the Visitors' Centre north to Froggy Dam Hide (7 kms) and then on to the north reserve boundary has several sandy sections and thus is more challenging.

Track 7: The road from the Visitors' Centre north east to Grasswren Hide (Josie's Hideaway Bird Hide) (11 kms) is a one of the better tracks to ride with a few minor sandy spots and stony sections. Travelling west to Froggy Dam Hide (7.5 kms) the surface is good (one sandy section) but there is more sand on the track west to Broggy's Hole (5.0 kms).

Track 8: This track heading east from Visitors' Centre (8 ½ kms) is relatively easy after a sandy section in the first couple of kms. The track heading north to Grasswren Hide (Josie's Hideaway Hide) (6 ½ kms) is more difficult due to sand.

Track 9: This route travels from Track 8 leads to Long Dam (4 kms) and has some sand.

Track 10A: Cycling from the Visitors' Centre to Whistler Hide (John Martin Hide) (3 kms) is recommended as being the fastest way to get to this hide, although there are two gates to open and close, and a section of sand. (This track is a 'management vehicle and walker only' track.)

NOTE: Don't let the two short sandy sections near the Visitors' Centre put you off! There is one section after ½ km when going out to Tracks 2 or 6 and one section about 1 km out along Track 8!

The distances are approximate (nearest half km) and are generally a slight overestimation.



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CYCLING AT GLUEPOT

- Cycling is permitted on any public vehicle track on Gluepot Reserve as well as those track signed 'management vehicles & walkers only'.
- The best time of year to cycle is autumn, winter and spring. In summer the temperatures can be high, and hence particular care is needed in selecting the day, and it is essential that you take sufficient water.
- There are more than 100 kms of bush track available to cyclists.
- Mountain bikes are recommended for negotiating tracks that are in places sandy (expect to walk and push your bike at times) and occasionally corrugated or stony.
- Road conditions can vary depending on recent rain, when they were last graded or 'bagged' (using tyres dragged behind a vehicle) and how much use the track receives.
- **Keep Track numbers on your right to return to the Visitor Centre.**

