Cycling in Waverley & Woollahra

This ride explores Paddington and the harbourside residential areas of Edgecliff and Darling Point. Starting and finishing at Oxford Street, opposite the Paddington Army Barracks, the ride takes you along Paddington Street, one of the most magnificent streets in the East. Lined with plane trees and small leaf tips, it is an excellent example of a 19th Century Victorian terrace. The street is now a well-heeled area, renovated by its most recent residents.

The intersection of Paddington Street and Jersey Road is the highest point on the route. From here you can descend Thome Street, lined with renovated workers’ cottages. The route then winds through Darling Point, past magnificent mansions and high-rise apartments, to Rushcutters Bay Marina, boasting views to the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. The return to Bondi Junction is a beautiful but challenging and steady uphill ride via The Five Ways to Oxford Street.

### Ride Descriptions

**Ride 1: Bondi Beach and Rose Bay**

11km | Easy | Recreational

This ride visits famous Bondi Beach, traversing the relatively flat land through to Rose Bay on Sydney Harbour, and then back to Bondi Junction via Ballethead hill. The ride starts and finishes in the Oxford Street Mall not far from Bondi Junction railway station. At Bondi Beach you can take a break and enjoy the excellent cafés or go for a swim. If the weather and surf conditions are good, Plumer Road is also an ideal spot to take a break. Try one of the patisseries, cafés, confectionary or ice cream shops. The return journey takes you past some of the most expensive real estate in the country and fabulous views of Manly, Sydney Harbour and east to the Pacific and Bondi Beach.

**Ride 2: Paddington to Darling Point**

7km | Easy | Recreational

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**Ride 3: Bondi to Rose Bay**

9km | Easy | Recreational

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**Ride 4: Sydney Olympic Road Circuit**

17km | Moderate/Medium | Recreational

This route takes in all the major sights of Sydney’s East. This scenic ride provides magnificent views of the city and beaches and suburbs at almost every turn (and hill). The ride is scattered with excellent cafés and restaurants. The grand tour begins and ends at the Oxford Street Mall in Bondi Junction. After an initial ride through Centennial Park, the route passes Victoria Barracks then descends to the harbour taking in Rushcutters Bay, Darling Point, Point Piper and the famous marina at Rose Bay. This small wharf was Sydney’s first international airport in the days when large seaways flew from Sydney to Europe and beyond.

After climbing Heartbreak Hill – well known to participants in the popular City to Surf run – the ride continues to the delightful beach at Nielsen Park and the timber-decked suspension bridge over Parsley Bay. Both are excellent spots for a picnic. Then continue on to Watsons Bay ferry wharf, with the famous Doyle’s restaurant, and then to the one and only Bondi Beach. You could stop at Bondi Beach for a swim or coffee and a bite to eat at one of the many cafes, bars and restaurants, before the final ascent to Bondi Junction.

**Ride 5: A Grand Tour of Sydney’s East**

32km | Moderate | Recreational

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Getting the most out of this map

The area is hilly, the routes can be easily managed on most modern bikes with gears. The most heavily trafficked roads usually follow ridgelines and the easiest grades, so short steep sections are often necessary to avoid the traffic.

Please dismount bicycle while in the Gardens. Cycling is permitted on Art Gallery Rd and Mrs Macquaries Rd.

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