Loop 1 is a beginner friendly trail that traverses the lower slopes of mt stromlo and the holden’s creek areas. Gently winding with no difficult trail features to negotiate, loop 1 can be ridden in different parts to lengthen or shorten the ride, and the return to the carpark is never far away. It is the perfect ride for someone who is new to mountain biking or has been away from it for a while. There are some technical trail features at different points on the loop for you to try out your skills and have some fun.
Loop 2 is one of the shorter loops climbing, traversing and taking you to access points to most of Stromlo Forest Park. The trail uses the main trunk trail network to climb gently to the top of Mt Stromlo, before a long, flowing descent back to the carpark area. Riders are rewarded with expansive 360 degree views of the act from the summit and a descent that will leave you smiling for days. This trail requires a degree of fitness and skill level as there are a number of challenging climbs and obstacles.
Loop 3 heads out to the western side of Mt Stromlo via the northern trails and a steep climb to echidna gap. Once on the other side you have a long descent via slickrock junction to the western edge of the Stromlo forest park. Plenty of re-growth makes it like riding through a tunnel at times. A fast return on the flowing singletrack along the northern boundary descends to the finish point at the carpark. To negotiate this trail you will need a good level of fitness with the technical skills to match. The climb is demanding in places and the descent and other areas are peppered with rocks and other obstacles.
Loop 4 is a full lap of Stromlo forest park's mountain bike trails, riding the Corc main trunk trail all the way. The climb takes you up towards Mt Stromlo and the descent to the western side of the mountain is where the trails are much rockier and tree cover is more prevalent. At Slickrock junction you have a choice of turning left for the full loop (19km) or right for a superb descending short cut (14km). Returning along the northern trails through Wombat junction you will have a flowing descending finish to the carpark. To negotiate this trail you will need a good level of fitness with the technical skills to match. The climb is demanding in places and the descent and other areas are peppered with rocks and other obstacles.
Loop 5 keeps to the eastern side of mt stromlo and has all the ingredients of the toughest of cross country laps. After gently climbing away from the carpark and arriving at blue gums, the trail peels off and heads up seriously via cardiac climb, the climb built for round 6 of the 2008 world cup. Climbing to the downhill bridge, the trail then descends to homeview junction before turning north again and climbing the flanks of mt stromlo via wombat junction before sweeping back down through wombat junction again and a fast flowing ride back to the carpark. This loop is only suitable for the more advanced rider due to the technical difficulty and arduous nature of the ride.
Loop 6 is a demanding ride that takes you over the northern trails, climbing steeply to echidna gap before plunging down to the western side of stromlo forest park. The superb double dissolution trail drops you out near the western carpark before you make your way back along the northern trails to the start point. The trail takes in a wide variety of the terrain and is able to be linked with a variety of other trails. Make sure you have your climbing legs on and enough in the tank to enjoy the fun and moderately technical descent.