

Oz50 Mini Carnival

The Bathurst Wander

3 March 2011



Welcome to the Bathurst Wander, this will take you to one of the world's great racetracks and the site of the famous Mini victory in the 1966 Great Race, where Cooper S took the first nine places outright.

Mt Panorama and its Great Race over 500 miles (now 1000 km) is the pinnacle of the Australian motorsport calendar. Back in 1966 it was no different. In fact, some say, the Bathurst race of that era had far more relevance to cars you could buy, and a larger following than the race of today.

Please note that some of the roads you will travel on today are steep and winding, so care will be required. Many of the roads also have 50 kmh speed limits, and entrants are reminded that these are all open public roads. You will also pass through a number of School Zones (40 kmh) – please ensure you adhere to these speed limits if before 9:30am and in the afternoon.

The Mt Panorama race circuit is a public road and has a speed limit of 60 kmh. It is usually policed by the local Highway Patrol and they won't tolerate any speeding or dangerous driving.

The entire tour to Bathurst and return to Richmond is over 320 km in length, much of which is hilly, winding roads. It is advised that you start with a full tank of fuel and we recommend refuelling again at Bathurst.

First car is due to depart from the Whitewater Stadium carpark at 8.30am, and should expect to arrive at Bathurst around 12.00pm. The distance following the route notes is about 200km, and there are a number of good views available. Some people may prefer to travel in convoy, while others may prefer to travel at their own pace. The official convoy will leave the Whitewater stadium carpark at around 9.30am and expect to arrive at Bathurst by around 1.00pm.

Please note that the BBQ lunch will operate up to 2.00pm, so you will need to be there before then.

The attached route instructions are fairly easy to follow, should you prefer to travel at your own pace.

You are also free to depart Mt Panorama at your own leisure, the official party will be heading off at 3.00pm if you wish to join the convoy back to Sydney which will be travelling via the Great Western highway and the scenic Bells Line of Road. Your route notes describe this route, back as far as Richmond and Windsor.

The following symbols relate to the instructions.

- TR, TL** – Turn Right, Turn Left
- BR, BL** – Bare Right, Bare Left (as in at a Y junction or similar)
- SO** – Straight On (straight ahead)
- RA** – Round About
- T** – T intersection (where your road comes to an end)
- t** – T intersection (where you turn off the main road)
- X** – Cross Road
- @** - at
- !!** – Caution

Example:

0.4 TR @ RA then TL @ T Meaning: After 400m turn right at round-about, then turn left at T.

Road names are given for easier direction. Road names or other information in brackets are to be used as a guide or as landmarks. Do not follow roads in brackets.

Example: **0.4 TL @ X** – Johnstone St (Smith St, McDonalds).
Meaning: After 400m turn left at cross-road.
Smith St intersects. McDonalds on corner.

NB: All distances are in km, intermediate and approximate.

We hope to have a sweep vehicle available to follow the field and check for anyone broken down or experiencing trouble. However, please be advised that the driver of the sweep vehicle has no obligation to ensure that your car is made mobile. We merely offer the service to ensure you are not left stranded and that roadside service, etc is notified of your position. The sweep vehicle will also be able to notify the organisers of anybody who will not make it to Bathurst for lunch. The sweep vehicle will not follow the field on the return journey.

The important thing, though, is that it is the responsibility of each driver to ensure that his/her car is in good condition and suitably reliable for doing this run. The driver/owner will also be responsible for any repairs to his/her car – just as he/she would be responsible for any fines if caught speeding, etc.

To assist in making sure that nobody gets lost or left behind, anyone with a UHF two-way radio is requested to have it tuned to Ch 25.

If you have any urgent need you can call the event director, Craig Watson, on 0427 537 443.

Other contact numbers will be given at the drivers' briefing before the event commences, at 8.25am.

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Route Instructions

Starting from the Penrith Whitewater Stadium Car Park

- 0.8 TR @ T - McCarthys Lane
- 0.3 TL @ X - Castlereagh Rd (Waterside Bvd)
- 0.5 SO @ t (Nepean St)
- 0.4 SO @ t (Cranebrook Rd)
- 1.4 SO @ t (Cranebrook Rd)
- 2.7 SO @ t (Church Lne)
- 1.6 SO @ t (Smith Rd; West Wilchard Rd)
- 0.4 BL @ t (Post Office Rd)
- 1.8 SO @ t (Devlin Rd)
- 2.8 SO @ t (Koorungal Dve)
- 3.0 TL @ t - Springwood Rd
- 1.0 road bends left then right then SO over bridge (Yarramundi Crossing)

Follow main road

- 7.9 Start steep winding climb
- 2.2 Lookout on left. Stop if you wish – a great view of the Nepean Valley

Follow main road – there are many intersections, but the main road is fairly obvious.

- 9.4 TR @ RA - signposted to Katoomba – Silva Rd
- 0.1 TL @ T then TR at traffic lights onto Great Western Highway

Follow Great Western Highway for approx next 58 km. Some delays may be experience due to roadwork's.

- 40.0 SO through Blackheath
- 7.0 SO through Mt Victoria
- 1.0 Commence steep descent on Victoria Pass
- 9.0 Historic settlement of Hartley (interesting old buildings)
- 0.6 TL @ T – Jenolan Caves Rd (signposted to Jenolan Caves)

Follow main road through Hampton – very scenic road with excellent views.

23.6 TR @ t – Duckmaloi Rd (signposted to Oberon)

Follow main road for 25 km to Oberon

25.2 SO through Centre of Oberon (Ross St - Jenolan Caves turn off on left)

0.4 SO @ X (North St)

0.5 SO @ Y (Rupert St)

0.2 TR @ T – O’Connell Rd (signposted to Bathurst)

0.4 SO @ RA – O’Connell Rd (Albion St)

22.3 SO @ t (Tarana – O’Connell Rd on Right)

1.2 TL @ X – Beaconsfield Rd (dirt road on right – houses on left).

1.0 TR @ t – Lagoon Rd (after road curves left)

!! Caution Lagoon Rd is narrow but good bitumen with no lines marked in many places. Watch out for wandering stock, particularly sheep.

11.1 SO over bridge

0.6 TR @ T

0.3 SO @ t (Young St on left)

1.8 SO @ t (Samuel Way on left)

7.0 BL on bend (dirt road on right, heading back away from main road)

0.3 TR @ T (Vale Rd, towards Bathurst)

3.1 TL @ X – Lloyds Rd (cattle yards on right.)

NB: This is the start/finish area of the original Bathurst road racing circuit from the 1930s. There is a sign indicating this near the corner, beside the cattle yards. If you wish to have a look at the old circuit, which is mostly dirt roads, follow this alternate route:

0.0 TR @ X

1.1 TR @ T – Gormans Hill Rd

2.3 SO @ t – onto dirt road (Montavella Rd, dirt, on left)

1.2 road bends hard right

0.6 road bends hard left

1.1 TR @ T – Lagoon Rd

2.1 TR @ T – Vale Rd

3.1 TL @ X – start/finish line.

- 0.8 SO @ X (College Rd)
- 0.5 TL @ T - Havannah St (!! Do not turn hard left)
- 0.1 TL @ T - Panorama Ave
- 0.05 SO @ RA
- 0.1 SO under foot bridge
- 0.1 BR @ Y - head onto racing circuit towards control tower/foot bridge.
- 0.5 TL @ t - Mountain Straight - follow racing circuit around bend.
- 0.25 TL @ t into circuit complex through open gate. **Please drive slowly.**
- 0.35 TL follow track around to left.
- 0.25 Enter pit lane and park as directed.

BBQ lunch outside garage (inside garage if raining) from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. National Motor Racing Museum is located a short walk back at the corner of Panorama Ave and Conrod Straight (Murray's Corner). Please beware of cars on circuit, travelling in both directions.

Please feel free to tour the racing circuit before departing for your return trip to Sydney.

!! Caution - Be aware that the Mt Panorama tourist drive (the racing circuit) is an open public road. The speed limit is 60kmh and it is very likely that there will be police around the circuit.

The road is TWO WAY - so you can expect to meet cars coming in the opposite direction at any time. DO NOT cut corners taking "a racing line", especially through the Esses and the Dipper - no matter how tempting.

Route instructions for return trip to Sydney

Starting from the round-about (RA) near the Motor Racing Museum

- 0.0 SO @ RA, then SO - Panorama Ave (Havannah St).
- 1.3 SO @ X - (Browning St)
- 0.2 SO @ RA - (Brilliant St)
- 0.2 SO @ RA - (Rocket St)
- 0.45 SO @ RA - (Piper St)

- 0.2 SO @ RA – (Keppel St)
- 0.7 TR @ lights onto Great Western Highway
 - Follow Great Western Hwy to Lithgow (59km)
- 59.1 TL at traffic lights in Lithgow (Main St, McDonalds restaurant)
- 1.5 TR @ t traffic lights – Lithgow St. (signposted to Windsor)
- 0.07 TL @ t traffic lights – Mort St (signposted to Windsor) follow Hwy 40
- 1.5 road bends left then bends right – continue on Chiffley Rd, Hwy 40
- 1.4 road begins steep winding climb
- 6.9 SO @ t (Zig Zag tourist railway on left. Well worth it if you have time)
- 7.9 BL @ Y - major intersection - Bells Line of Road (Mt Victoria to right)
- 57.1 SO @ X traffic lights (Terrace Rd – Nth Richmond)
- 0.6 SO over bridge (Hawkesbury River)
- 2.5 SO @ X traffic lights (Bosworth St)
- 0.5 TL or TR at X traffic lights (rail station and McDonalds restaurant)
Windsor to the left and Penrith to the right.

To Windsor & Sydney:

- 0.0 TL @ lights – East Market St (railway station on right).
- 0.2 TR @ X lights – Windsor St (Richmond Park on left before lights)
- 3.0 SO (Richmond RAAF base on left)
- 3.0 SO – Hawkesbury Valley Way (Windsor to left, Penrith to Right)
- 0.3 SO onto causeway
- 2.3 TL – Groves Way
- 0.5 TR onto Windsor Rd. Continue on Windsor Rd for 12.7km to Old Windsor Rd, then 5.7km to M2 Hills Motorway.

To Penrith:

- 0.0 TR @ lights – East Market St
- 0.2 TL @ lights – Lennox St
- 0.25 TR @ lights – Paget St
- 0.3 SO @ t – Londonderry Rd (College St)
- 1.1 BR @ t – Londonderry Rd (Southee Rd)
- 8.9 TR @ RA – Cranebrook Rd (The Northern Rd to left and SO)
- 3.5 TR @ T – Castlereagh Rd
follow Castlereagh Rd for 8.2km through Penrith to M4

Thankyou for joining us. We hope you enjoyed the tour.