

KANGAROO VALLEY – MT SCANZI – BUGONG – NOWRA

Start Point: Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley Village
Map Ref: Nowra ND D3
Ride Finishes: Apex Park, Illaroo Rd, North Nowra
Map Ref: Nowra ND J8
Total Distance: 32.1 kms
Degree of Difficulty: Medium Hard
Bike Recommended: MTB
Cautions: Long, rough downhill Mt Scanzi, traffic/narrow road
Allow: Minimum four hours

A hard back-road ride from Kangaroo Valley to Nowra, but well worth the effort for the views and the variety of bush and wildlife. You first climb on bitumen away from Kangaroo Valley before the steep gravel ascent up Mt Scanzi (with magnificent views back over the valley), before a long fast descent into the Bugong Creek valley through damp rainforest. There is one creek crossing impassable after heavy rain. The road remains gravel to Emerys Road. Follow the road East to Nowra through the hills above the Shoalhaven River.

kms

0.0 Leave the Kangaroo Valley shops west towards Moss Vale on the cyclepath.

- 0.5 Turn **LEFT** onto [TALLOWA DAM RD]. Begin a steady climb.
- 5.5 Turn **LEFT** onto [MT SCANZI RD]. Bitumen ends.
- 6.2 Begin very steep climb for 1.3 km. Excellent views back over Kangaroo Valley.
- 7.5 Begin long steep descent – loose gravel, blind corners, some traffic.
- 9.3 [DUFFYS CORNER]. Turn **LEFT** [NOWRA 25].
- 11.4 [LEAVING MORTON N P] – begin very steep down through rainforest.
- 11.7 Concrete causeway – [BUGONG CK]. Natural rocky mountain creek, ideal picnic and rest spot. Impassable after heavy rain. Begin steep up for 200 metres.

- 16.7 Rough causeway. (Kellets Creek).
- *16.8 [LOWER BUGONG RD] on right – joins Ride 20 here.
- 17.9 Rough track on right – power pole sign [6/426] – 200 m to bush lookout over Kellett's Creek.
- 19.7 Bitumen starts – begin long down. Easy, undulating riding from here
- 20.3 Turnoff to "Bundanon" . Follow Illaroo Rd from here to Nowra.
- 27.3 Cambewarra Estate Winery – open for wine tastings, cellar door sales.
- 30.6 Roundabout (Nth Nowra shops)-keep **LEFT** – Cyclepath begins on southern side
- 32.1 End Apex Park (next to Shoalhaven R bridge) on Illaroo Rd offroad cyclepath.

Public Toilets: Kangaroo Valley, Apex Park North Nowra only.

Shops/facilities/Water: Kangaroo Valley, North Nowra.

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

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

- *1. For a full day, combine this trip with **Ride A8** – turn off here to Coolendel Lookout – picnic spot, excellent views – a hard 42 km all up.
- 2. Reverse this trip (Nowra **to** Kangaroo Valley) – a harder ride, but plan to stay overnight in Kangaroo Valley. Large range of accommodation available.

