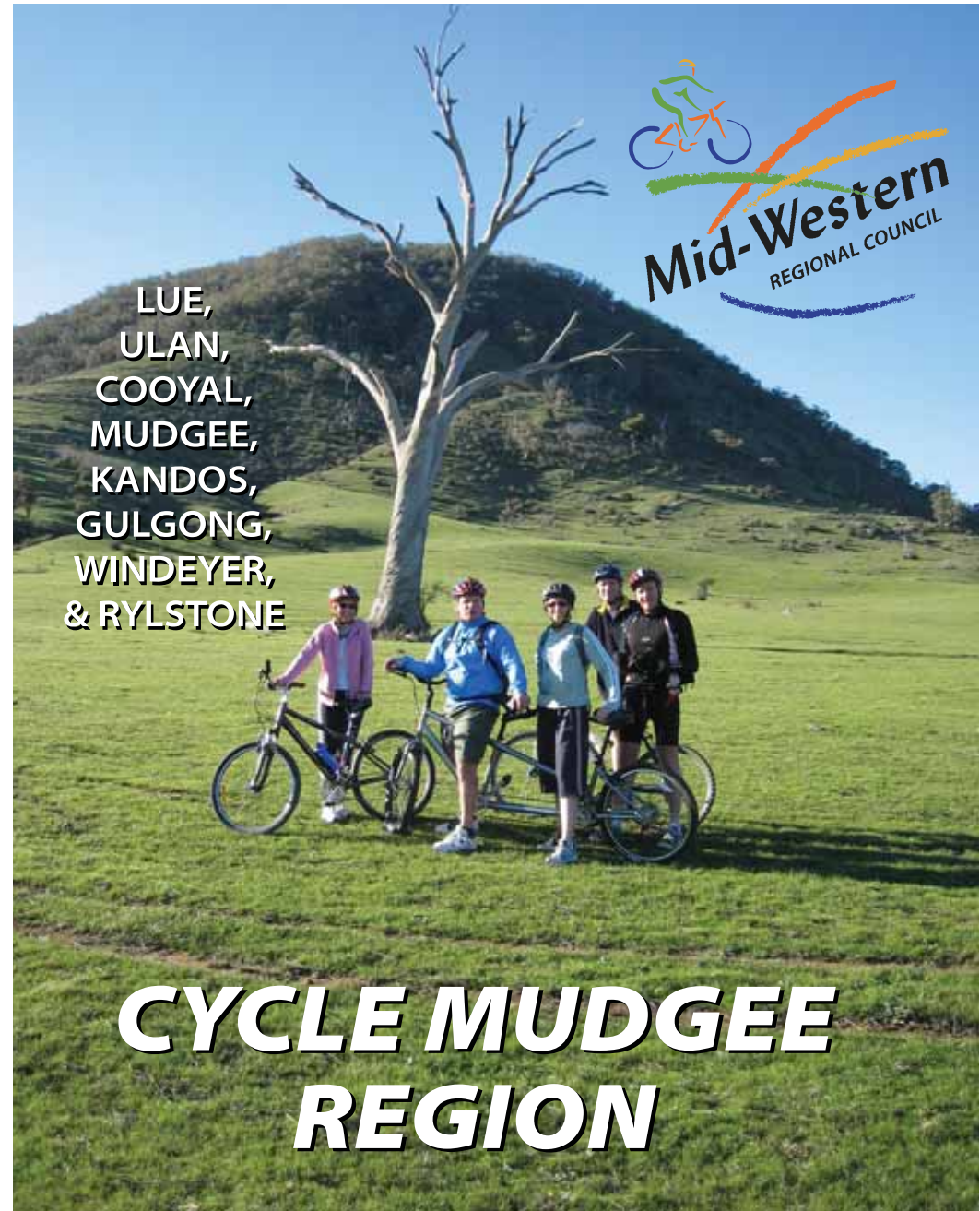
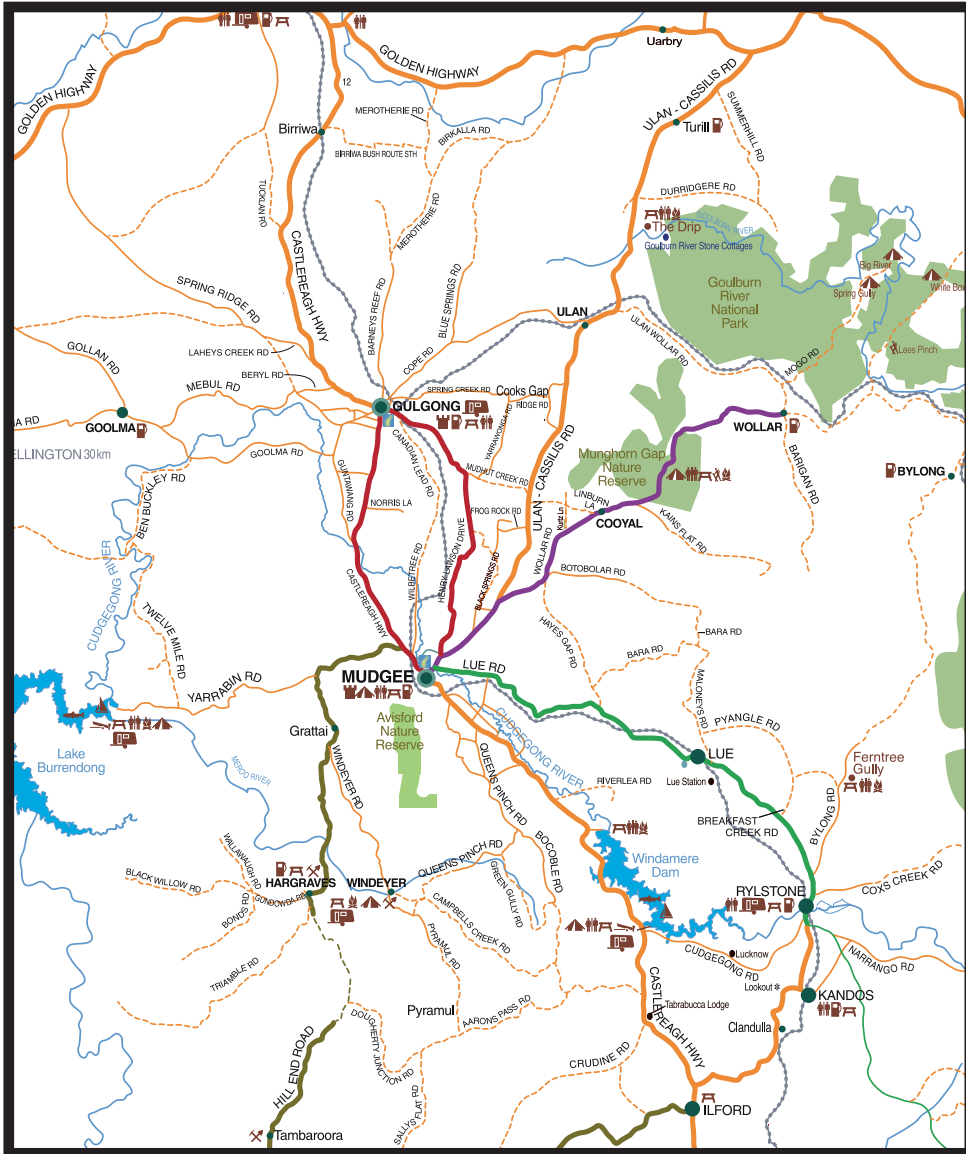




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MUDGEE REGIONAL MAP



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CYCLE MUDGEE REGION

This booklet has been produced in response to the increasing number of cyclists visiting the Mudgee region who enquire about "good places to ride".

It also aims to encourage residents to explore and enjoy their local area by bicycle.

A group of local, experienced cyclists have selected 20 rides, with a good cross-section of grade and distance, one or more of which will suit the ability of most cyclists.

In compiling the many routes for this booklet, an attempt was made to avoid busy roads where possible, so that cyclists could experience the many quieter, pleasant country back roads in this region.

Lastly, there are a number of wonderful venues worth visiting along some of these rides - wineries, cafes, galleries - so please check with the Visitor Information Centre for their opening times.

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TOURIST INFORMATION

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Open: 9.00am–5.00pm, 7 days a week

Gulgong Visitor Information Centre
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Open: Monday to Friday 8am-5.00pm
 (Closed 1.00pm–1.30pm on weekdays)
 Saturday 9.30am-3pm
 Sundays & Public Holidays 9.30-2pm

Rylstone Visitor Information Centre
 77 Louee Street, Rylstone.
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Open: Monday – Friday 8am – 4.30pm
 (closed 1pm – 1.30pm on weekdays)
Weekends: @ Lakelands Tasting Room, cnr Louee & Cuddegonc Sts, Rylstone. **Ph:** (02) 6379 0790.
Open: Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 10.00am – 4.00pm

BIKE RECOMMENDED

Road: The route for this ride is all on a sealed road. A road bike is suitable.

MTB & Cross: The route for this ride may include some long stretches of unsealed road. An MTB (mountain bike) or cross (hybrid) is required.

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This booklet can be downloaded in PDF format from the tourist website at www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au.

Alternatively, the tourist offices at Mudgee and Gulgong, and the local bike shops, can print off individual rides on request.

MOBILE PHONES

At the time of printing, mobile phone coverage throughout the region remains patchy away from the town centres. It is advisable to make any necessary arrangements before leaving your accommodation.

FEEDBACK

Should you find any of the road conditions on these routes in bad condition, it would be appreciated if you could notify the local council or the tourist office.

For suggested revisions to this booklet, please contact Mid-Western Regional Council on 02 6378 2850 or email council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

DISCLAIMER

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CYCLING SAFETY TIPS

Although many of the routes chosen here involve quiet secondary roads, please keep in mind that the speed limit on these roads is usually the same as the main roads, unless otherwise signified.

- Cycle in single file on busy roads, and particularly adjacent to unbroken double lines and any winding road with poor visibility.
- Riding two abreast is allowed on quieter stretches.
- Give hand signals when turning, changing lanes or stopping.
- At intersections – even if you have right of way – catch the driver's eye whenever possible.
- If you need to have a drink, check a map or answer your phone, stop and get off your bike first.
- When stopping for a break, choose a safe spot and move well away from the road.
- Be careful on gravel surfaces, by not braking or turning suddenly.
- Wear bright clothing to make you more visible.
- Make sure you take plenty of water with you.
- Adults must not cycle on footpaths unless in the company of a child under the age of 12 years.
- Children under age 10 should not ride on the road.

OTHER LOCAL CONTACTS

Mudgee Cycle Club: Ph: 6373 3030

Mudgee Triathlon Club:

Ph: 0419 588 682

www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au

Mudgee Bike User Group










(MUDBUG). For rides, see www.bicyclensw.org.au. Ph: 6372 4544.

Mudgee Bushwalking Club: For regular weekly rides Ph: 6372 1338.

Green Pedal Tours: Organised bike tours of Mudgee & district. Self-guided or guided. Ph: 0404 594 893.

Bike Muster: Every middle weekend of the April school holidays at the Australian Rural Education Centre (AREC), Mudgee. Family oriented activities. www.bikemuster.com.au.

KEY TO MAPS:

	Clock tower
	Sealed route
	Unsealed route
	Optional sealed route
	Optional unsealed route
	Local attraction
	Railway
	Reserve
	Waterways

Ride Route	Total Distance	Sealed/Unsealed
1. Winery ride	variable	All bitumen
2. Redbank Dam	11.3	1.1 km unsealed
3. Rocky Waterhole Road	18.1	All bitumen
4. Wilbertree Road	9.8	All bitumen
Longer option	26.8	5.1 km unsealed
5. Mt Pleasant Lane	24.6	7.6 km unsealed
6. Spring Flat Road	28.1	8.2 km unsealed
7. Lowes Peak Road	37.7	All bitumen
8. Queen's Pinch Road	49.9	10.1 km unsealed
9. Green Gully Road	66.0	12.0 km unsealed
10. Hayes Gap Road	51.3	15.6 km unsealed
Longer option	72.3	26.6 km unsealed
11. Cooyal Pub	54.4	All bitumen
Longer option	65.6	All bitumen
12. Mudgee – Gulgong return	65.6	All bitumen
13. Burrendong Dam	76.4	12.8 km unsealed
Shorter option	48.6	12.8 km unsealed
14. Windeyer circuit	79.5	11.0 km unsealed
15. Magpie Lane	17.2	All bitumen
Longer option	22.2	7.3 km unsealed
16. Gulgong - Ulan Return	49.0	All bitumen
17. Mud Hut Creek Road	51.7	All bitumen
Shorter option	34.0	All bitumen
18. Rylstone-Kandos circuit	21.1	All bitumen
19. Breakfast Creek Road	36.1	11.8 km unsealed
20. Tongbong Road	37.2	16.1 km unsealed
Longer option	49.0	33.2 km unsealed

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RIDE 1 – WINERY RIDES

Start & Finish Point: Clock Tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total Distance: Variable.

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB bikes

Time: Allow as long as you like.

On the map opposite there are 22 venues selling wine, an olive grove and 3 café/restaurants, all within 10kms easing riding of the clock tower in Church Street.

The map has been presented without a particular route so that you can choose specific venues, depending on your tastes.

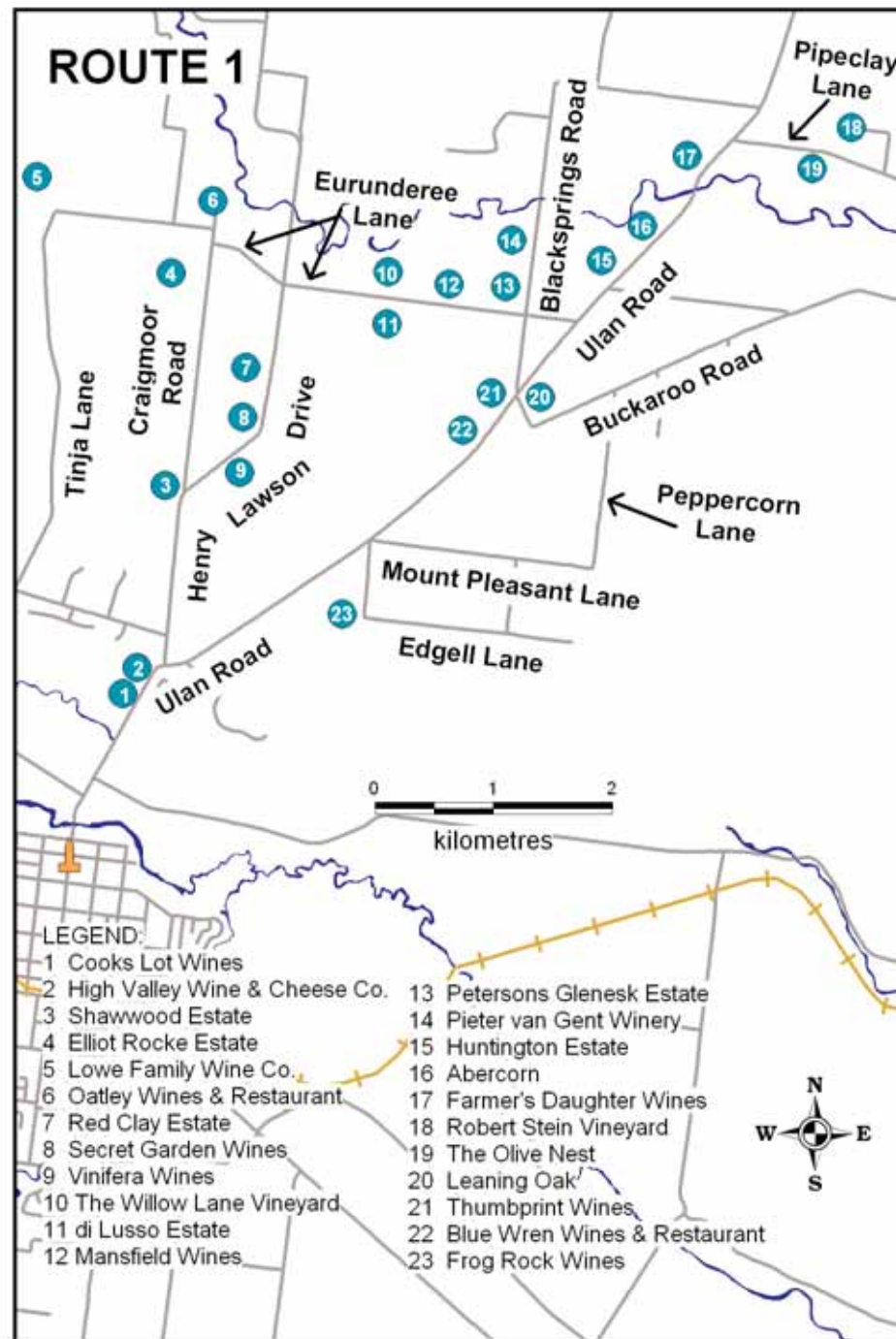
Please note that there are another 15 wineries to explore in the Mudgee area, and these are marked on the maps of the other cycling routes. Consulting the Mudgee tourist booklet wineries map will provide a good overall picture.

Large Groups

The staff at the wine tasting venues appreciate being informed of the intended arrival of big groups so they can ensure enough staff are on hand.

Road Conditions

When planning your route, keep in mind that the Ulan Road is a main road with high speed traffic, but there is a wide shoulder allowing room for cyclists in single file. Also the road to Lowes Family Wine Co, Tinja Lane, is unsealed, as is a number of the longer winery driveways.



RIDE 2 – Redbank Dam

Start & Finish Point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total Distance: 11.3 km,
1.1 km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Bike recommended:
MTB and cross

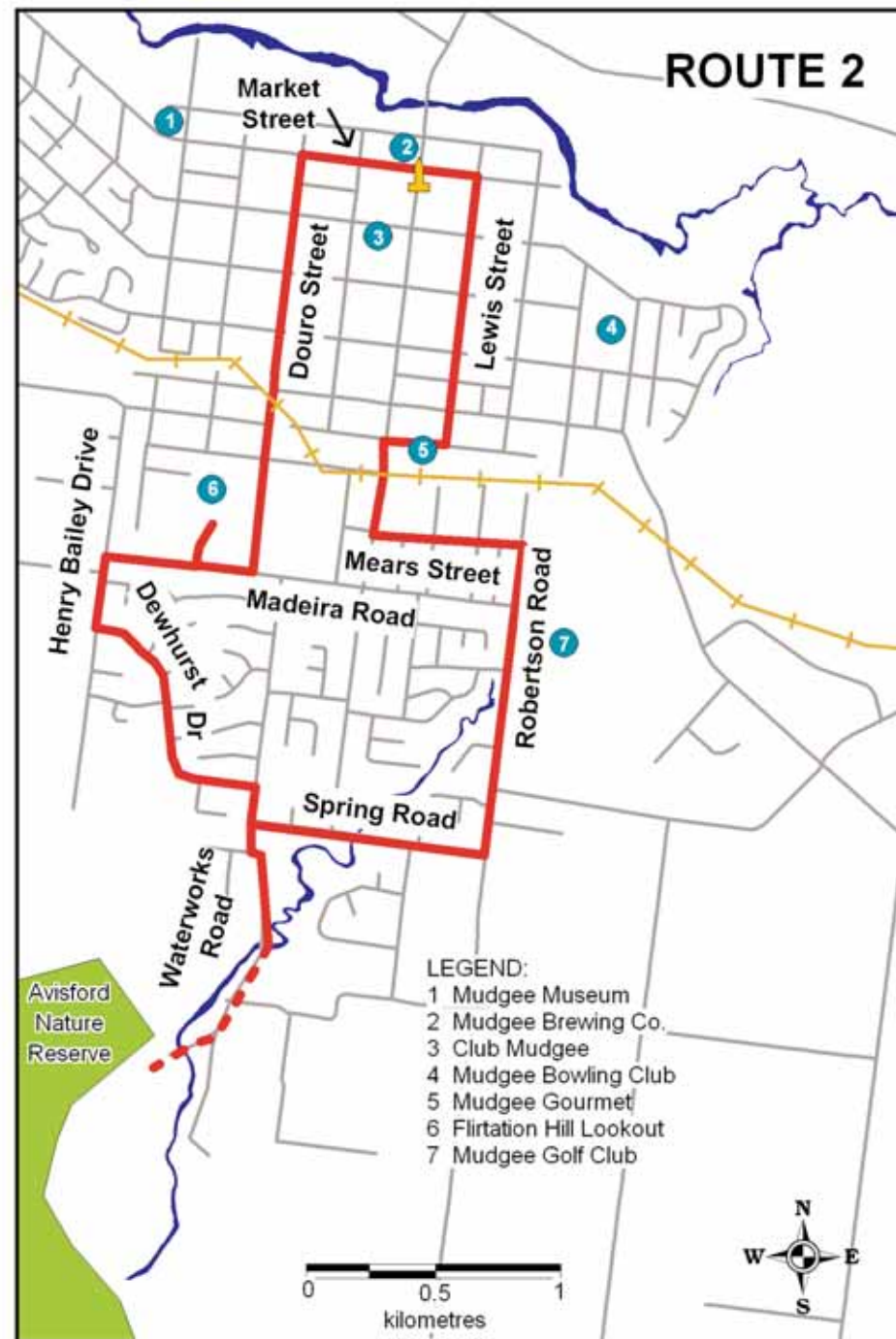
Time: Allow 1.5 hours

Redbank Dam was once used as a water supply for Mudgee and lies at the foot of the timbered hills behind the town, in Avisford Nature Reserve. An optional side trip from this point is a pleasant walk up through the Reserve on the fire trail leading from the left hand side of the dam wall.

kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower and head east along Market Street.
- 0.2 Turn right into Lewis St. (first turn right)
- 0.9 Turn right into Denison Street (shop in old building on right hand side).
- 1.1 Turn left into Church Street (tennis courts on other side of road).
- 1.3 Straight through roundabout. Caution: This can be a very busy intersection. Head up over railway overpass.

- 1.9 Turn left into Meares Street, straight after the Community Health Centre.
- 2.1 Turn right into Robertson Street, golf course opposite.
- 3.7 Turn right into Spring Road.
- 4.6 Turn left at t-junction into Oporto Road.
- 4.7 Turn left into Palermo Road.
- 4.8 Road turns right into Waterworks Road.
- 5.2 Unsealed road.
- 5.5 Bear right at Y-junction.
- 5.7 Gate entrance to Avisford Nature Reserve. Return to Oporto Road and take first turn left.
- 7.0 Turn left into Dewhurst Drive.
- 8.0 Turn right at t-junction into Henry Bayly Drive.
- 8.3 Turn right into Madeira Road.
- 8.6 Entrance to lookout on Flirtation Hill, LHS.
- 8.7 Lookout. Then continue down hill.
- 9.1 Turn left into Douro St. (showground opposite).
- 9.8 Railway crossing.
- 10.8 Turn right into Market Street (Robertson Park on RHS).
- 11.3 Finish at clock tower.



RIDE 3 – Rocky Waterhole Road

Start & Finish Point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total Distance: 18.1 km, all bitumen

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Bike recommended: Road, cross & MTB

Time: Allow 1 1/2 hours

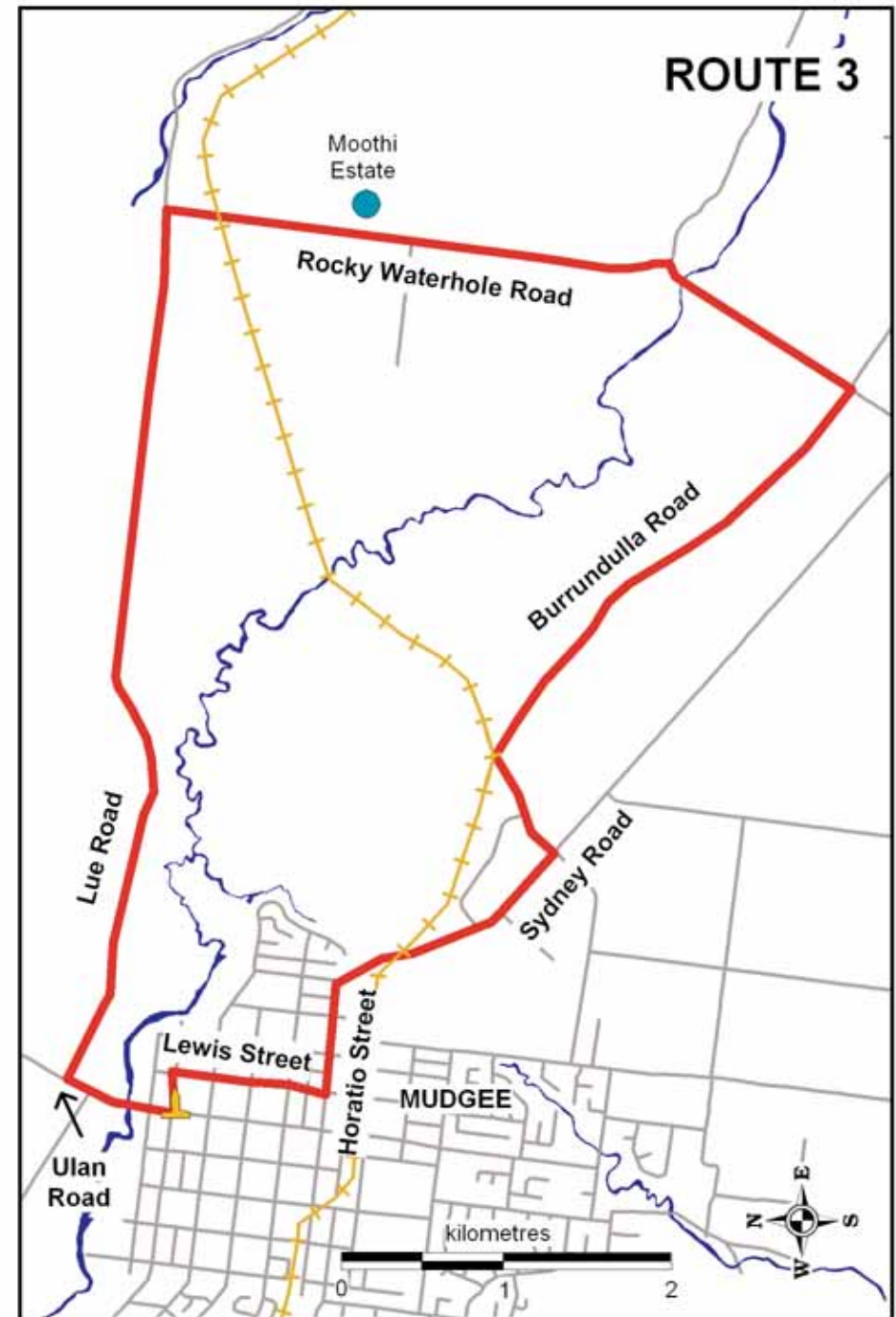
This very pleasant, easy ride follows quiet country roads and offers some good views over Mudgee. These include extensive irrigated lucerne flats where Mudgee's well known hay is produced. A favourite ride with the locals.

kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower and head north on Church Street which becomes the Ulan (Cassilis) Road as it leaves town.
- 0.7 Turn right onto the Lue Road.
- 6.2 Turn right into Rocky Waterhole Road, crossing the railway line 150 m further on.
- 9.5 Cudgegong River crossing and Rocky Waterhole.
- 10.7 Turn right at the crossroads into Burrundulla Road (not signed).



- 14.6 Turn right at the junction with the Sydney Road (Harvey Norman on the right).
- 16.2 Sydney Road becomes Horatio Street at 90° left hand corner.
- 16.9 Turn right into Lewis Street (general store on corner).
- 17.9 Turn left into Market Street
- 18.1 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 4 – Wilbertree Road with Longer option on Snakes Creek Rd.

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 19.8 km, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB bikes

Time: Allow 1.5 hours.

This very pleasant, easy ride parallels the Cudgong River, eventually meeting it at the Wilbertree Bridge. Along the way you'll see good examples of large ancient River Red Gums.

kms

0.0 Start at the clock tower on the corner of Church & Market Streets. Proceed west down Market Street, which becomes the Gulgong Road as it heads out of town. On your right will be the radio station 2MG.

2.7 Turn right into Wilbertree Rd

9.9 Wilbertree Bridge.
Return via same route.

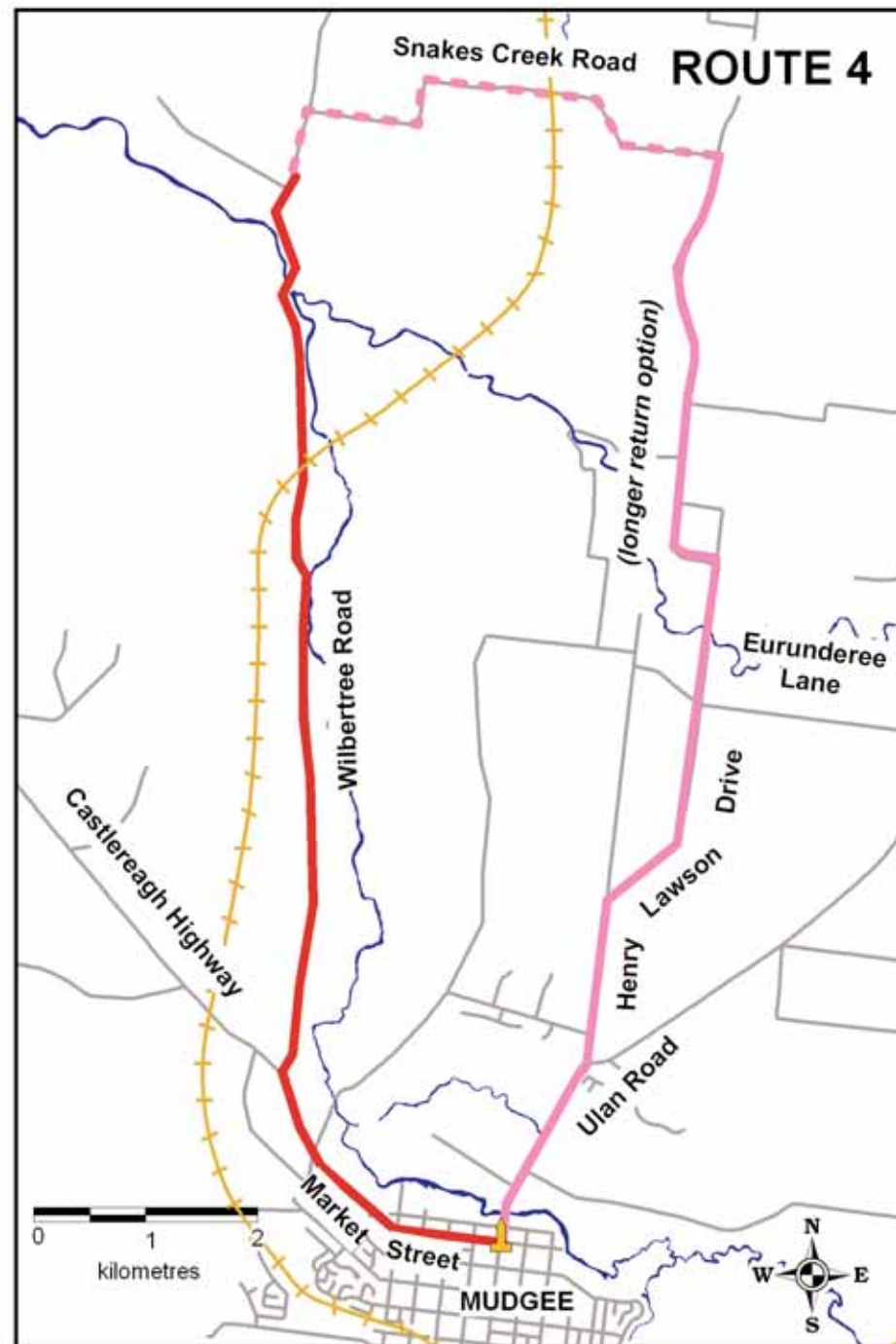
Longer Option (5km unsealed road): Total 26.8kms

Medium Grade. Road bikes not suitable. 2 hours.

Continue on past the bridge.



- 10.9 Bitumen ends (opposite Gooree Lane).
- 11.7 Turn right into Snakes Creek Road. The first part of this road is steep, but affords some good views to the south. You will also cross the Mudgee-Gulgong railway line further on.
- 16.0 Turn right onto Henry Lawson Drive (sealed).
- 24.9 Turn right onto Ulan Road (Cassilis Road). Just further down on the left you will see the commencement of a bike path back to town.
- 26.8 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 6 – Spring Flat Road

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

**Total distance: 28.1 km,
8.2 km unsealed**

Degree of difficulty: Medium

**Bike recommended:
Cross and MTB bikes**

Time: Allow 2 hours.

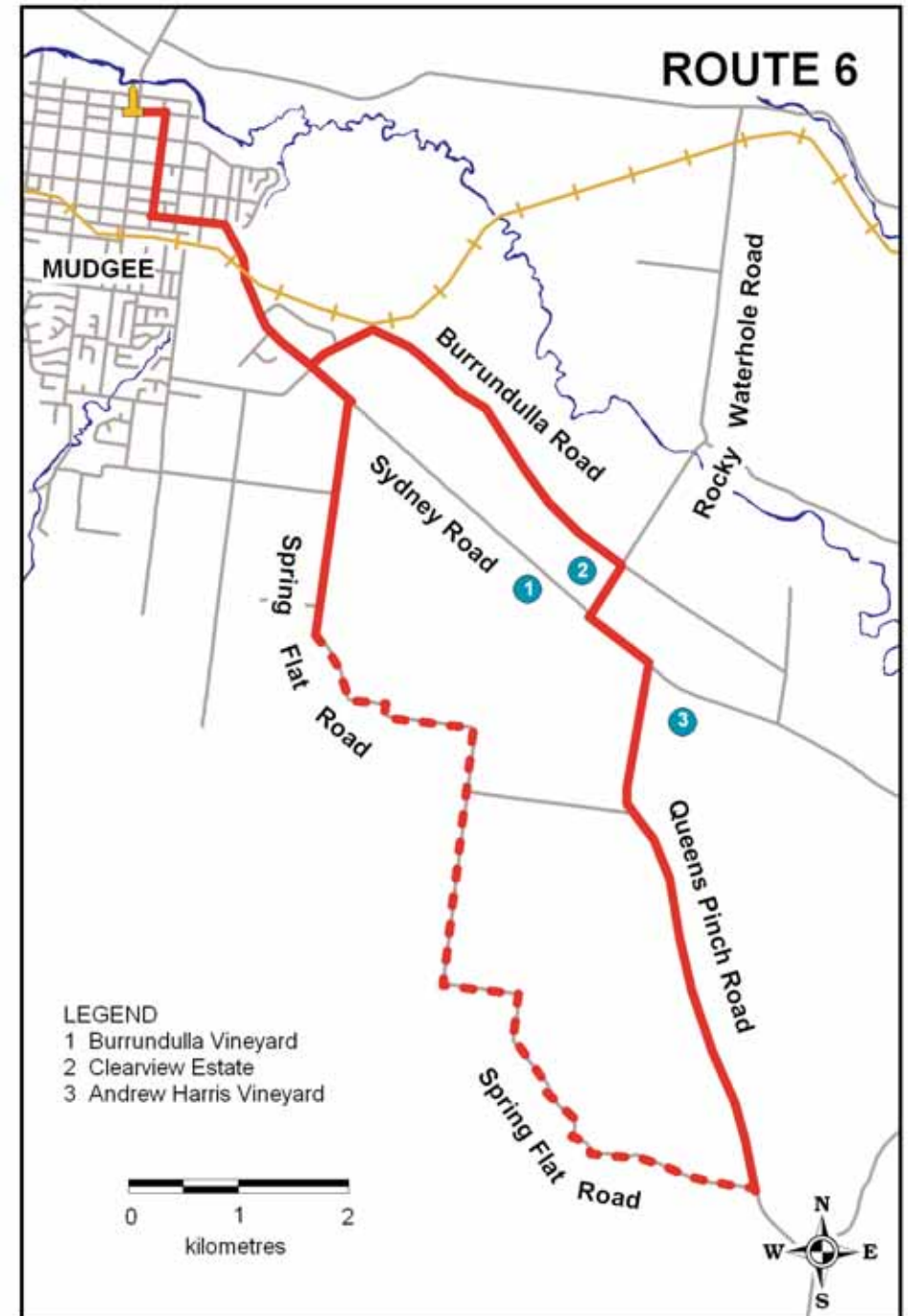
Spring Flat Road is a quiet lane that rises very gradually to a crest which affords extensive views to the north, including Mt Frome and Mt Knowles.

kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower on the corner of Church & Market Streets. Proceed east along Market Street.
- 0.2 Turn right into Lewis Street.
- 1.1 Turn left onto Horatio St. (Castlereagh Hwy), with general store on right hand corner.
- 3.9 Turn right into Spring Flat Road, just after the town limits.
- 6.1 Turn left into Spring Flat Road.
- 6.3 Unsealed road.
- 10.5 Turn left at T-junction (private driveway straight ahead).
- 14.5 Turn left into Queen's Pinch Road (bitumen).



- 19.6 Turn left onto the Castlereagh Highway.
- 20.3 Turn right into Rocky Waterhole Road.
- 20.8 Turn left at the crossroads into Burrundulla Road (not signed).
- 24.7 Turn right onto Sydney Road (Castlereagh Highway), Harvey Norman on right hand side.
- 26.2 Sydney Road becomes Horatio Street on 90° left hand turn.
- 27.0 Turn right into Lewis Street (general store on corner).
- 27.9 Turn left into Market Street.
- 28.1 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 7 – Lowes Peak Road

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 37.7 km, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

**Bike recommended:
Road, cross and MTB**

Time: Allow 3 hours.

The climb to Lowes Peak starts with a long, good gradient hill on Henry Lawson Drive. Further on Lowes Peak Road rises to a steep crest that is characterized by large granite tors and good views to the south.

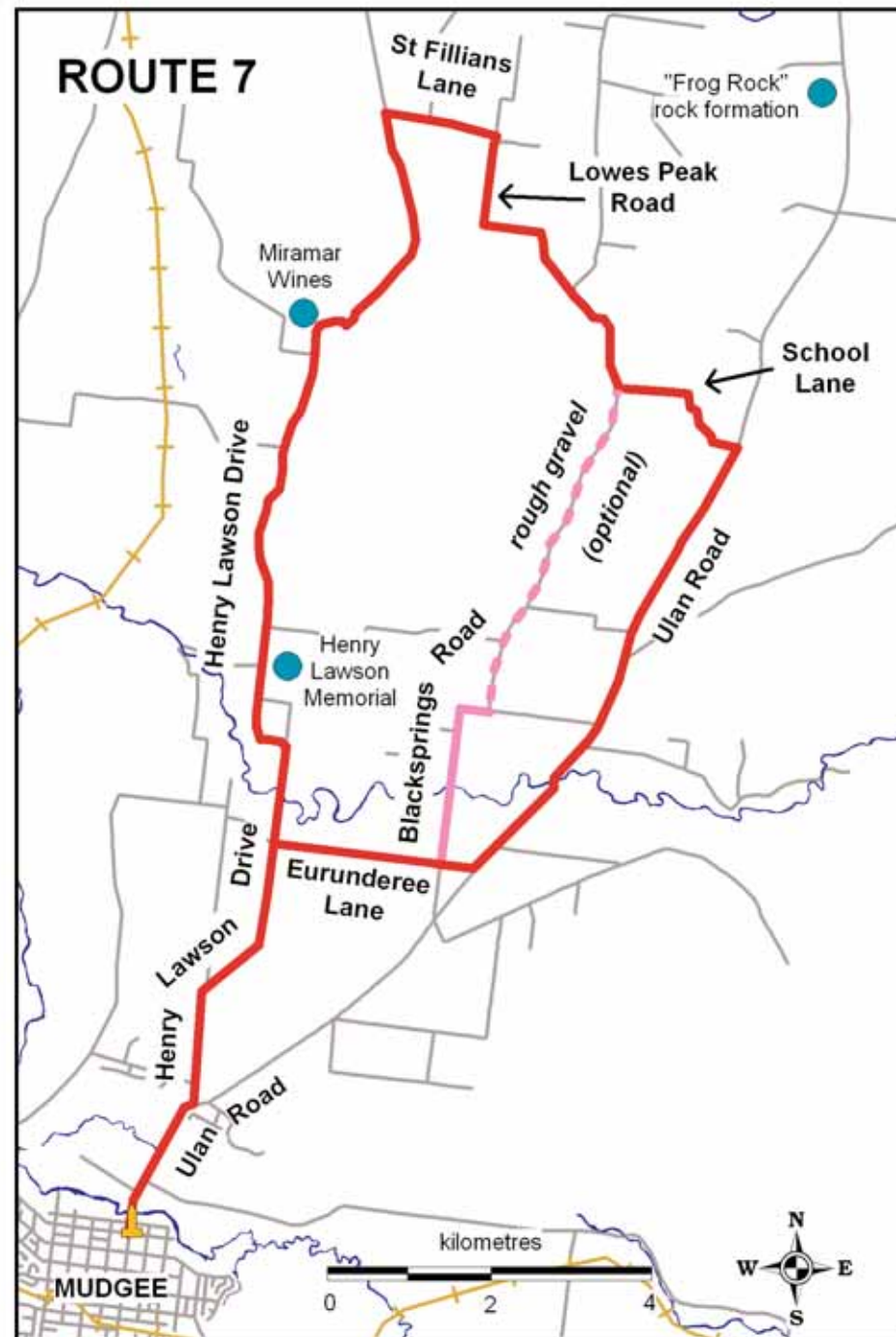
kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower. Head north along Church Street which becomes the Ulan (Cassilis) Road as it leaves town. There is a bike path on your right, starting beside Lawson Park which ends in 1.6km.
- 1.8 Turn left into Henry Lawson Drive. Continue on this road for the next 14 kms.
- 15.8 Turn right into St Fillans Road.
- 17.2 Turn right into Lowes Peak Road.
- 19.9 3-way junction at top of hill. Bear right.
- 21.3 Turn left into School Lane.

- 23.3 Turn right onto the Ulan (Cassilis) Road.
- 29.7 Turn right into Eurunderee Lane.
- 32.2 Turn left onto Henry Lawson Drive.
- 35.9 Turn right onto the Ulan (Cassilis) Road. Just down the hill on the left is the bike track going back into town.
- 37.5 End of cycleway adjacent to Lawson Park.
- 37.7 Finish at the clock tower.

Shorter Option on Blacksprings Road (unsealed). Total: 35.7km (2km shorter), 2.4km unsealed. Not suitable for road bikes.

- 21.3 Continue straight ahead, unsealed. Do not turn into School Lane.
- 23.7 Road reverts to bitumen.
- 25.7 Turn right at t-junction to continue on Blacksprings Road, unsigned (road to the left is Crowley's Lane).
- 28.1 Turn right at crossroads with Eurunderee Lane (wine barrel on right hand corner). Continue on as described above in original route.



RIDE 8 – Queens Pinch Road, return via Horse Flat Lane & Melrose Road

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 49.9km, 10.1km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium/Hard

Bike recommended: Cross and MTB bikes

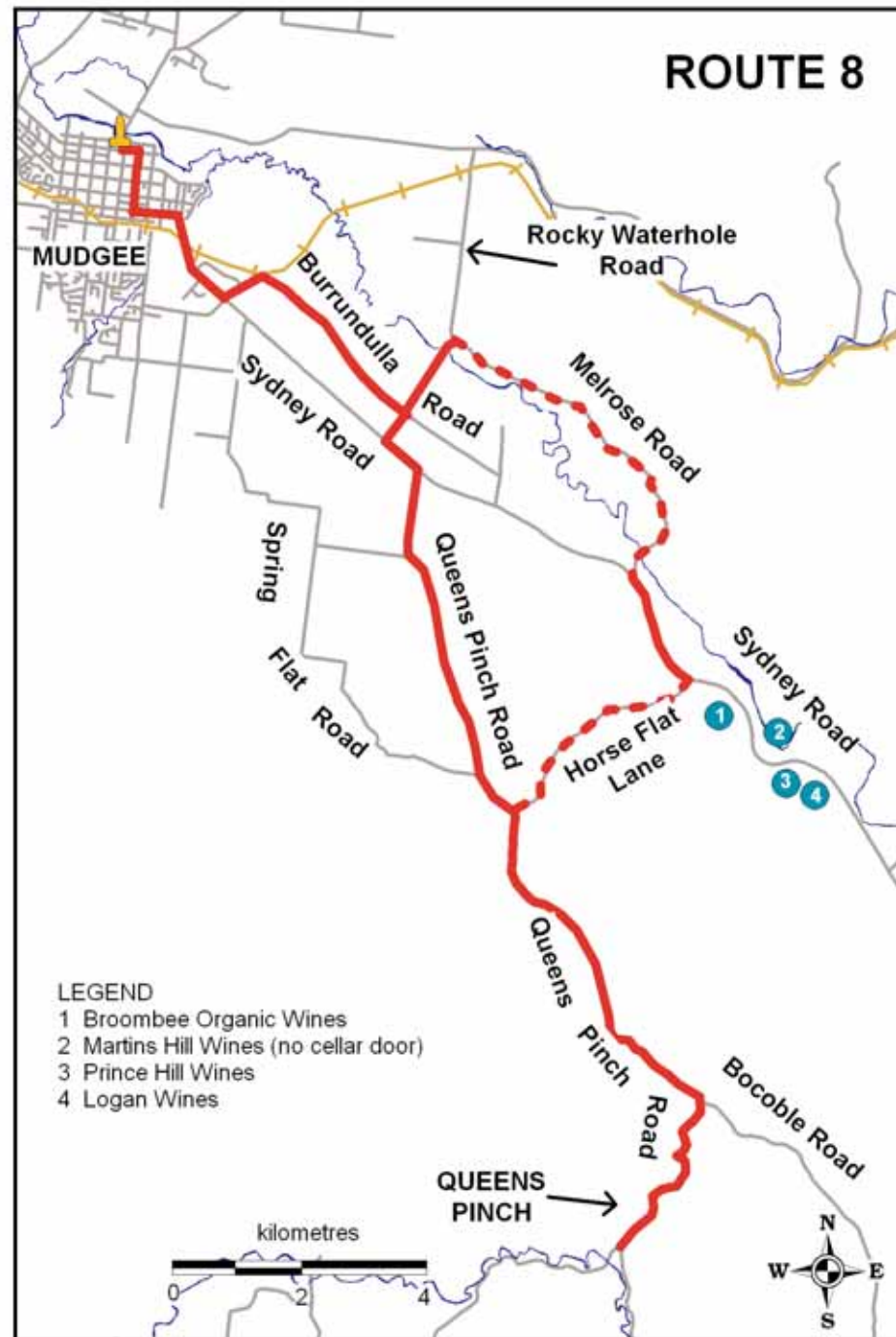
Time: Allow 3 hours.

This ride gives a good diversity of road conditions, commencing with a long level sealed section, becoming undulating and then very steep, and then heading back on 10kms of gravel road, finishing on the flat.

kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower. Head east along Market Street.
- 0.2 Turn right into Lewis Street.
- 1.1 Turn left onto Horatio Street (Castlereagh Highway). General store on the RH corner. Follow this around a 90° RH corner, where it becomes the Sydney Road.
- 3.3 Turn left into Burrundulla Road (Harvey Norman on the left hand corner).
- 7.2 Turn right at the cross roads into Rocky Waterhole Road (not signed).

- 7.8 Turn left onto the Castlereagh Highway.
- 8.5 Turn right into Queen's Pinch Road.
- 17.9 Start of a series of 4 cause ways.
- 20.3 Y-junction. Bear right to stay on Queen's Pinch Road. Very steep rise to the crest.
- 21.8 Crest of the road. **Caution:** there is very little stopping room at the top of the hill. Head back down the way you came.
- 29.2 Turn right into Horse Flat Lane (Bushfire Brigade shed on corner). Unsealed.
- 33.4 Turn left onto the Castlereagh Highway (bitumen).
- 35.3 Turn right into Melrose Road (unsealed).
- 41.2 Turn left into Rocky Waterhole Road (bitumen).
- 42.6 Turn right at the cross roads into Burrundulla Road.
- 46.5 Turn right onto the Castlereagh Highway (Sydney Road).
- 48.8 Turn right into Lewis Street.
- 49.7 Turn left into Market Street.
- 49.9 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 9 – Green Gully Road

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 66.0km, 12km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Hard

Bike recommended: Cross and MTB bikes

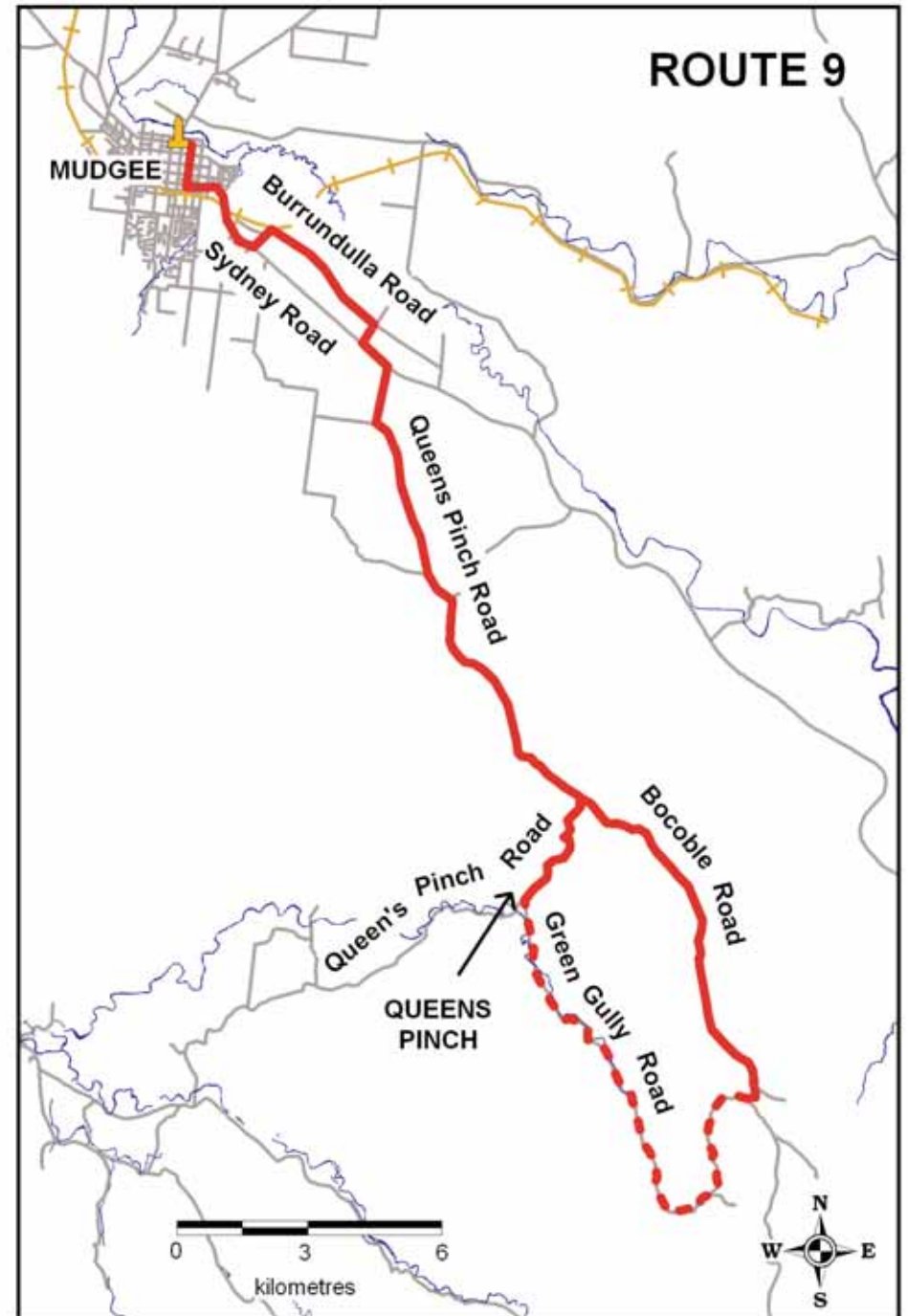
Time: Allow 5 hours.

This route takes in some long, steep hills. A good challenge for hill climbers (& descenders!).

kms

- 0.0 Head east along Market Street.
- 0.2 Turn right into Lewis Street.
- 1.1 Turn left onto Horatio Street (Castlereagh Highway). General store on RH corner. Follow this around a 90° RH corner, where it becomes the Sydney Road.
- 3.3 Turn left into Burrundulla Road (Harvey Norman on the left hand corner).
- 7.2 Turn right at the cross roads into Rocky Waterhole Road (unsigned).
- 7.8 Turn left onto the Castlereagh Highway.
- 8.5 Turn right into Queen's Pinch Rd.
- 17.9 Start of a series of 4 cause ways.
- 20.3 Y-junction. Bear left into Bocoble Road. Road climbs 2.8km on a steep sustained hill.

- 29.3 Turn right into Triangle Swamp Rd, unsealed. After a causeway there is a steep 0.5km sealed section. Then road reverts to gravel.
- 32.5 Junction with McMasters Road. Triangle Swamp Road becomes Green Gully Road. Road drops steeply for 1km (sealed). Follow the road right through Green Gully for 9km.
- 42.4 Turn right at T-junction (Queen's Pinch Road not signed). Bitumen.
- 44.2 Queen's Pinch **Caution:** There is very little stopping room at the crest. The road then drops on a steep, winding 2km downhill run. Follow right through to T-junction.
- 57.5 Turn left at T-junction onto Sydney Road.
- 58.2 Turn right into Rocky Waterhole Road.
- 58.7 Turn left at the crossroads into Burrundulla Road (not signed).
- 62.6 Turn right onto Sydney Road (Castlereagh Highway), Harvey Norman on right hand side.
- 64.1 Sydney Road becomes Horatio Street on 90° left hand turn.
- 64.9 Turn right into Lewis Street (general store on corner).
- 65.8 Turn left into Market Street.
- 66.0 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 10 – Hayes Gap Road with Longer option on Bara Rd.

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 51.3 km, 15.6 km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Cross and MTB bikes.

Time: Allow 4.5 hours.

The Hayes Gap Road passes through some typical undulating grazing country for this area. The Bara Road option is the most remote of all the cycling routes.

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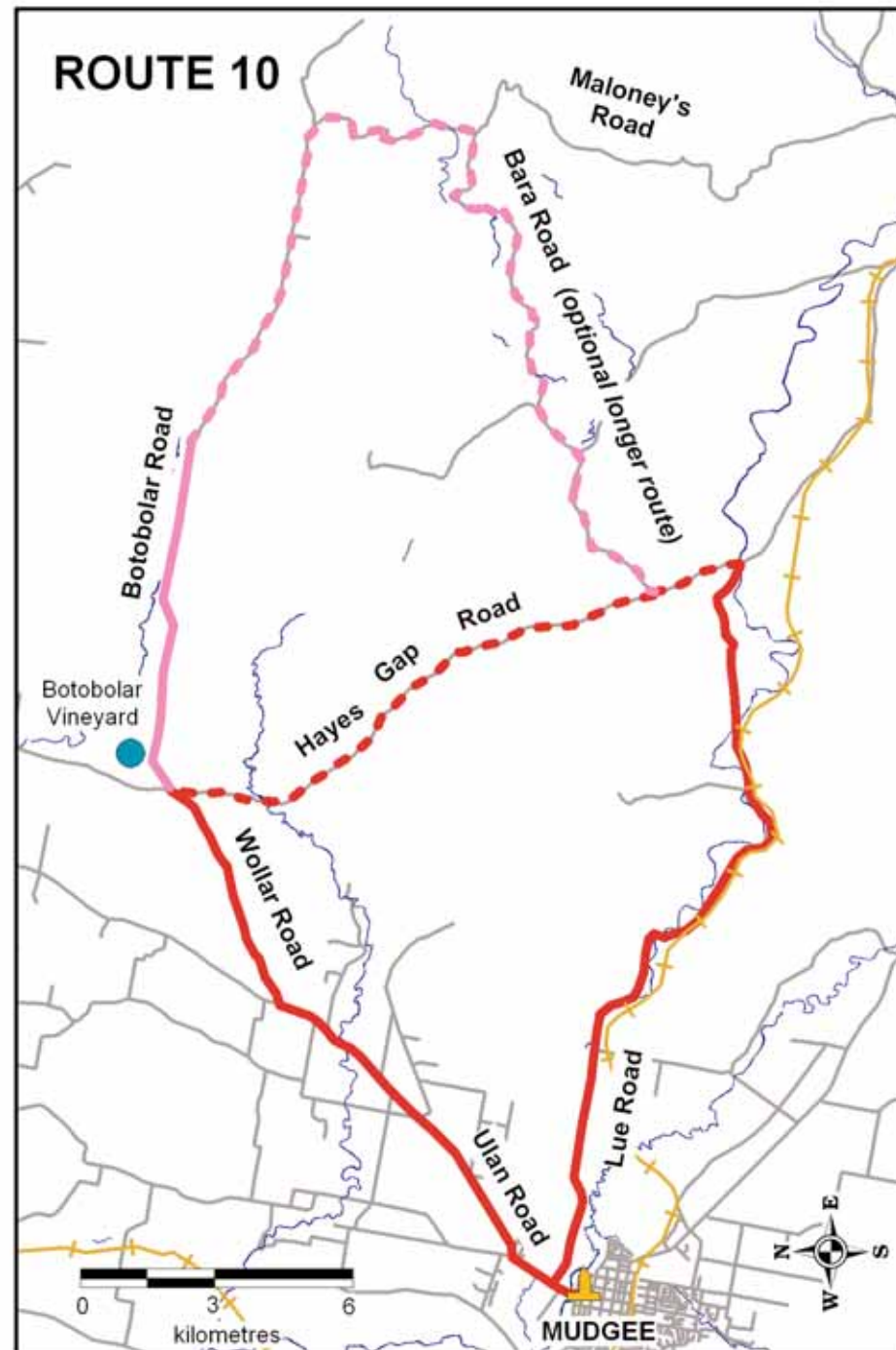
- 0.0 Start at the clock tower on the corner of Church and Market Streets. Proceed north on Church Street which becomes the Ulan (Cassilis) Road as it leaves town. There is a bike path on your right, starting beside Lawson Park (this finishes after 1.8km).
- 9.8 Turn right onto the road to Wollar and Cooyal.
- 15.4 Turn right at the Botobolar sign and then immediately right again onto the Hayes Gap-Lue Road, not signed. From here road is unsealed with causeways and cattle grids. The road undulates for a while and then ascends to

the top of Hayes Gap, followed by a steep descent and then levels out to the bitumen road.

- 31.0 Turn right onto the bitumen road (Lue Road - no sign), noting historic Havilah Station on LHS. Follow this road back to Mudgee, which is 20 km from the junction.
- 51.3 Finish at the clock tower.

Longer Option on Bara Road: MTB ONLY, HARD. Total 72.3 km, 26.6 km unsealed. Allow 6 hours.

- 15.4 Continue straight ahead on Botobolar Road.
- 25.7 Road becomes unsealed.
- 31.6 Fork with Bara Road. Bear right. Take caution on the steep descents into the Bara Valley. Some tight corners have loose gravel.
- 36.4 Shortly after a creek crossing, there is a T-junction. Take the road to the right which is not signed. There is a large gum tree on the RHS beside two letterboxes.
- 50.2 At the T-junction turn left onto the Hayes Gap Road, where there are some cattle yards.
- 52.3 Turn right onto the Lue Road (bitumen) which will take you 20km back to Mudgee.
- 72.3 Finish at the clock tower.



RIDE 11 – Cooyal Pub with option for Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 54.4 km, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB

Time: Allow 4 hours.

The Cooyal pub is a good distance from town to justify stopping for lunch. Only a few hills and long flat sections, make this ride a more popular one.

kms

0.0 Start at the clock tower on the corner of Church and Market Streets. Proceed north on Church Street which becomes the Ulan (Cassilis) Road as it leaves town. There is a bike path on your right, starting beside Lawson Park (this finishes after 1.8km).

9.8 Turn right onto the road to Wollar and Cooyal.

27.2 Cooyal Pub on the left hand side. Return via the same route.

54.4 Finish at the clock tower.



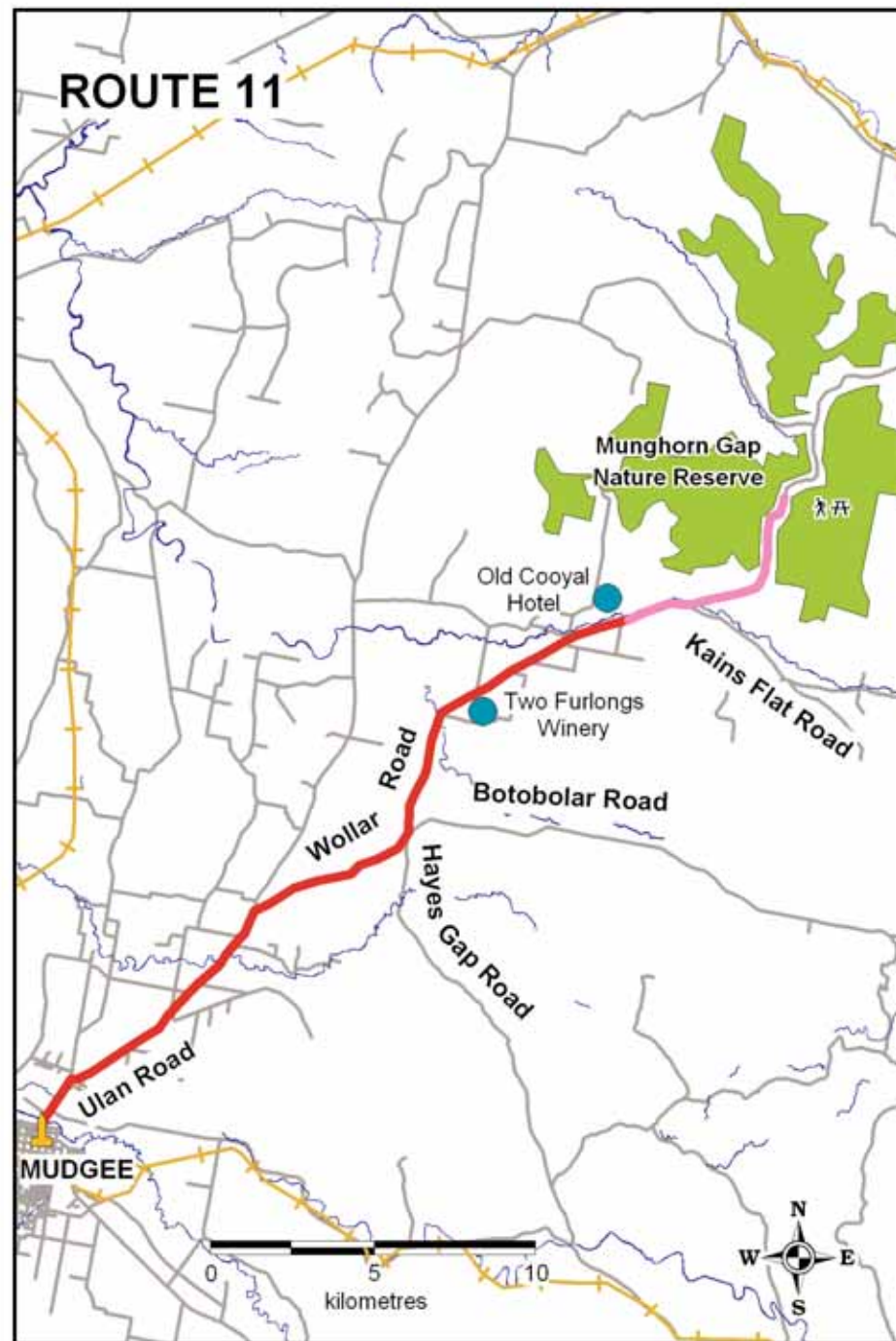
Longer Option to Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve and Castle Rocks walking track. Total distance 65.6kms. Total time 5 hours.

27.2 From the Cooyal pub, keep heading north on the Wollar Road. Climb steadily on a good gradient through the Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve.

32.8 Watch out for the Castle Rocks sign just after the crest of the hill.

Please note that the walking track is not suitable for mountain bikes due to its sandy nature.

The walk to Castle Rocks is an easy grade 8km return.



RIDE 12 – Mudgee-Gulgong Circuit

kms

- 0.0 Start at the clock tower. Head north along Church Street which becomes the Ulan (Cassilis) Road as it leaves town. There is a bike path on your right, starting beside Lawson Park which finishes after 1.8km.
- 1.8 Turn left into Henry Lawson Drive. Continue on this road for the next 30.9 kms.
- 31.1 Cross Mudgee-Gulgong railway line. Henry Lawson Drive becomes Mayne Street upon entering Gulgong. Continue straight on.
- 32.7 Crossroads of Mayne & Herbert Streets. Turn left into Herbert Street.
- 32.8 Finish at the post office (on your right). Return to Mudgee via the same route.
- 65.6 Finish at the clock tower in Mudgee.

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 65.6kms, all sealed.

Degree of difficulty: Medium

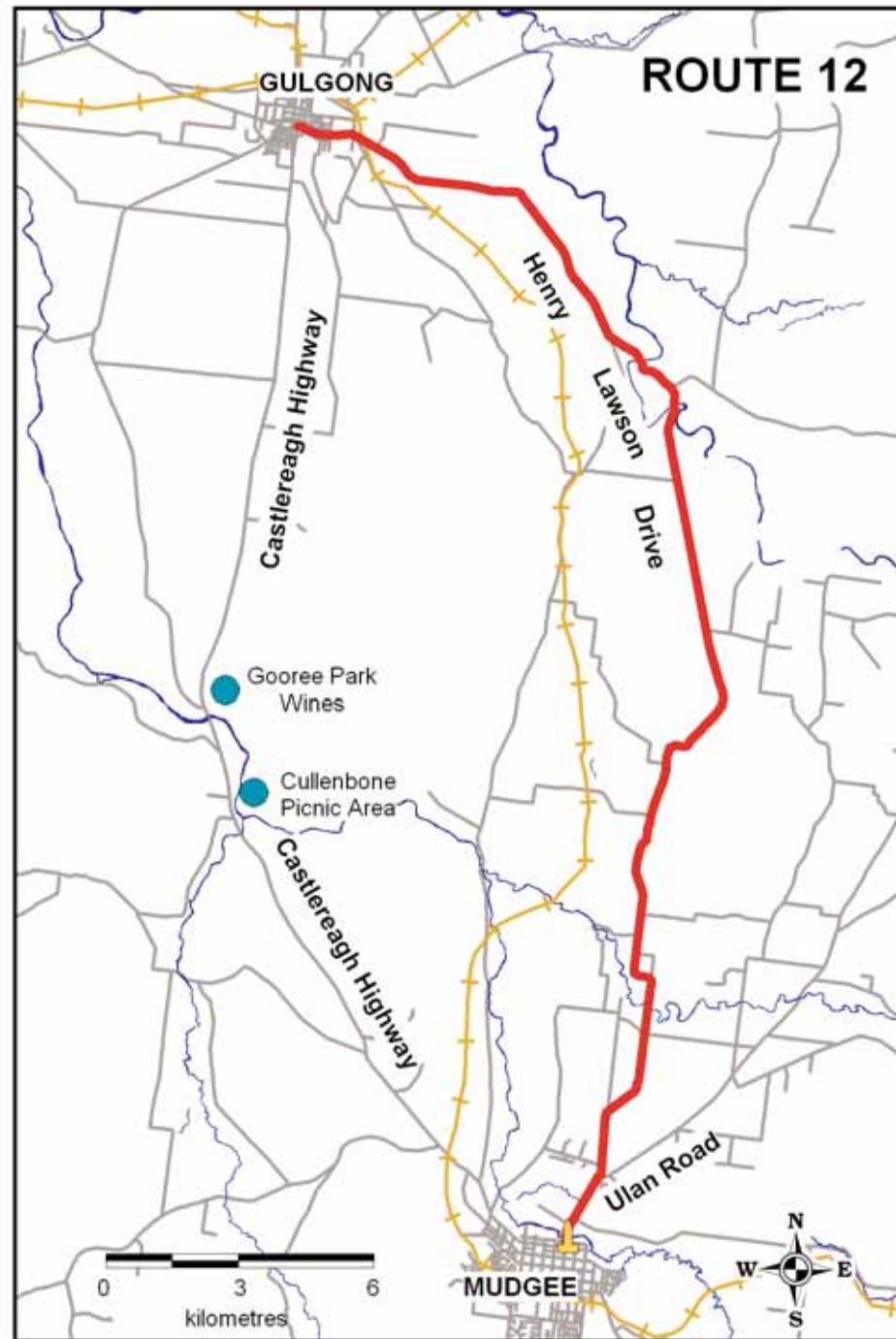
Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB

Time: Allow 4.5 hours.

This all bitumen ride passes through some of the best Mudgee vineyard country. When you arrive in Gulgong, allow some time to explore this historic town. Another popular ride with the locals.



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RIDE 13 – Burrendong Dam with Shorter Option

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 76.4 km,
12.8km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Hard

Bike recommended:
Cross and MTB bikes

Time: Allow 5.5 hours.

Steadily climbing after leaving Mudgee, this route passes a few vineyards before getting into hillier grazing country. The 24kms down the Burrendong Dam Road is mostly winding and very undulating on a very pleasant tree-lined route.

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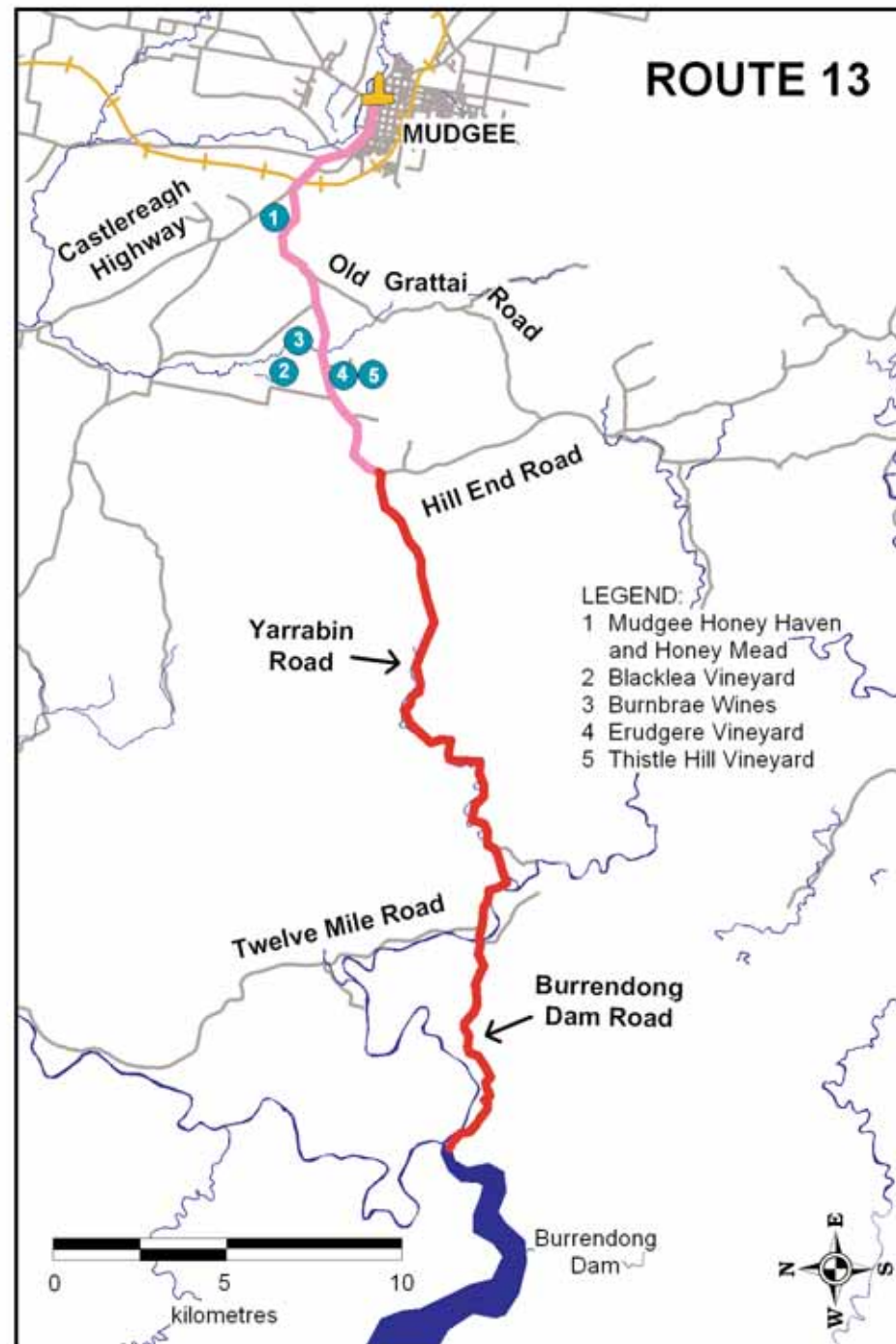
0.0 Start at the clock tower and proceed west along Market Street which becomes the Gulgong Road as it heads out of town.

- 3.9 Turn onto the Hill End Road shortly after crossing the railway line (Honey Haven on the opposite corner).
- 13.9 Turn right onto Burrendong Dam Road.
- 31.2 Y-junction with Yarrabin Road. Keep left.
- 31.8 Unsealed road shortly after creek crossing.
- 38.2 Boom gate for Cudgegong River Park (cars must pay a fee to enter). There is a kiosk further along the bitumen road up on the RHS of the hill. Return to Mudgee by retracing the outward route.
- 76.4 Finish at the clock tower.

WARNING: Causeways may flood after heavy rain.

Shorter Option: Total 48.6km, 12.8km unsealed, Medium grade for cross & MTB bikes. Allow 4 hours.

Drive to the junction of Hill End and Burrendong Dam roads. Park beside the poplar trees. Ride from here.



RIDE 14 – Windeyer Circuit via Queen’s Pinch

Start & finish point: Clock tower, corner of Church & Market Streets

Total distance: 79.5km, 11 km unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Hard

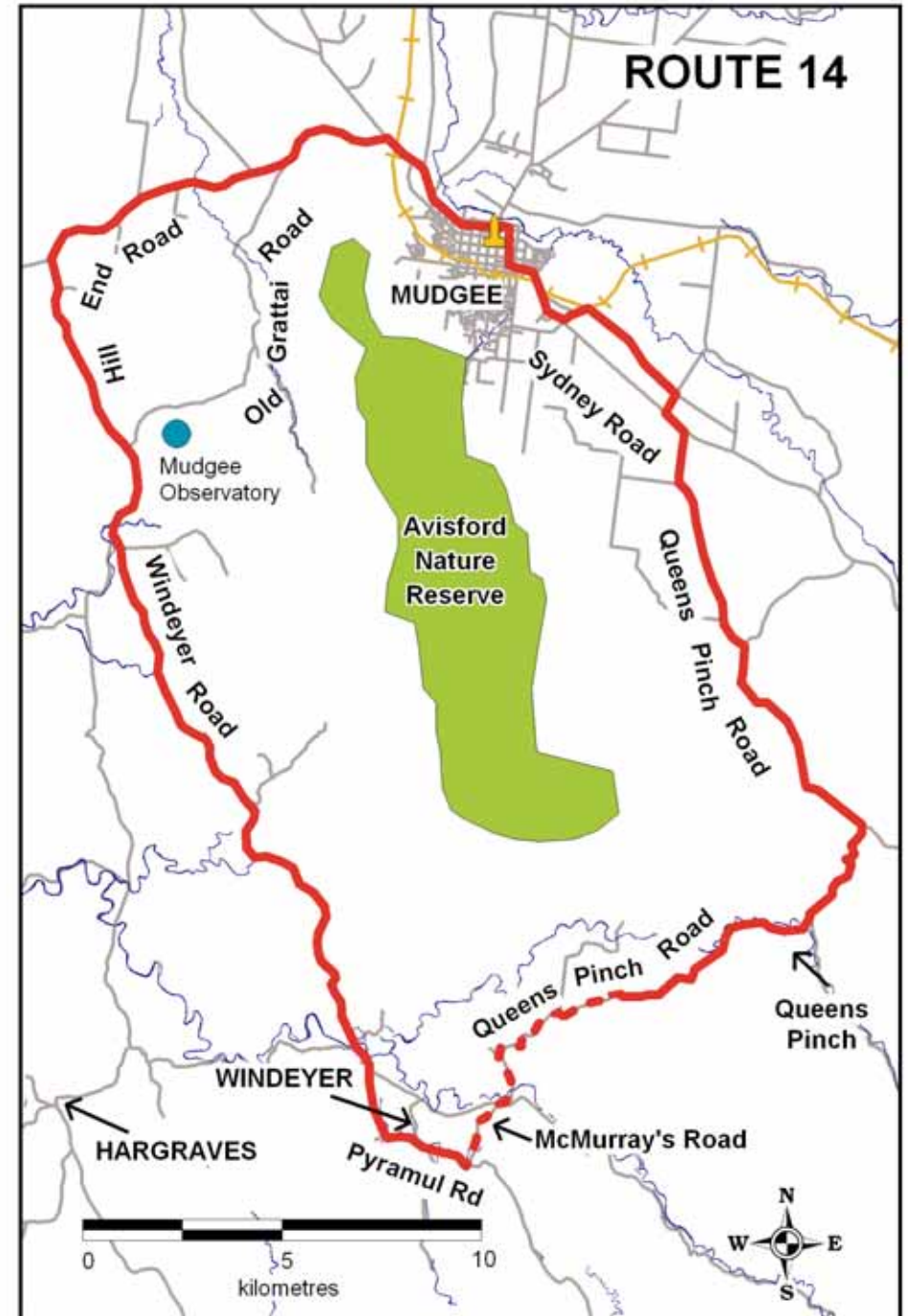
Bike recommended: Cross and MTB bikes

Time: Allow 7 hours.

This ride offers a challenging one day ride or a leisurely two day excursion with a stopover at the Bushlands Caravan Park. Windeyer was once a thriving gold mining town.

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| kms | |
| 0.0 | Start at the clock tower and proceed west along Market Street, which becomes the Gulgong Road as it heads out of town. |
| 3.9 | Turn left into Hill End Road, with Honey Haven on the opposite corner. |
| 13.8 | Pass turn off to Burrendong Dam on RHS. |
| 21.7 | Turn left at the fork in the road, heading for Windeyer, with the Grattai Hall on RHS. |
| 37.5 | Beginning of Windeyer, travel another 3km to the hotel, store and caravan park. |
| (38.4) | Campbell’s Creek Road. Go straight on.) |
| 40.8 | Windeyer pub and caravan park. Keep heading along same road (Pyramul Road). |

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| 42.5 | Turn left into McMurray’s Lane (unsealed). |
| 44.4 | Turn right at T-intersection (sign to Mudgee). |
| 44.7 | Bear left into Queen’s Pinch Rd at Y-junction. |
| 46.7 | Bitumen for 1.6 km for steep climb then back to unsealed surface. |
| 55.3 | Return to bitumen road |
| 57.9 | Queen’s Pinch. Caution: Very little stopping room at crest. Then 2km steep downhill run. Follow this road right through to the junction with the Castlereagh Hwy (Sydney Road). |
| 71.0 | Turn left at T-junction onto Sydney Road. |
| 71.7 | Turn right into Rocky Waterhole Road. |
| 72.2 | Turn left at the crossroads into Burrundulla Road (not signed). |
| 76.1 | Turn right onto Sydney Road (Castlereagh Highway), Harvey Norman on right hand side. |
| 77.6 | Sydney Road becomes Horatio Street on 90° left hand turn. |
| 78.4 | Turn right into Lewis Street (general store on corner). |
| 79.3 | Turn left into Market Street. |
| 79.5 | Finish at the clock tower. |



RIDE 15 – Magpie Lane with longer Option (Springfield Lane)

Start & finish point: Post Office, Herbert Street, Gulgong.

Total distance: 17.2kms, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB

(longer option not suitable for road bike)

Time: Allow 1.5 hours.

The quiet Magpie Lane meanders through vineyards, rising to give very pleasant rural views. Take your time on the long hill heading back if you use the Castlereagh Highway.

17.2 Y-junction. Bear right into Herbert Street.

17.9 Finish at post office.

Longer Option (7.3km unsealed): Total 22.2kms. Not suitable for road bikes. Allow 1.75 hours

12.1 At the Castlereagh Hwy turn right.

13.2 Turn left into Springfield Lane.

20.5 Unsealed surface ends near the cemetery.

21.0 Turn right onto Castlereagh Highway.

21.6 Y-junction. Bear right into Herbert Street.

22.2 Finish at the post office.

kms

0.0 Start at the post office in Gulgong. Head north to the crossroads of Mayne and Herbert Streets.

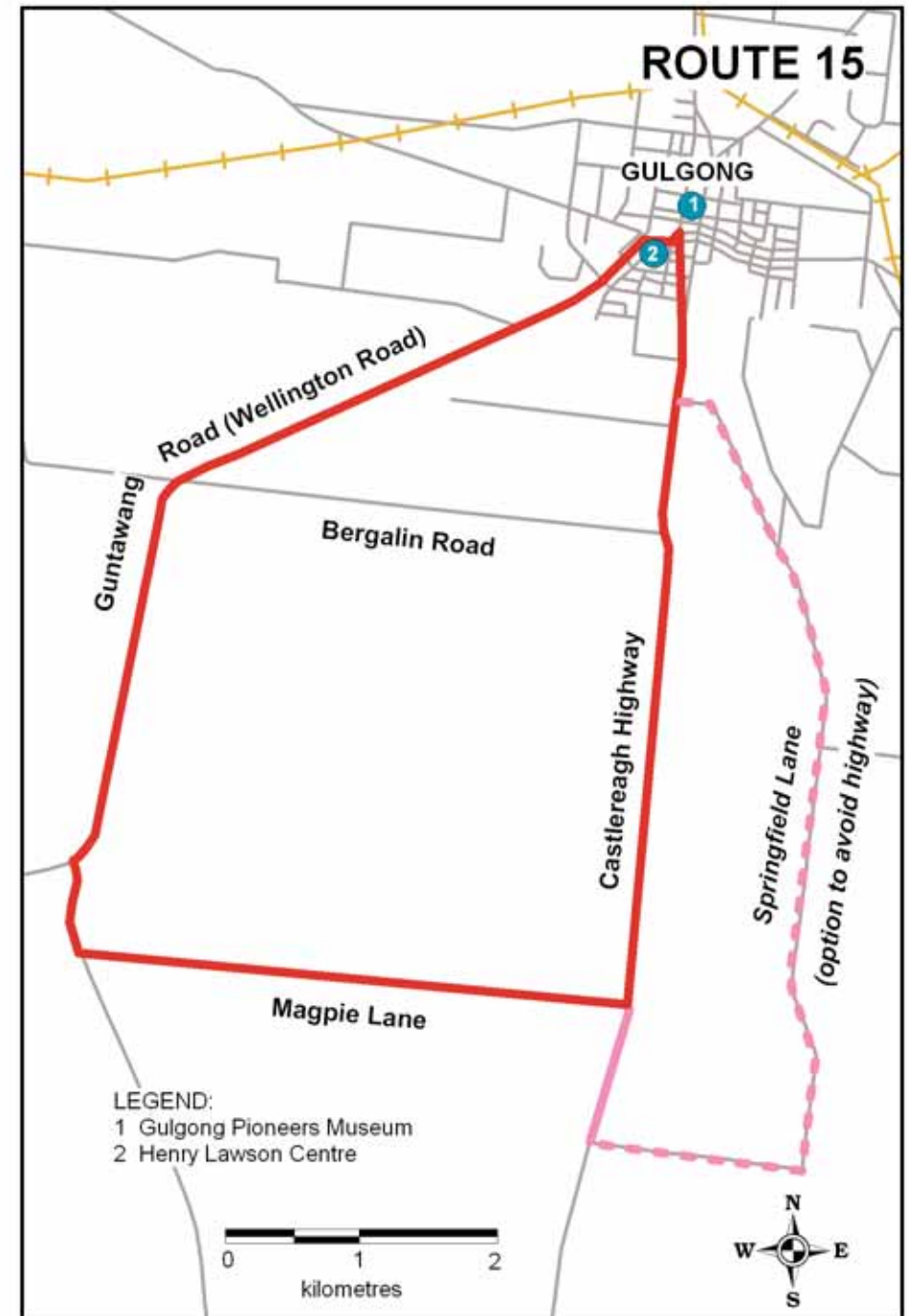
0.05 Turn left into Mayne Street.

0.8 Head straight through round about. Mayne Street becomes the Wellington Road.

7.3 Wellington Road. Continue straight ahead.

8.0 Turn left into Magpie Lane.

12.1 Turn left onto Castlereagh Highway (Mudgee- Gulgong road).



RIDE 16 – Gulgong-Ulan Return

Start & finish point: Post Office,
Herbert Street, Gulgong.

Total distance: 49.0kms, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended:
Road, cross and MTB

Time: Allow 3.5 hours.

With no steep pinches, this gently undulating route allows for a good average speed. With the extra time up your sleeve, stop for a break at the pub.

kms

0.0 Start at the post office in Gulgong. Head north on Herbert Street.

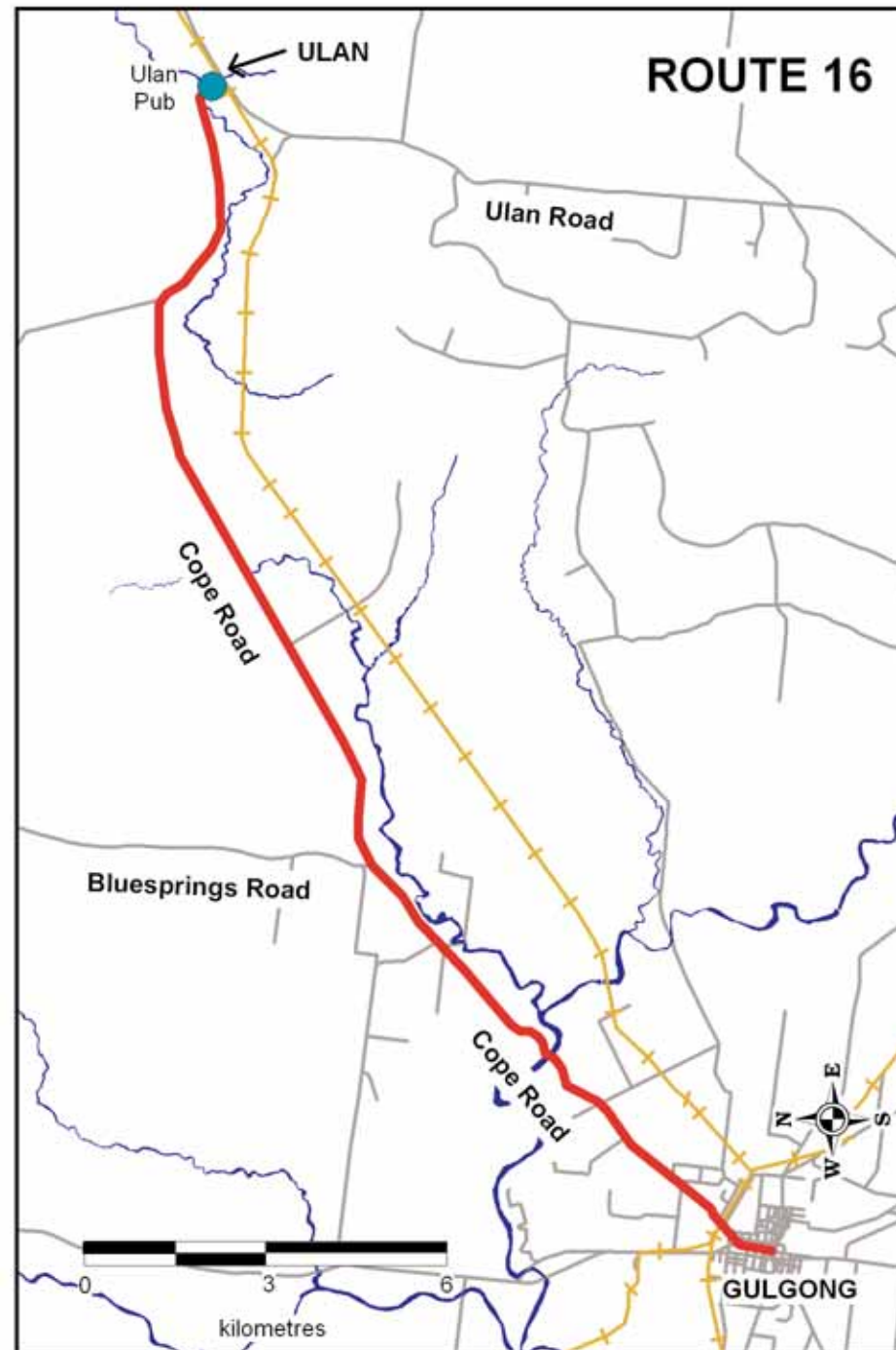
0.6 Y-junction. Bear right.

1.1 Cross over railway line. Continue straight on.

Stay on this road for the next

24.5 Stop at T-junction. Ulan pub is on your left.

Return the same as the outgoing route.



RIDE 17 – Mudhut Creek Road and Spring Creek Rd with shorter option.

Start & finish point: Post office, Herbert Street, Gulgong.

Total distance: 51.7 kms, all sealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Road, cross and MTB

Time: Allow 4 hours.

This area to the east of Gulgong lies on light granite soils, and is characterised by huge granite boulders scattered across the landscape.

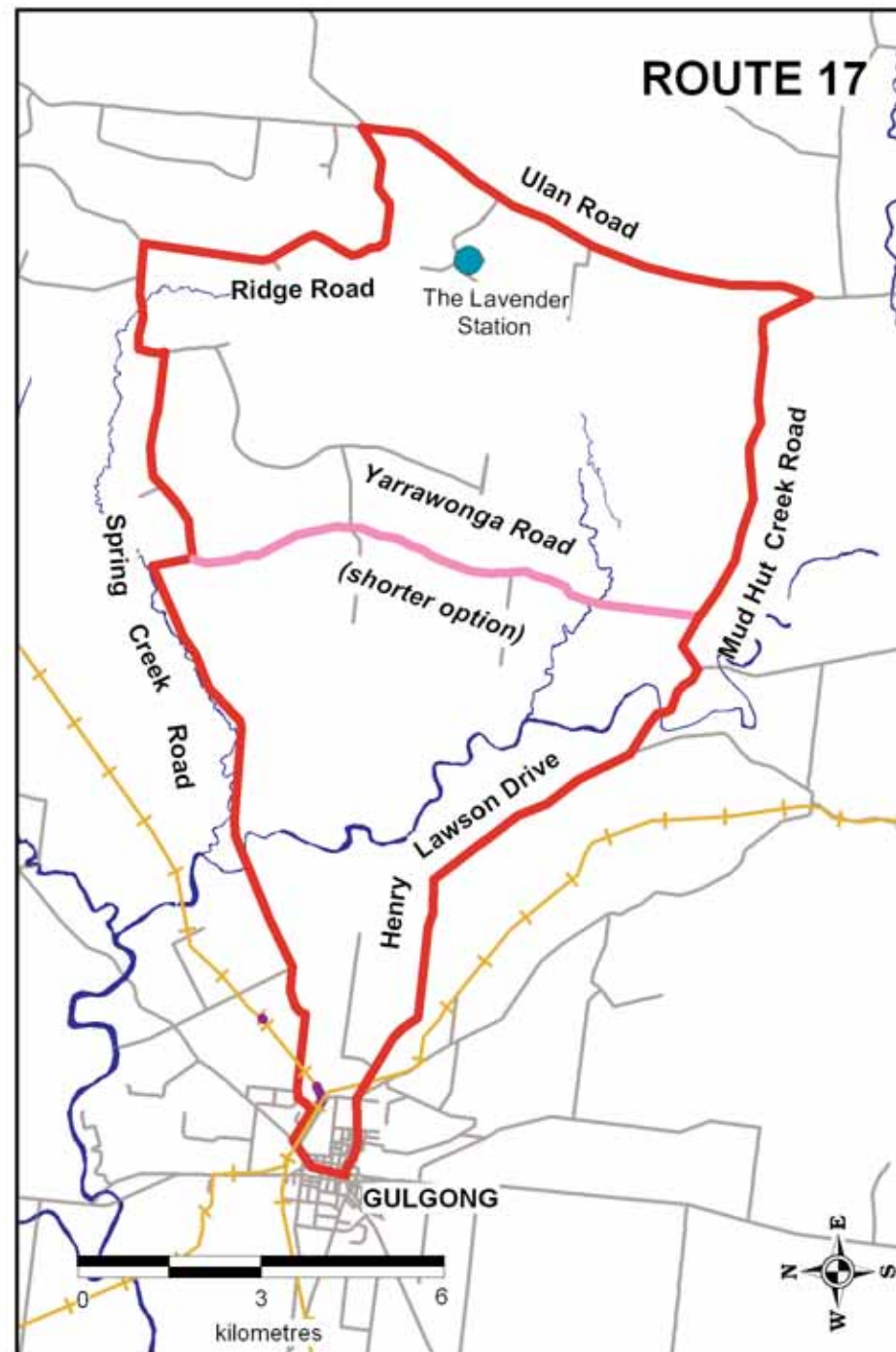
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- 0.0 Start at the post office in Gulgong. Head north on Herbert Street.
- 0.6 Y-junction. Bear right.
- 1.1 Turn right over railway line into Saleyards Lane.
- 1.8 Turn left into Spring Creek Road.
- 2.6 Railway crossing.
- 12.4 Yarrowonga Road (shorter option, otherwise continue straight on).
- 18.3 Turn right into Ridge Road. Steady climb further on.
- 24.9 Turn right onto Ulan (Cassilis) Road.

- 33.1 Turn right into Mudhut Creek Road.
- 39.3 Yarrowonga Road. Continue straight on.
- 40.3 Turn right onto Henry Lawson Drive.
- 50.7 Cross railway line. Henry Lawson Drive becomes Mayne Street upon entering Gulgong. Continue straight on.
- 51.6 Crossroads of Mayne & Herbert Streets. Turn left into Herbert Street.
- 51.7 Finish at the post office (on your right).

Shorter Option: Total 34 kms. Allow 2.5 hours.

- 12.4 Turn right into Yarrowonga Road.
- 21.6 Turn right into Mudhut Creek Road.
- 22.6 Turn right onto Henry Lawson Drive.
- 32.3 Cross railway line. Henry Lawson Drive becomes Mayne Street upon entering Gulgong. Continue straight on.
- 33.9 Crossroads of Mayne & Herbert Streets. Turn left into Herbert Street.
- 34.0 Finish at Post Office.



RIDE 18 – Rylstone – Kandos – GlenAlice Road

Start & finish point: Post Office,
Louee Street, Rylstone.

Total distance: 21.1kms, all
bitumen

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Bike recommended: Road, cross
and MTB

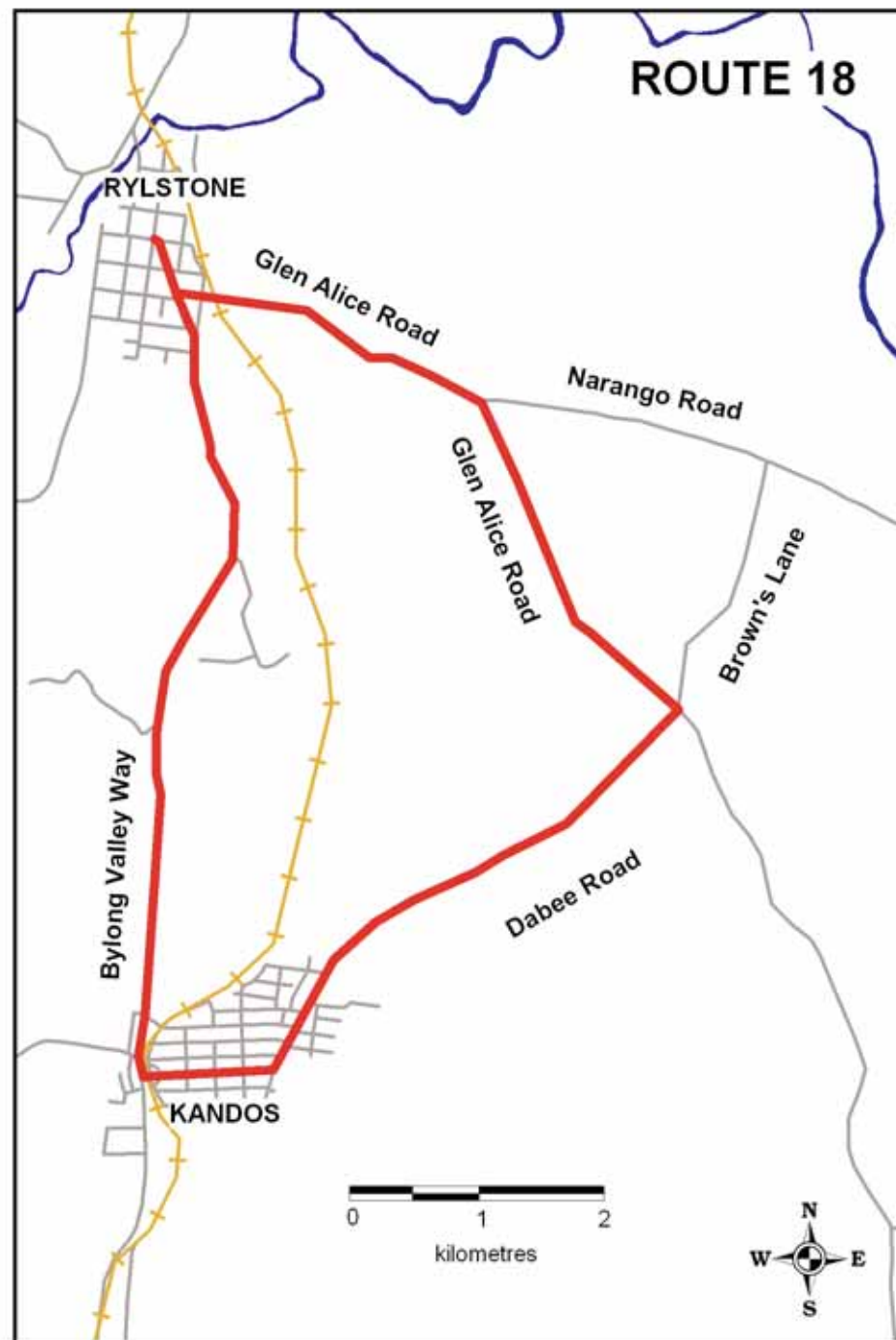
Time: Allow 1.5 hours.

This ride affords very good views of
the fascinating landscape
surrounding these two towns. Take
time to stop at the highest point on
the bike path to appreciate this
wonderful scenery.

kms

0.0 Start at the post office in
Rylstone. Head south on
Louee Street.

- 0.1 Turn left at the signs to
Kandos & Lithgow.
- 0.2 Bear right to Kandos (Ilford
Road). As you leave
Rylstone, you have the
option of using a bike path
(right hand side) all the way
to Kandos.
- 6.6 End of bike path adjacent to
swimming pool.
- 7.2 Turn left over the railway line
into Angus Avenue, the main
street of Kandos. Follow this
right along to junction with
Dabee Rd.
- 8.3 Turn left into Dabee Road.
- 12.7 Turn left at junction with Glen
Alice Road. Follow this road
all the way back to Rylstone.
- 20.4 Turn right at T-junction
beside hospital (Ilford Road).
- 21.0 Turn right into Louee Street.
- 21.1 Finish at Post Office.



RIDE 19 – Breakfast Creek Road

Start & finish point: Post Office, Louee Street, Rylstone.

Total distance: 36.1kms, 11.8kms unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Cross and MTBs

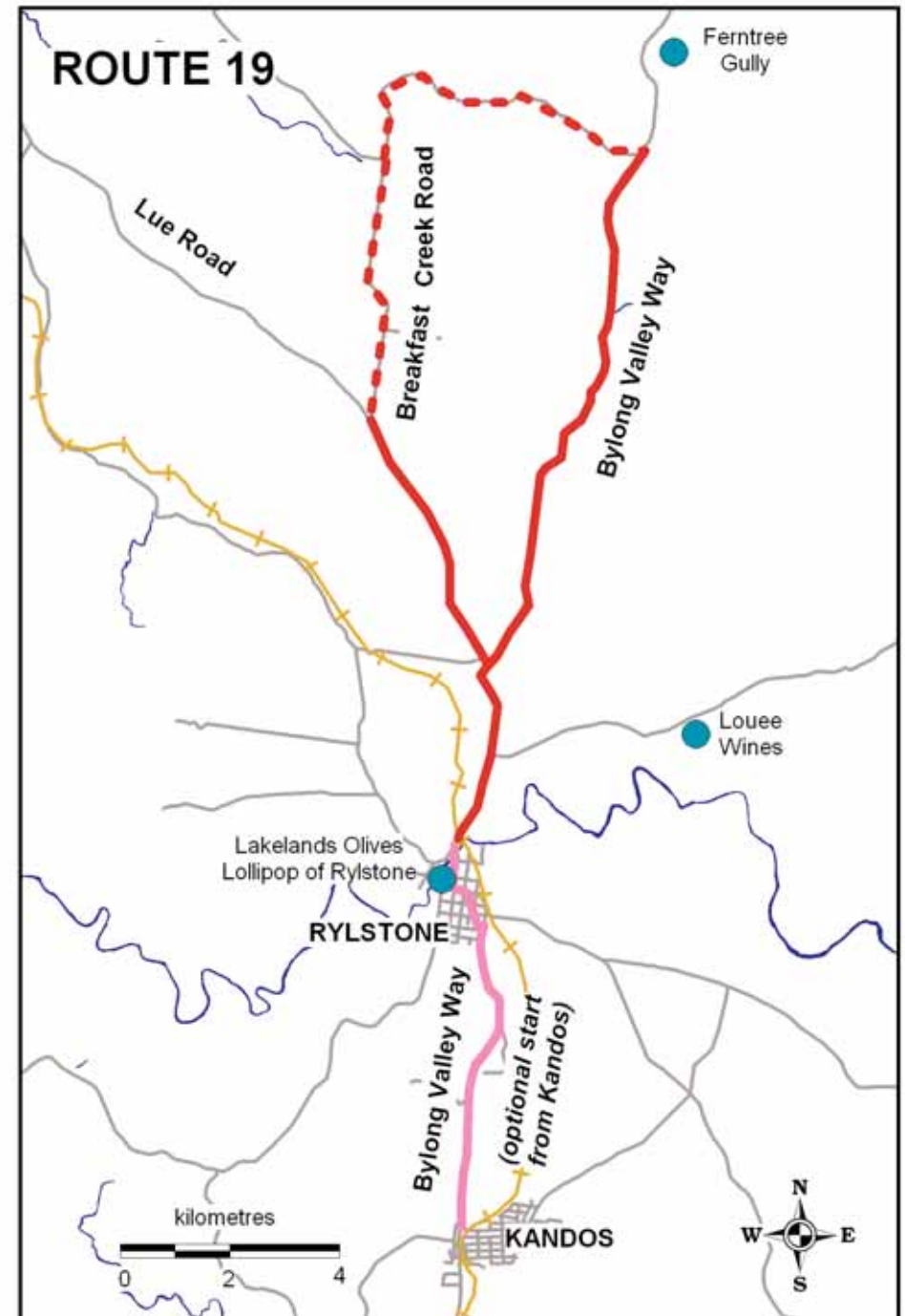
Time: Allow 3.5 hours.

This ride gives an opportunity to explore more of the fascinating sandstone landscapes of the area. The very long downhill run back to Rylstone affords very extensive views to the south.

kms

0.0 Start at the post office in Rylstone. Head north on Louee Street. This becomes the Bylong Valley Way as it heads out of town.

- 4.4 Turn left into the Lue Road at the t-junction.
- 9.6 Turn right into Breakfast Creek Road, unsealed.
- 14.6 Straight on at t-junction with Pyangle Road.
- 15.3 Pass through gate of "Minora". Leave gate as you find it.
- 16.6 Unnamed road on left ("482" on tree). Keep right.
- 19.1 Pass through closed gate. Keep gate closed.
- 19.5 Pass through closed gate. Keep gate closed.
- 21.4 Turn right at the t-junction with the Bylong Valley Way (bitumen). Follow this all the way back to Rylstone. Take your time on the long uphill after Reedy Creek Road.
- 36.1 Finish at Rylstone post office.



RIDE 20 – Tongbong Road & longer Option for Pyangle Road

Start & finish point: Post Office, Louee Street, Rylstone.

Total distance: 37.2kms, 16.1kms unsealed

Degree of difficulty: Medium

Bike recommended: Cross and MTB bikes

Time: Allow 3.5 hours.

Tongbong Road climbs slowly with many undulations, reaching a flat, open plateau with panoramic views.

Some good downhill runs on the return journey.

kms

- 0.0 Start at the post office in Rylstone. Head north on Louee Street.
- 0.7 Turn left over the river into Tongbong Road.
- 3.1 Unsealed road.
- 7.3 Bear right at a fork, over the cattle grid.
- (10.8 Sign to "Athlone" on LHS. Go straight on.)
- (12.4 No through road LHS, Dolamite Road, ignore).
- 13.8 Bear right through a closed gate. Property entrance and house on the left.
- 14.4 Cross over the railway line. The track opens out onto a plateau with panoramic views.

- 19.2 Turn right at the junction with the Lue Road (bitumen). Take care on the crest of this steep hill.
- 32.8 Turn right at the t-junction with the Bylong Road. Follow this all the way back into Rylstone.
- 37.2 Finish at the post office.

Longer option along Pyangle Road. Total 49.0kms, 33.2kms unsealed. Allow 4.5 hours

Before turning into Pyangle Rd, you may wish to have a break at the Lue Pub, 2km west on the Lue Rd.

- 19.2 Turn left at the junction with the Lue Road (bitumen). Take care on the crest of this steep hill.
- 22.3 Turn right into Pyangle Road (unsealed).
- 23.4 Bare right at the Y-junction with the Bara/Maloney's Road.
- (25.1 Powells Road on LHS. Straight on.)
- 34.4 Turn right at the T-junction with Breakfast Road.
- 39.4 Turn left at the T-junction with the Lue Road (bitumen).
- 44.6 Turn right at the T-junction with the Bylong Valley Way. Follow this back to Rylstone.
- 49.0 Finish at the Rylstone post office.

