1 BLUEBERRIES

Tropical blueberries are one of the more recent fruits to be grown in the area. Look for long plastic covered tunnels alongside the cycle route and along the rail trail.





2 KAIRI SILOS

In 1924, the Atherton Tablelands Maize Board erected three storage silo complexes - at Kairi, Tolga and Atherton. Only the Kairi silos remain. A maize elevator tower sits above the cluster of 4 silos. The site is now heritage listed and privately owned.

3 KAIRI STATE FARM

Established in 1911 the farm trialled plants and animals for Tableland conditions. Dairy cattle, pigs, rhodes grass and maize were trialled here. In 1942 the 5th Australian Farm Company used the site to produce food for the troops. The site went on to become Kairi Research Station. The majority of the site was sold in 2011.

4 TINAROO

By December 1942 the headquarters of the Australian Army in north Queensland transferred to the Atherton Tablelands. Camps for the 7th and 9th Divisions were established in the area that is now Tinaroo.

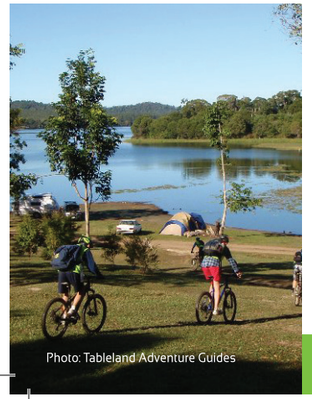


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A decade after the war, Tinaroo Dam was constructed providing water to the Mareeba-Dimbulah area through a network of channels which begins at the base of the dam wall.

The town of Tinaroo has grown to become a recreation hub for water sports with connections to areas for camping, mountain biking and bush walking.

5 NORTH BASE TRIG

In 1942, the 2/1st Corps Field Survey Coy were responsible for accurately mapping the Cairns and Tablelands area. Visible from the ground and air, this Trigonometric Station was part of a pair of reference points. The second point known as South Base was atop the maize silos in Kairi to the south.



6 TABLELANDS HERITAGE CENTRE

A private collection of amazing machinery showcasing the farming heritage of this region - tractors, trucks and much more. Along with restored machinery, the quirky sculptures about the place will appeal to the young at heart.

7 TOP SECRET !

This round building in a paddock adjoining Shead Road was a closely guarded secret when constructed in 1942. Initially the station was used by the air force to assist navigation. Later the 67 Wireless Section - a unit within the Australian Special Wireless Group, were based at this location to intercept coded enemy communication.





Sarus crane

FAUNA ALONG THE WAY

In open areas, Brolgas and Sarus cranes can often be seen in flocks of 10 or more - especially after maize is harvested in late winter. Bustards may be seen in small groups or singly. Buff-banded rails may dash across the road as you ride along.

Grassy or sheltered areas might have agile wallabies, golden-headed cisticolas, red-browed finches, tawny grassbirds and mannikans. This area is popular with raptors including harriers, kites and falcons. Grass and barn owls are often seen at night.



Agile wallaby

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TRC TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL



This 28km cycle loop follows sealed and gravel roads. Choose a shorter loop or travel further afield - a great way to explore this rich agricultural landscape.

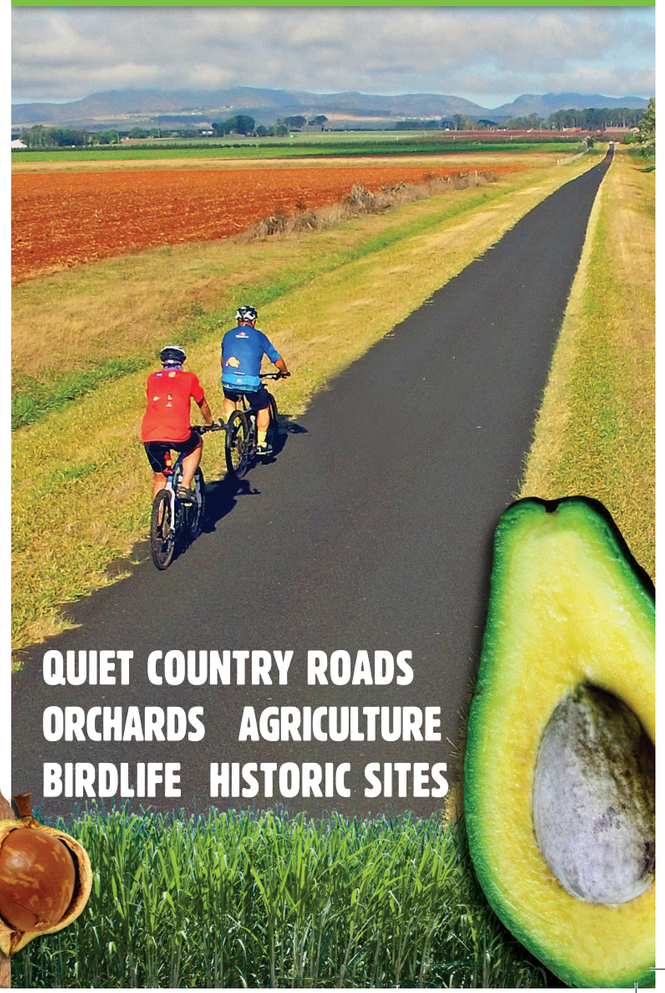


This is an easy ride with some small hills, suitable for all levels of rider. The route is signposted to be viewed while riding in an anti-clockwise direction and is suited to mountain and cyclo-cross bikes.

Allow 1.5–2.5 hours riding time. Break your journey with a meal and a cool drink in Kairi.

TOLGA – KAIRI CYCLE LOOP

EXPLORE THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE OF THE ATHERTON TABLELANDS



QUIET COUNTRY ROADS
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CYCLE THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Tolga sits on the slopes of Bones Knob - a shield volcano which produced basalt that has weathered to form dark red soils known as Ferrosols. These are prized for agriculture and are the 'gold' in the 'Golden Triangle', which includes Atherton, Tolga and Kairi.

The cycle loop passes through orchards of blueberries and avocados and alongside fields of sugarcane and grasses grown for seed and grazing.











Heritage Centre
(4km return)

Kairi shortcut
(19km loop)

TINAROO

KAIRI

TOLGA

WALKAMIN via RAIL TRAIL 10.7km

ATHERTON via RAIL TRAIL 3.7km

Shead Rd
Quilter Rd
Cotic Rd
Hough Rd
Lagoon Rd
Sorrensen Rd
Pasetti Rd
Tinaroo Falls Dam Rd
Chinn Rd
Xhafer Rd
Graham Rd
Yadgin Rd
Doolan Rd
Johnson Rd
Beck Rd
Poggioli St
Irvine St
Walker St
State Farm Rd
Godfrey Rd
Tolga Kairi Rd
Koch Rd
Marion St
Kazim Rd
Mehmet Rd
Jue Sue Rd
Barson Rd
Kennedy Highway
Beantree Rd

PF Peanut Factory
TM Tolga Museum
TS Tolga Scrub

RAIL TRAIL

ON ROAD ROUTE

Cycle route (28km)
Signposted direction of travel

Alternative routes

0 500m 1km

SAFETY & TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Communicate with other bicycle riders when passing
- Give way to horse riders, especially if the horse is showing signs of shying
- The cycle route uses active rural roads - stick to the road rules
- Watch out for larger vehicles and farm machinery using these roads
- Take water, especially during warmer months
- Be aware of the wind, it may increase your travel time