

Wollemi National Park (Northwest Part) Mountain Bicycle Rides

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In Mudgee Area Mountain Bike use of the *Bicentennial National Trail (BNT)* and *Hunter Main Trail* is encouraged through Wollemi NP and adjacent properties (*private landholders who must be contacted well beforehand are all listed below*).

Cyclists should use for navigation the "Mt Pomany" and "Howes Valley" 1:100,000 Topographic maps and detailed roadmaps for out of park parts (eg local NRMA maps). Additional navigation details need to be discussed with DECC - NPWS Mudgee for the western ½ of Wollemi National Park (ph. 6372 7199) and NPWS Bulga for the eastern ½ (ph. 6574 5555), as well as the private property landholders, as not all details of trails and locked gates are shown, or are incorrect.

The Bicentennial National Trail book 9 has good maps and should be obtained if you plan to do more of this trail than is described below.

You **MUST** talk to the ("*property*" - *owners*) when shown below.

1 Bicentennial National Trail

Refer also to their website:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~bnt/guides.htm#g9>

1. Denman / Sandy Hollow Road / Widden Valley Road / "Myrtle Gully Trail"
(as named on Widden map)

("Myrtle Grove" - Antony Thompson / Widden Stud ph 6549 9999)

2. "Myrtle Trail" through WNP

(Camping / tankwater + BBQ + picnic table at Sandy Camp Hut)

("Box Ridges" - Russell and Lyn Cooper ph 6379 6222)

3. Nullo Mtn Rd / Nullo State Forest then WNP trails including Mycumbene and Dewey's 40 Trails (not shown on 1:25k Topo Maps - see the BNT or Orienteering maps)

(Camping and Cudgegong River water near Dewey's 40 - no facilities, or continue to Coricudgy Road and backtrack to Ganguddy (Dunns Swamp) camping area)

5. East along Coricudgy Road to Wilderness Lodge (phone T and G Summers for availability)

4. Army Rd, then Glen Alice Trail, through Coricudgy State Forest then WNP

("Inglewood" - Terry and Gay Summers ph 6379 6244)

("Tayar" - Peter and Vinny Hall ph 6379 7295)

5. Nile Road / Glen Davis Rd

(Camping outside Glen Davis Community Hall with water, including free hot showers !)

6. Onward southwards as per BNT info - refer to their booklet N° 9

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Mudgee Area Includes:

Wollemi, Goulburn River
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Parks

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Gap Nature Reserves

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2 Hunter Main Trail

1. Use of the trail could start with an overnight at Dunns Swamp.
From there:

2. Coricudgy Road / Coricudgy State Forest

(Access through the Coricudgy State Forest is restricted due to hazards associated with on-going logging operations. Intending visitors must discuss options with the Forester in charge - phone 02 6884 5288.

Camping and Cudgegong River water at Kelgoola Picnic area - no facilities, or at rough hut near old sawmill site on the east side of Mt Coricudgy - pondwater adjacent sometimes).

3. Hunter Main Trail into WNP

(Water from trailside springs under Kekeelbon Mtns)

4. Three Ways at Baker Road (from Putty) / HMTrail along Putty State Forest/WNP boundary past Raspberry Junction to Sheepskin Hut
(Camping and tankwater at Sheepskin Hut)

5. Return to Raspberry Junction / Martindale Trail through WNP to "The Ranch"
(*"The Ranch" Bruce Sykes ph 6547 3526*)

6. Martindale Road to Denman.

7. Alternatively continue along to the end of the Hunter Main Trail, where it joins the Commission Road at Kings Cross. Travel north through WNP to Appletree Flat near Jerry's Plains, then on roads.
(*"Appletree Flat" Jim Williamson ph 6576 4034*)

3. Ganguddy ("Dunns Swamp")

Campers at **Ganguddy** are the most frequent mountain bike riders in this part of Wollemi National Park.

In the vicinity of the Ganguddy (Dunns Swamp) camping area some damage to revegetation is occurring in the vicinity of camping sites where children find bicycling popular. Elsewhere in the vicinity of Ganguddy conflict with walkers and walking track damage occurs when the walking track system is used by bicycles. Signage and a leaflet are being developed for bicycles on the management trail and access road system nearby in other parts of Wollemi National Park and also Nullo or Coricudgy State Forests near Ganguddy. An orienteering map is available showing these interesting options. Please phone the Mudgee NPWS / DECCW office for a copy.

4. Elsewhere in Wollemi NP (Northwest part)

Mountain bike groups have often inquired about (but are definitely discouraged from using) the closed and revegetating **Wirraba Trail**, unfortunately mentioned in a Mountain Bike Touring guidebook. Attempting to ride this closed trail is an offence. It would involve a lot of carrying bicycles with all gear over/around many fallen trees, through scrubby regrowth, up/down very steep and badly eroded stony slopes/cliffs, and across a deep creek. Riders have consequently decided the trip was a bad idea and wouldn't repeat the mistake. Please don't attempt it yourself, thereby exacerbating erosion and also trailbike / 4WD use problems by keeping the trail used - thereby retarding revegetation. You also risk prosecution riding your bicycle on a trail closed to all vehicles in the proclaimed Wollemi Wilderness.

As Wollemi National Park encompasses a very rugged landscape with few trails, there are few other options for Mountain Bike riding. Try bushwalking in the Park instead !