

FITZROY FALLS – MERYLA PASS – JACK’S CORNER – KANGAROO VALLEY VILLAGE

Start Point: Visitors’ Centre, Fitzroy Falls
Map Ref: Nowra ND A1
Ride Finishes: Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley Village
Map Ref: Nowra ND D3
Total Distance: 37 kms
Degree of Difficulty: Hard
Bike Recommended: MTB
Cautions: Meryla Pass - steep, rough, blind corners, water crossing, steel gate, need topographical map
Allow: Five hours

A classic mountain bike ride that draws many adventure seekers. A 1:25 000 Topographical Map (Bundanoon 8928-I-S) is essential. The first 15 kms follows rough fire trails through the Meryla State Forest; then down, down the Pass (the first road into Kangaroo Valley, explored by Charles Throsby), past farmhouse ruins and over Yarrunga Creek. After a very steep climb out of the creek, you leave Morton National Park and follow the Kangaroo River Valley to Kangaroo Valley village.

kms

- 0.0 Leave the Visitors Centre car park, head along Moss Vale Rd towards Moss Vale.
- 0.2 Turn **LEFT** into street – follow [REDHILL FIRE TRAIL] on **LEFT** at end.
- 1.4 Cross creek – lookout over falls on left.
- 1.8 Turn hard **RIGHT** – track is rough for 2.5 km, then onto a lane past house.
- 4.8 Turn **RIGHT** onto [REDHILLS RD].
- 5.4 Turn **LEFT** onto [LINKS FIRE TRAIL].
- 7.7 Turn **LEFT** [MERYLA FIRE TRAIL], then straight through where tracks join.
- 12.8 Turn **LEFT** onto [MERYLA RD].
- 13.8 Lookout on left – spectacular view over Yarrunga Creek Valley.
- 14.1 Turn hard **LEFT** [MORTON NATIONAL PARK] – very steep and rough down.
- 15.3 Gales Flat – grassed flat area – former farming area.

- 15.6 Caution – locked steel gate across road – steep, hairpins, washaways, narrow track.
- 18.1 Concrete causeway – descent ends – farm ruins, camping, picnic areas next 2 km.
- 20.1 Turn hard **RIGHT** – cross Yarrunga Creek on causeway – up to 70 cm deep after heavy rain – now 3 km of very steep climbing.
- *25.0 Leave Morton National Park (locked gate) – Turn **LEFT** onto Jack’s Corner Rd.
- 28.0 Scot’s College Glengarry Campus on right. Road formed gravel, steep in places.

- 31.9 Bitumen starts – Bendeela Pondage, Power Station – Information display.
- 32.3 Turnoff on right to Bendeela Camping and Picnic Ground, Public Toilets.
- 35.1 Turn **RIGHT** – [MOSS VALE RD] – cross Hampden Bridge and onto cyclepath.
- 37.0 Cyclepath ends at Kangaroo Valley Shops.

Public Toilets: Fitzroy Falls Visitor’s Centre, Bendeela camping-picnic ground, Kangaroo Valley.

Shops/facilities/Water: Fitzroy Falls Visitor’s Centre, Bendeela, Kangaroo Valley.

Bike Shops, emergency spares: see page 6.

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

- *1. Two separate Fire trails/walking tracks go west to Beehive Point on Lake Yarrunga from Jack’s Corner (see map). Allow another two hours.

