

NOWRA – YALWAL – OLD BURRIER FIRE TRAIL – BURRIER – BAMARANG – NOWRA

Start Point:	Roundabout, Cnr Kalandar St/Kinghorne St
Map Ref:	SN L7
Ride Finishes:	Same, Cnr Kalandar St/Kinghorne St
Total Distance:	52.1 kms
Degree of Difficulty:	Medium Hard
Bike Recommended:	MTB
Cautions:	Do not undertake this ride on your own, steep gravel trails, possible mud, trucks on access road; bikes and 4WDs on weekends and holidays.
Allow:	Six hours

kms

- 0.0 Leave the roundabout (Reserve next to Cemetery) and ride out Albatross Rd.
- 0.9 Turn **RIGHT** [YALWAL RD, YALWAL].
- 8.8 Bamarang Dam – steep down begins. **CAUTION** – end of bitumen in 900 m.
- 11.1 Turn **LEFT** [YALWAL PICNIC AREA] and begin very steep climb.
- *13.9 Top of climb – power-line, tracks to right and left. Road is climbing gently.
- 18.2 Keep **RIGHT** – Dean’s Gap Rd goes left. Steady climb starts.
- **19.9 Top of climb – track on right takes 650 m to *lookout*.
- **20.9 Second track on right – 2 km on rough track to *Grady’s Point Lookout*.
- 22.7 Turn **RIGHT** onto [OLD BURRIER FIRE TRAIL] – steep up for 1 km.
- 24.7 Swampy area of track – you will get very wet and muddy after wet weather!
- 25.2 Track traverses very rough, steep gorge – excellent views to west.
- 27.5 Highest point – [YALWAL, COOLENDEL] junction of Old Burrier Fire Trail and Two Rivers Walking Track (Etrema Wilderness Area) – excellent *lookout* over Yalwal Creek Valley 200 m west along Walking Track. After a rest, continue on Old Burrier Fire Trail – begin very steep rocky descent towards Burrier.
- 29.2 Turn **RIGHT** – junction with Grassy Gully Rd. Road surface improves.
- 33.3 Burrier – swing **RIGHT**; left goes to quarry – look out for trucks from now on.
- †34.3 *Grady’s Riverside Caravan and Camping Resort* on left.

- 36.5 Start steep climb – *Lookout* over Shoalhaven River and Burrier 700 m up on left.
- 41.9 Turn **LEFT** into Bamarang Rd – follow **RIDE A12** directions back to Nowra.
- 52.1 Finish at the roundabout.

Public Toilets: At cemetery roundabout Reserve only.

Shops/Facilities/Water: Shops, Service Stations in Kinghorne St, *Grady’s Burrier*.

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

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

- *1. These single tracks offer alternative exploration – good technical skills required.
- **2. Take a picnic and enjoy it at one of these peaceful *Lookouts*.
- †3. Plan an overnight camp at Burrier or nearby accommodation (see advertisers) – you can spend the whole of the first day exploring on the plateau. Topographical Map (Yalwal 8928-2-S 1:25 000 series) is essential – available from the Tourist Information Centre, camping suppliers or newsagents (see p. 6).

A challenging day mountain bike ride to the west of Nowra. Yalwal Rd climbs into remote bushland (it will be a rare event to see other humans during the week) and you can visit lookouts with stunning views over deep creek valleys. From the highest point, you descend to the Shoalhaven River at Burrier (an 1820’s Mary Reiby land grant – her descendants still farm there) and follow this beautiful river back to Nowra.

