

Route #1 Lake Cargelligo

40km with 135m of ascent

Start Lake Cargelligo, Lachlan Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37223934>

Did you bring your MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar bike to Lake Cargelligo? Why not stretch the legs and head out on a lovely little flat loop to check out some of the great Australian farm land and scenery.

Leave from the Tourist Information Centre at the lake and head north up Lake St and out to Deadman's Point where you can enjoy the view across Lake Cargelligo.

Leaving Deadman's Point, you make some rights and lefts and soon you will be on gravel. As you head towards Lachlan Valley Way (LVW) ~8.1km you will be back on paved roads for the next few kilometres.

Along the paved ~6.2km stretch on LVW please make sure you use caution and keep left. At ~11.8km you will turn off LVW and onto gravel and much quieter roads. For the next ~20km you will be on gravel and riding through some truly epic Australian scenery, flat roads, red soil and endless views. This is what makes this area so special.

Ride through the various farms as you go along River and North Uabba Roads. As you get closer to Lake Cargelligo you will be back on paved roads. When you turn left onto LVW continue to follow your nose and head back to the start down by beautiful Lake Cargelligo.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Tourist Information Centre / 1 Foster St, Lake Cargelligo NSW 2672

<https://goo.gl/maps/HKQHLnmoipRPaeVo6>

Bathrooms : 20 Lake St, Lake Cargelligo NSW 2672 : 240m from the Tourist Information Centre

<https://goo.gl/maps/FGQegXTwKM9mX69f8>

Other services : Lake Cargelligo has motels, pubs, grocery stores and other services

Phone : Good across all networks in town. Very limited access when you away from town

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 50% v's 50%

Highest Elevation on ride : 185m above sea-level at 35.1km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 151m above sea-level at 26.1km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~2:40 hours // @ 25kph : ~1:36 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There is a section along Lachlan Valley Way which is ~6.2km. Use caution and keep left. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route #2a Beaut Burcher



59km with 314m of ascent
Start Burcher, Lachlan Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36968247>

Visit Burcher and bring your bike along so that you can pedal around Manna Mountain which is a sacred Aboriginal Site.

The start location for this loop can be either at the Burcher Hotel/Pub OR if you want a shorter loop, start out near Manna Mountain - see Route #2b for more details.

Head out from Burcher along Weelah Rd, this straight gravel road is taking you out towards Manna Mountain. After a few corners, but after a predominately straight beginning, at ~15km you will be at the start of the Manna Mountain loop. At the corner of Scrubby Ln and Manna Forest Rd there is an Aboriginal site and feel free to stop.

When back and riding along Manna Forest Rd, you will see turns offs to go into the Forest. There is a massive network of fire trails within the park. Staying on Manna Forest Rd you will turn right and begin to ride round the outside of the Forest for ~24km.

By this stage you are on the eastern side of the Forest and pedalling along Marsden Rd. Keep an eye out for wildlife as you circle around the forest. At ~39km you will be at the intersection of Corinella and Marsden Rd plus Scrubby Ln. Continue along Marsden Rd which will take you all the way down to Lake Cowal Rd ~50.5km.

Turn right onto Lake Cowal Rd, ride up the hill and a further ~8.5km until you get back to Burcher Hotel.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Burcher Hotel / Pub / 33 Bena St, Burcher NSW 2671

<https://goo.gl/maps/YzfYc8cMjtvuMFUW8>

Bathrooms : There are tennis courts and an oval on the corner of Curran and Kurrajong Sts. The toilet blocks may be open

<https://goo.gl/maps/TNZyrc8XRENQzYsN7>

Other services : There is a Pub, Camping Grounds, General Store and Post Office in Burcher, all have various opening hours so call ahead to see if they are open

Phone : Very limited access. There is a Telstra phone box in Burcher near the Post Office.

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 73% v's 27%

Highest Elevation on ride : 283m above sea-level at 54.3km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 205m above sea-level at 24.1km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:56 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:22 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a remote loop. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



SHORTER OPTION

Route #2b Beaut Manna Mountain

26.5km with 140m of ascent

Manna Forest Lachlan Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37924814>

At the start on the corner of Scrubby Ln and Manna Forest Rd there is an Aboriginal site and feel free to start the loop from here.

When you begin, you will be riding the loop in a clock-wise direction, you will be going along Manna Forest Rd and you will see various turns offs to go into the Forest. There is a massive network of fire trails within the park. Staying on Manna Forest Rd you will turn right and begin to ride around the outside of the Forest for ~8km.

By this stage you are on the eastern side of the Forest and pedalling along Marsden Rd. Keep an eye out for wildlife as you round the forest. At ~23.5km you will be at the intersection of Corinella and Marsden Rd plus Scrubby Ln. Turn right on Scrubby Ln and ride the ~3.2km back to where you started.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Start Corner of Scrubby Ln and Manna Forest Rd, Lachlan Shire

<https://goo.gl/maps/FywsYKpFVtkzLiYH8>

Bathrooms : N/A

Other services : N/A on this loop. In Burcher there is a Pub, Camping Grounds, General Store and Post Office in Burcher, all have various opening hours so check ahead to see if they are open.

Phone : Very limited access.

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 0% v's 100%

Highest Elevation on ride : 270m above sea-level at 26.5km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 205m above sea-level at 8.2km

Rating : 1.5 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~1:46 hours // @ 25kph : ~1:03 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a remote loop. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route #3 The Chapel in the middle of nowhere - which has to be seen to be believed

37.6km with 192m of ascent

Start "Christ the King" Farm Chapel, Lachlan Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37995169>



Riders can start wherever they please on this loop but we suggest beginning at the Chapel - links below.

NOTE : these ride notes are based on starting from the Chapel.

When you arrive at the Chapel take the time to explore - for more details about this site

<https://www.bacaustralia.com.au/home/farm-chapel-christ-the-king/>

Head out from the Chapel and turn right on Devlins Ln, pedalling past the houses which are on that lane and closest to the Chapel. After ~7km turn left on an un-marked lane which will take you to Kiacatoo Rd, paved and turn left, ~9.3km.

The ~11.8km section along Kiacatoo Rd is straight and over this section you will gain ~58m of elevation, so it is flat as well. It takes you all the way to Lachlan Valley Way (LVW) where you will turn left, ~21.1km.

Continue along LVW which is a mix and gravel and paved roads. Go past North River Rd ~27.4km which is on your right and very soon after North River Rd, then turn left at ~28.km on an un-marked lane. There will be a white sign with blue text 'Bolo Chapel' on the corner.

This is another straight and flat section as you pedal over some amazing red gravel and past the flocks of sheep. There is a dog leg along the flat section before you start to 'climb' around ~33.6km. This 'hilled' area has trees and an antenna at the top, which can be seen from a great distance. By ~36.6km you have reached Bolo Rd and there is another 'Bolo Chapel' sign and this is your the last stretch before returning to the Chapel.

SPECIFICS

Start and finish : Christ the King" Farm Chapel, Kiacatoo NSW 2877

<https://goo.gl/maps/PTEk4zdQQyuPeYdK8>

The Chapel is 52km / 38 min drive from Condobolin

<https://goo.gl/maps/L8qWofRXkCZNDQDX7>

The Chapel is 57km / 40 min drive from Lake Cargelligo

<https://goo.gl/maps/tgpscRtSDwkESM16A>

Bathrooms : None on this loop

Other services : There are no services on this loop. There is tank water available from the Chapel.

Phone : Very limited access.

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 30% v's 70%

Highest Elevation on ride : 255m above sea-level at 36.9km

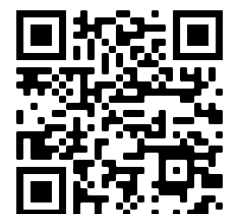
Lowest Elevation on ride : 176m above sea-level at 22.8km

Rating : 2.5 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~2:30 hours // @ 25kph : ~1:30 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a remote loop with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Route #4 The Full *LPL 422* - Lachlan Pub Loop 422km

Entire Loop

Condobolin > Fifeld > Tullamore > Tottenham > Albert > Fifeld > Condobolin

422km with 1,914m of ascent

Start Condobolin, Lachlan Shire

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37986782>



We suggest you complete the loop in separate Stages. Alter the Entire Loop to fit your schedule

All hotels should be contacted via phone beforehand to make sure they are open and have accommodation

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We have broken the entire loop into SIX Stages:

Lachlan Shire Stage One
Condobolin to Fifield 56km / 356m
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37986770>

The start of this route takes you out of Condobolin along the back way to keep off Parkes Rd and Henry Parkes Way. There are some nice little gravel sections as you meander over to Fifield Rd.

At ~9.9km, turn left on Fifield Rd which is paved. It is important that along this section you use caution and keep left. Continue until ~23.8km and then turn left and onto Carlisle Rd where it turns to gravel.

There is some climbing to be done on Carlisle Rd as you head up to the highest point on this loop, 347m above sea-level at 41.3km. Enjoy the rolling hills, wide open land and views off into the distance.

At ~46.1km you will come to an intersection and turn left on Mines Rd. Continue along Mines Rd until ~54.5km where you will turn right on Wilmatha Rd which will take you into Fifield.

Note, Stage Six is the reverse of Stage One so you will also do this on the return trip home.

SPECIFICS

Start : Bathurst and William Street Condobolin NSW 2877

<https://goo.gl/maps/WDm6zvY1jSwVDr2U6>

Finish : Fifield Hotel : 7 Slee St, Fifield NSW 2875

+61 2 6892 7276

<https://goo.gl/maps/qor5tiMr4sM6egbW9>

Bathrooms : In Condobolin at pubs and cafes. At the finish in Fifield at the Hotel

Other services : There are no services on this ride besides those at the start and finish
Condobolin has shops, cafes, motels, petrol stations and restaurants
Fifield has the Hotel with accommodation and food. Check with them to confirm about camping on site

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Fifield

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 38% v's 62%

Highest Elevation on ride : 347m above sea-level at ~41.3km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 191m above sea-level at ~9.3km

Rating : 3 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:44 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:14 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : The busiest road you will be riding on is the Fifield Rd. Use caution and keep left. This is a very remote ride with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Lachlan Shire Stage Two
Fifield to Tullamore 58.6km / 268m
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37986887>

Roll out of Fifield on Slee St and turn left on Houghton which changes to Back Tullamore Rd. This all happens with ~500m from the Hotel and you will be on gravel before you know it.

Continue on Back Tullamore Rd until ~6.1km and then turn right on Melrose Plains Rd. It starts off straight and flat before twisting, turning and even offering a climb as you reach your left turn at ~17.5km onto Gillenbine Rd.

Gillenbine Rd takes you all the way to The Bogan Way. At ~25.4km there is a quick left and right over The Bogan Way and you are now on Crowley Rd which has long straights plus a few twists and turns leading you to Peak Hill-Tullamore Rd at ~38.2km. Crowley Rd continues straight into Peak Hill-Tullamore Rd.

You are now getting closer to Tullamore and there are some more straight roads waiting for you to pedal along. Peak Hill-Tullamore Rd naturally turns left and takes you to The Bogan Way at ~55.8km where you will turn right and back onto paved road to take you right into Tullamore and to the Hotel.

SPECIFICS

Start : Fifield Hotel
Finish : Tullamore Hotel : Cardigan St & Haylock Street, Tullamore NSW 2874
+61 2 6892 5194
<https://goo.gl/maps/7JkwemxHD9wg5thc7>

Bathrooms : At start in Fifield plus at the finish in Tullamore at public toilets, the petrol station or Hotel

Other services : There are no services on this ride besides those at the start and finish
Fifield has the Hotel with accommodation and food
Tullamore has petrol station, Post Office and Hotel

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Fifield, Albert and Tullamore

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 25% v's 75%

Highest Elevation on ride : 335m above sea-level at ~13.3km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 240m above sea-level at ~57.5km

Rating : 3 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:54 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:20 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : Caution on The Bogan Way keep left. This is a very remote ride with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Lachlan Shire Stage Three
Tullamore to Tottenham 73.4km / 328m
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37986911>



Leaving Tullamore you will be on The Bogan Way. At ~5.3km turn left onto Kerriwah Rd and onto gravel. From the start on Kerriwah it is predominately straight until a dog leg which you will do just before you turn right onto Albert Rd at ~31.7km.

This is another very straight section of road which takes you back to The Bogan Way at ~44.4km where you will turn left and then ~500m later turn right onto Dandaloo Rd at ~44.9km which takes you into Albert.

Ride the ~2.7km into Albert where there are services including the Rabbit Trap Hotel. This is an out-and-back to see the Big Rabbit Trap. See below for other services which are in Albert.

When you leave Albert you go back the same road you came in on and then turn right at ~50.2km back on to The Bogan Way. Then take the very next left onto Meadowview Rd at ~50.3km.

Continue along Meadowview Rd, ride past Kaludah, Kerriwah, Hillsdale and Moira Vale Rds all the way until Meadowview Rd changes to Bulbodney St at ~71.9km. Keep going straight ahead until you reach the centre of Tottenham.

Stop in at the Memorial Park, where you can take a photo of the street signs which post to all different areas of NSW as you are very close to the geographic centre of NSW.

Tottenham has a glorious country hotel, two stories with a wrap around balcony, it is a great piece of Australia and even has two squash courts.

SPECIFICS

Start : Tullamore Hotel
Finish : Tottenham Hotel : 77 Umang St, Tottenham NSW 2873
+61 2 6892 4211
<https://goo.gl/maps/3eMLvayLotbMdt3z9>

Bathrooms : At the start in Tullamore, at ~47.6km in Albert at the Rabbit Trap Hotel and finish in Tottenham at public toilets or Hotel

Other services :

Albert (en-route) ~47.6km is the Rabbit Trap Hotel - call ahead to confirm they are open, they also have cabins and a petrol station in town

Tullamore has petrol station, Post Office and Hotel

Tottenham has a cafe, mini-mart, Information Centre, Hotel and squash courts

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Tullamore and Tottenham

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 40% v's 60%

Highest Elevation on ride : 308m above sea-level at ~15.7km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 240m above sea-level at ~57.5km

Rating : 3.75 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~4:54 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:56 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a very remote ride with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Lachlan Shire Stage Four
Tottenham to Albert 111km / 380m
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37987167>

Leaving Tottenham you will depart via Umang St and then Warrah Rd. This is a long straight and flat section as you head towards Five Ways. The farms and various crops you ride by are so typically Australian.

At ~35.8km you will reach Five Ways and there will be a sign to the Centre of NSW. Turn left on Cockies Rd and at ~41km you will reach the Geographic Centre of NSW Cairn. There is not much there other than a small shelter and the actual Cairn but worth seeing if you are this close.

Cockies Rd is another straight and flat section and at ~53.5km turn left onto Bodadah Rd. You are on Bodadah Rd until ~84.6km, so this is another long and flat section, then turn left onto Moira Vale Rd. Continue along MVR for ~3.4km before turning right onto Meadoview Rd at ~88km.

Continue along Meadoview Rd until ~108.3km when you reach The Bogan Way. Do a quick right left onto Dandaloo Rd and ride into Albert to finish this long and straight day on the bike.

SPECIFICS

Start : Tottenham Hotel
Finish : Albert Pub : Rabbit Trap Hotel 1 Federation St, Albert NSW 2873
+61 2 6892 8201
<https://goo.gl/maps/TNtGfBAB7GLH26tg8>

Bathrooms : At start in Tottenham and finish Albert at the Rabbit Trap Hotel

Other services : There are no services on this ride besides those at the start and finish
Tottenham has a cafe, mini-mart, Information Centre, Hotel and squash courts
Albert has the Rabbit Trap Hotel - call ahead to confirm they are open, they also have cabins and a petrol station in town

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Tottenham and Albert

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 40% v's 60%

Highest Elevation on ride : 273m above sea-level at ~101.1km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 200m above sea-level at ~19.9km

Rating : 4 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~7:24 hours // @ 25kph : ~4:26 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : This is a very remote ride with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Lachlan Shire Stage Five
Albert to Fifield 67km / 278m
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37987205>

Depart from Albert and ride parallel to the rail line along Middlefield Rd. This is a long straight gravel road which passes over the rail line from time to time. Go past Tarbolton Rd, on your left at ~12.1km. This is where the road changes from Middlefield Rd to Yethra Rd.

Continue along Yethra Rd until ~20km and then turn left onto Burra Rd and go for ~5.5km then turn right on Alagala Rd which takes you to The Bogan Way. At ~37.8km turn left and follow TBW into Tullamore where services are available.

When leaving Tullamore turn right onto Fifield Rd at ~41.9km. Pedal for ~2.1km and then turn left onto Back Tullamore Rd which is gravel. Take this road for sometime, go past Cinnati Ln at ~53.9km, Kadungle Rd at ~56.6km and over Melrose Plains Rd at ~61km.

Back Tullamore Rd takes you almost into Fifield, the road changes from BTR to Houghton St within the last ~500m before reaching the Fifield Hotel.

SPECIFICS

Start : Albert Pub
Finish : Fifield Hotel : 7 Slee St, Fifield NSW 2875
+61 2 6892 7276
<https://goo.gl/maps/qor5tiMr4sM6egbW9>

Bathrooms : At start in Albert, in Tullamore and at the Fifield Hotel

Other services : Tullamore (en-route) ~41.3km has petrol station, Post Office and Hotel
Albert has the Rabbit Trap Hotel with cabins and a petrol station
Fifield has the Hotel with accommodation and food. Check with them to confirm about camping on site

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Albert, Tullamore and Fifield

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 55% v's 45%

Highest Elevation on ride : 303m above sea-level at ~65.9km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 223m above sea-level at ~28.2km

Rating : 3 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~4:28 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:41 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : There are more long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Lachlan Shire Stage Six

Fifield to Condobolin 56km / 240m

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37991152>

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:44 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:14 hours

When you head out from Fifield you will be on Wilmatha Rd and then turn left on Mines Rd at ~1.6km and be riding on gravel. Mines Rd twists and turns before going straight all the way to ~9.8km, where you reach Carlisle Rd and will turn right.

Along this stretch of Carlisle Rd you will see Elsmore Rd at ~22km and continue along all the way to Fifield Rd which is at ~32.4km. Turn right onto the paved road and then you are heading back to Condobolin. It is important that along this section you use caution and keep left.

Before you reach Henry Parkes Way turn right on Airport Rd at ~46.1km. These are your last gravel sections as you meander back into Condobolin.

Note, Stage Six is the reverse of Stage One so you will also do this on the return trip home if you started from Fifield..

SPECIFICS

Start : Fifield Hotel

Finish : Bathurst and William Street Condobolin NSW 2877

<https://goo.gl/maps/WDm6zvY1jSwVDr2U6>

Bathrooms : At start in Fifield and in Condobolin at pubs and cafes

Other services : There are no services on this ride besides those at the start and finish

Fifield has the Hotel with accommodation and food

Condobolin has shops, cafes, motels, petrol stations and restaurants

Phone : Very limited access - suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB. There is a Telstra phone box in Fifield and in Condobolin

Bikes : MTB / Gravel / Flat Bar / e-versions of these bikes with suitable gravel tyres

Paved v's un-paved : 38% v's 62%

Highest Elevation on ride : 347m above sea-level at ~14.7km

Lowest Elevation on ride : 191m above sea-level at ~46.7km

Rating : 3 / 5

Estimated Ride Times : @ 15kph : ~3:44 hours // @ 25kph : ~2:14 hours

Cuesheet : turn by turn instructions can be found on the Ride with GPS Link

Notes : The busiest road you will be riding on is the Fifield Rd. Use caution and keep left. This is a very remote ride with some long straight sections. Make sure you go through the Cycling Check List below.



Cycling Check List

- Your own cycling safety is your responsibility so stay aware and take stock of your surroundings
- Follow the road rules at all times
- Check your bike and equipment before you depart, i.e. tyre condition, well lubed chain, helmet condition etc. Make sure it is all in good working order and if in doubt take it to your local bike shop before you venture out
- Always tell someone where you are going and your estimated time of return
- Check the weather forecast for the area where you will be riding
- Carry maps &/or a well charged GPS device for the area you are riding in
- Phone coverage is not always available, but a well charged phone should be carried in case of emergency
- Suggest taking a Satellite Phone &/Or EPIRB/beacon
- Carry spare tubes, tyre levers, pump and multi-tool at a minimum
- Always carry enough water, food and sun cream as you will be in remote areas
- It is highly recommended that you do not ride alone in remote areas
- Always be aware that roads and conditions regularly change, especially on country gravel roads