A solid ride from the Shoalhaven River bridge west to a spectacular lookout deep in the bush. Following Illaroo Road firstly towards the late Arthur Boyd’s property, “Bundanon”, the route then continues to climb further west, along narrow gravel roads and fire trails, to finish at a remote rocky point with views far to the west along the Shoalhaven River, and overlooking “Coolendel”, the camping resort on the river’s southern banks.

**Start Point:** Apex Park, Illaroo Rd, North Nowra

**Map Ref:** Nowra ND J8

**Ride Finishes:** Apex Park, Illaroo Rd, North Nowra

**Total Distance:** 39 kms

**Degree of Difficulty:** Medium Hard

**Bike Recommended:** MTB

**Cautions:** Winding road, no shoulders, gravel and shadows

**Allow:** 4 hours

**Public Toilets:** Apex Park, North Nowra only.

**Shops/facilities/Water:** North Nowra shops

**Bike Shops, emergency spares:** See shops for Bomaderry, Nowra, p 6.

**Variations on this route/alternative activities:**

1. With prior permission, return through Illaroo Farm. Very rough, steep track, with access to Shoalhaven R. Long climb out – rejoin Illaroo Rd near Bundanon entrance.
3. Try wine tasting at Cambewarra Estate, or call in at the North Nowra Tavern on return journey.
4. For a full day, combine this trip with Ride A05 (to Kangaroo Valley)- hard 42 km.
5. Combine this ride with a water-based activity – Grady’s House Boats, or Shoalhaven River Tours from the southern side of the Shoalhaven River bridge, Jet Boat Tours from the northern side.