

THE MORNING SPOKE

TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2011

Welcome to the Southern Most Ordinary Tour 2011.

We hope you will enjoy the challenge of this tour as well as the company of your fellow riders and the spectacular countryside that we will be traveling through.

Each Morning you will receive a copy of the Morning Spoke which will outline what you can expect on each day of the tour.

Chip in and Help out.

To make life easy for everyone, it would be appreciated if you could all chip in and help out with things along the way. This includes loading the bikes, packing the vans, doing dishes and cleaning up before we leave the accommodation provider in the morning.

Information Sheets.

Information sheets on each part of the run will be handed out at morning and lunch so you know where you are going for each leg of this adventure.

Tour Preparation

This year you will need to pack a towel, We have two accommodation providers that do not provide us with towels. The good news is that there is a day in between these places, so there is time for the towel to dry.

Training

Well if you thought about training for the tour— you are out of time.. Good news is I get told by these people that do the tour each year— there is only one week of training and that is done on the tour.

**Ready
Steady
Go!**

ATM Machines

If you require cash in Bluff or Stewart Island you need to make sure you have this before you get there as there are no ATM machines in this area.

Support Vehicles

For this tour we have three vans. Each van has a trailer – one for the penny farthings, one for the safety cycles, and one for luggage. These vans and trailers will be used as support vehicles throughout the tour. The vans will space out and will stop approximately every 10km where snack bars, fruit, fruit juice and water will be available. One van will be the tail end charlie, if you need to take a break from riding, please let the drivers know.

Saturday 12th November.

Please be at the Oamaru Cycle works by 8am on Saturday 12th November to load up the trailers. We need to leave Oamaru by 9am.

Before we leave on Saturday, each rider is required to sign a waiver form and you will be provided with a receipt for payment of tour fee you have paid.

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SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2011

The Adventure Begins

Good morning everyone, we hope you are ready for this rather exciting little adventure to the most southern parts of New Zealand. I know you will not know everyone that is taking part on this tour, so please introduce yourselves to each other.

Today we need to leave Oamaru by 9am, as we need to be in Bluff by 4pm.

Please ensure your bike is on the correct trailer, and your luggage is stowed in the luggage trailer.

Lunch

Today lunch has been booked at Cafe 55 in Balclutha for 12pm. Only a 30 minute stop here. Back on the road by 12.30pm

Accommodation

Our accommodation providers tonight are Bunkers Backpackers with a few staying next door at Stewart Island Backpackers.

Rider Collection

On your way south you will need to collect a few riders along the way. The first stop is across from Old Bones backpackers. Here you will be collecting our eldest member of the tour—George Crack. George was the publican on Stewart Island for a few years and will be riding the bicycle he rode from Cape Reinga to Bluff to raise money for a swimming pool.

June and Eric Simpson will be joining you in Balclutha with Jasmine—Mobility Dog in Training.

After lunch you are heading to Invercargill airport where Peter Young, Graeme and Wendy Simpson will be collected at approx 3.15pm

We meet up with the final riders in Bluff - Jane Matchett, Scott and Dinah Dunavan.

Dinner

Tonight we are having a Barbecue for dinner. We need assistance with collecting the ordered goods from the Four Square, peeling the potatoes, cooking the vegetables and meat, and preparing the salads. Please feel free to offer your assistance.



The crossing—Bluff to Stewart Island

We need to unload the bikes, and the luggage that is going to Stewart Island with us.

The ferry departs at 5pm. If we miss this we will be camping under the stars in the carpark. Loading of the bikes and luggage onto the ferry needs to be completed by 4.30pm

You need to keep in mind that when we get to Stewart Island that it is an approx 5min walk to Bunkers - the accommodation for the next two nights and you will need to get your bike and luggage to Bunkers. We will have a few other things containing food for the stay at Stewart Island that will need to be moved to Bunkers as well.

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SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2011

Rise and Shine

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the second glorious day of the Southern Most Ordinary tour.

Breakfast is at Bunkers. There is a selection of cereal, toast and spreads, coffee and tea. Please help to clean up after breakfast.

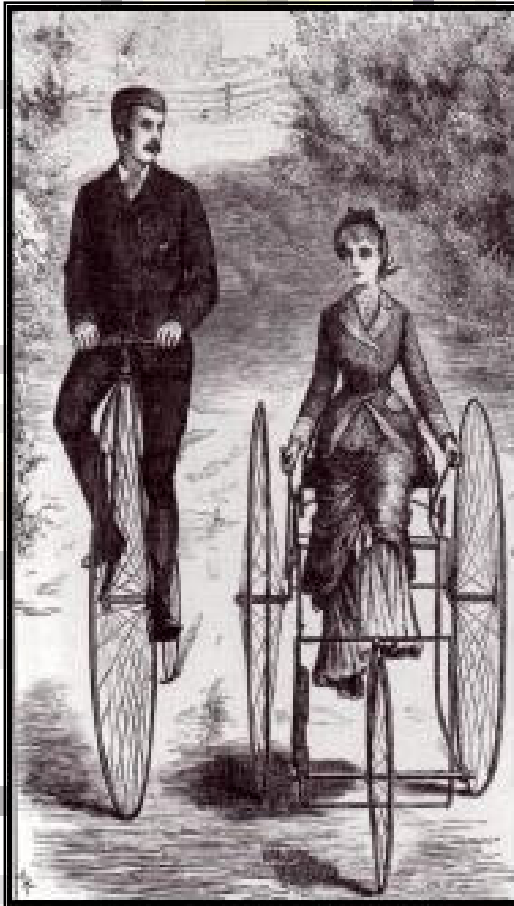
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Sublime Lodge
Annie's Victorian Tea Rooms
Strictly Coffee Dunedin

Dinner

Tonight we are dining at the South Seas Hotel with a meal of fish and chips. After dinner we can take part in the famous Stewart Island Pub Quiz.



Early Start

There is an early start in the morning - so not too much ...

PS early means 6.30am start - or earlier if you want to have breakfast before we leave.

Activities for the Day.

Today you are free to explore Stewart Island by cycle or foot.

Donna has arranged a day trip to explore Ulva Island—Open Sanctuary with Peter and Anyta. The island features native birds, plants and trees. It is predator free after a successful rat eradication programme.

Relax and enjoy the Island.

Ask George—he may have some ideas as he knows the island.

Lunch

Today a packed lunch has been arranged with the Friends of Stewart Island Preschoolers. It will be available from Bunkers from 12pm onwards.

Raffle

We still have raffles for sale. Take a book with you on your adventures this week. The raffle is drawn on Fete Day—20th November.

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MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2011

Rise and Shine

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the third glorious day of the Southern Most Ordinary tour.

Breakfast is at Bunkers. There is a selection of cereal, toast and spreads, coffee and tea. Please help to clean up after breakfast.

Farewell to Stewart Island

Today we head back to the mainland. The ferry leaves at 8am, so please have all your belongings and bicycle to the ferry by 7.30am. Your assistance will be required to help move any food that has not been eaten to the ferry.

Breakfast

We suggest a light breakfast or just coffee or tea before we leave. Once we get to Bluff, breakfast has been booked at the Anchorage Café. Maps and directions from the dock to the café are available from Wendy.

Bluff Exploration

What would we do without Donna—she knows the most interesting people and has arranged for some locals to show us around Bluff for the morning.

Lunch

Today lunch has been arranged at the Stella's Café & Bakery at 12.30pm.

The Cycling begins

After lunch it's time to mount your chosen cycle and head to Invercargill. It is just short ride today—30km. The support vehicles will be placed along the route with refreshments and snacks to keep you sustained for the afternoon.

Maps and directions are available for this leg of the journey.

Accommodation

Tonight we are staying at the Invercargill Top 10 Campgrounds.

Invercargill activities

A choice of activities for the afternoon. A trip to Oreti Beach—who has the fastest Ordinary. The visit to the Velodrome Treasure hunting in the second hand shops. I hear that there is a very good selection.

Dinner

Tonight we are dining at Ocean Chinese Restaurant at 7.30pm. Please be ready to leave the camp grounds at 7.15pm.

Menu -

Soup - Chicken Sweet Corn or Combination Seafood
Entree - Golden Wonton and Spring Roll
Main - Sizzling Beef Steak, Crispy Skin Chicken, Honey Lemon Blue Cod, Sweet and Sour Pork, Venison Chilli Garlic Sauce, Vegetable Cashew Nuts, Prawn Egg Foo Young, Fried Rice

Early to bed—early to rise.

It's a very big day tomorrow so get a good nights sleep.

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TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2011

Rise and Shine

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the forth glorious day of the Southern Most Ordinary tour.

Breakfast - a selection of cereal, toast and spreads, coffee and tea.

Please help to clean up after breakfast.

Lunch

Friends of Waimahaka School have a put a lunch together for us. It will be at Waimahaka School at 12.30pm.

After lunch we have been invited by the principal to put a short display on the penny farthings for the children.

Afternoon Excursion.

We head to Curio Bay along the coast this afternoon. Please collect your map and directions. This leg of the journey is approx 40km. There is an approx 5km stretch of gravel road towards the end of the ride.



The Big Day Dawns.

For those energetic riders that would like to cycle the entire way to Waimahaka—approx 55km you will need to head off a little earlier than those that would like to depart from the edge of town reducing the ride to 45km we will depart at 8.30am.

The support vehicles will be placed along the route with refreshments and snacks to keep you sustained for the morning. Maps and directions are available for this leg of the journey.

Curio Bay

An International treasure, a 180 million year old Fossil Forest recognised as one of the best examples of Jurassic Fossil Forest in the world.

A nesting site for New Zealand's unique Yellow Eyed Penguin/Hoiho.

A beautiful sweeping beach at the adjoining Porpoise Bay, where a resident pod of rare Hector Dolphins jump and play in the surf.

Dinner

Tonight we are dining at the Niagara Falls Cafe at 7.30pm. Please be ready to depart at 7.15pm

Main - Apricot Stuffed Chicken, Pork Belly, Blue Cod Bites, Roasted Vegetables, Green Vegetables with Mornay Sauce, Garden Salad.

Dessert - Apple Strudel with vanilla sauce, Fruit Salad, cream and ice cream.

Accommodation

We have three accommodation places tonight.

Lazy Dolphin Lodge, Curio Bay Accommodation and the Catlins Beach House.



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WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2011

Rise and Shine

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the fifth glorious day of the Southern Most Ordinary tour.

Breakfast - a selection of cereal, toast and spreads, coffee and tea.

Please help to clean up after breakfast.



Roller Coaster Day.

Well yesterday was long flat-ish roads, today is a little bit more up and down than that. The morning ride is to Papatowai for lunch along the Chaslands Highway. This is approx 40km. Please collect your map and directions.

Lunch

Papatowai Store has a packed lunch for us today. Across the road from the store, Donna has another interesting friend for us to visit. Blair Summerville's Studio.

Afternoon Expedition

We head to Owaka this afternoon. Please collect your map and directions. This leg of the journey is approx 27km.

Accommodation

Tonight we are staying at the YHA Catlins Coast and Holiday Park.



Farewell

Marise & Graeme Martin, and Jane Matchett leave us tomorrow to speed back to Oamaru to continue their busy lives.

Dinner

Dinner - Catlins Cafe
7.30pm

Main - Choice of Roasted Highland Beef or Chicken Mignon, Roast Potatoes and Pumpkin, Beans wrapped in bacon and cauliflower cheese.

Dessert - Sticky Date Pudding, ice cream and cream or Pavlova fruit salad, cream and ice cream
Tea and Coffee.

Owaka

Not far from the Catlins River is Purakaunui Falls - a magnificent waterfall surrounded by bush that cascades 20 metres over three distinct tiers. The waterfall is a short walk from a side road off the main Owaka-Invercargill highway. Another spectacular sight in this area is Jack's Blowhole, which is located in Tunnel Rocks Scenic Reserve. A large cavity that's 55 metres deep and 200 metres from the sea, the blow hole was formed after a large subterranean cavern caved in. At high tide during a swell, waves are compressed through the underground tunnel and explode out of the blowhole.

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THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2011

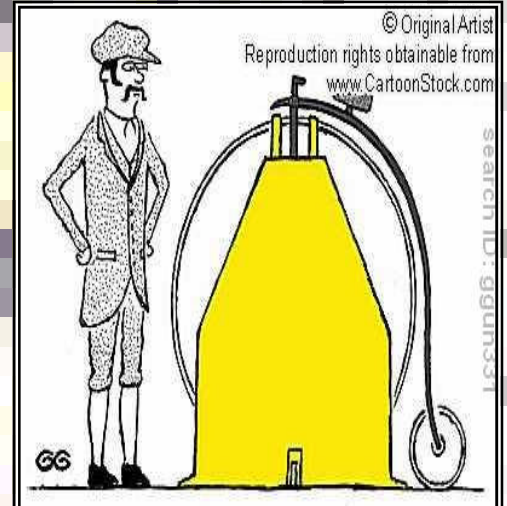
Rise and Shine

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the sixth and final glorious day of the Southern Most Ordinary tour. Sorry folks back to reality tomorrow. Breakfast - a selection of cereal, toast and spreads, coffee and tea. Please help to clean up after breakfast.

Lunch

Point Café has put a lunch together for us at 12pm.

It needs to be a short lunch today as we need to be back on the road by 12.30pm



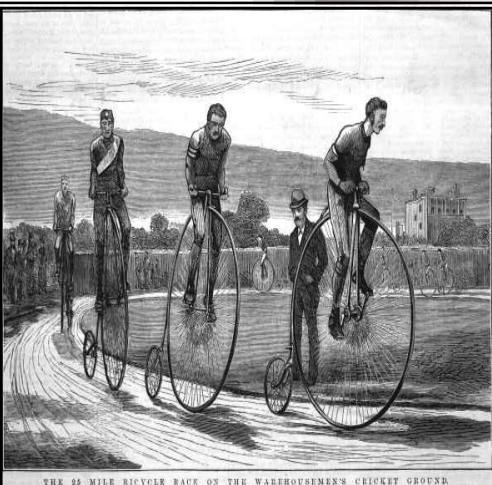
The final ride

We head to Balclutha this afternoon. Please collect your map and directions. This leg of the journey is approx 21km. We need to leave Balclutha by 2.30pm

Tour 2012

We are working with Real Journeys and hope to have information on next years tour by the end of the year,

The plan is to do a tour from Invercargill to Kingston in October to coincide with the re-enactment for the first official voyage of the TSS Earnslaw on the 18th October 2012. Please let us know if you are interested and we will keep you up to date with the details.



Penny Farthing and Veteran Cycle Races,

Saturday starts with a breakfast lecture on the Edwin Fox for those that are interested followed by the Oamaru Mail Grand Street Parade—we hope to see you all there.

After the parade, come and take part in the racing—held around the Victorian Precinct..

Prize giving is being held at Birdlands Wine Bar.

Oamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations 2011

We are all officially invited to the Opening Ceremony of the Oamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations. There are a couple of short speeches followed by drinks and nibbles. The opening of the celebrations runs from 5.30pm till 7pm.

