11 DUN MOUNTAIN RAILWAY TO THIRD HOUSE

GRADE: Moderate

DISTANCE/TIME: 8.5 kms one way – 17 kms return (1.5 – 2 hours)

CONDITIONS: Mostly wide single track with slight gradient. Some narrow parts and short descents and climbs out of gullies

START LOCATION: Tantragee Saddle Road

SUGGESTIONS: Take warm clothing, food and water.

NOTE: This is a very popular walking track – many groups including children and many fellow mountain bikers use this track. Please descend with caution and be considerate of all track users.

POINTS OF INTEREST: The Dun Mountain Railway was the first railway in New Zealand and was in fact an old tramway to Coppermine Saddle. Third House is a shelter in a large clearing that was originally a changeover point for the Tramway horses.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Take either 'Old Codgers Track' or the main gravel road up towards Tantragee Saddle. On the gravel access road there's a steep left bend immediately above the water treatment plant. Do not follow the main road around to the top of the saddle, but ride straight ahead onto the dirt 4WD track. The track levels off at a stile which is the start of the Dun Track. The first part of the track is wide and travels through pine forest. There is a narrow bridge to cross with a short sharp climb out of it before you come to a more open section of the track with spectacular views across the city.

At the half way point you cross a rough access road linking Brook Street with the Top of Fringed Hill. From here, Dun Track enters beech forest and continues all the way to Third House shelter.

Return back the way you came. Remember, this is a multi-use track and continued use by mountain bikers depends on consideration to other users. Control your speed at all times. At the halfway point you can exit down the rough access road to Brook Street but this is steep and technical. It should only be attempted by skilled riders.

LEGEND - MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES					
✹	START	⬛	PICNIC AREA	🖥	INFORMATION PANEL
🛝	PLAYGROUND	⬛	WATER	⬛	VIEWPOINT
Ⓛ	LINK	⬛	SWIMMING	⬛	GATE
🚻	TOILETS	▬	CYCLEWAY	⬛	VIEWPOINT

START ✹ **TANTRAGEE SADDLE**

Ⓛ **LINKS TO RIDES 8, 9, 10, 12**

Brook Street

PINE FOREST

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BROOK MOTOR CAMP

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THIRD HOUSE SHELTER