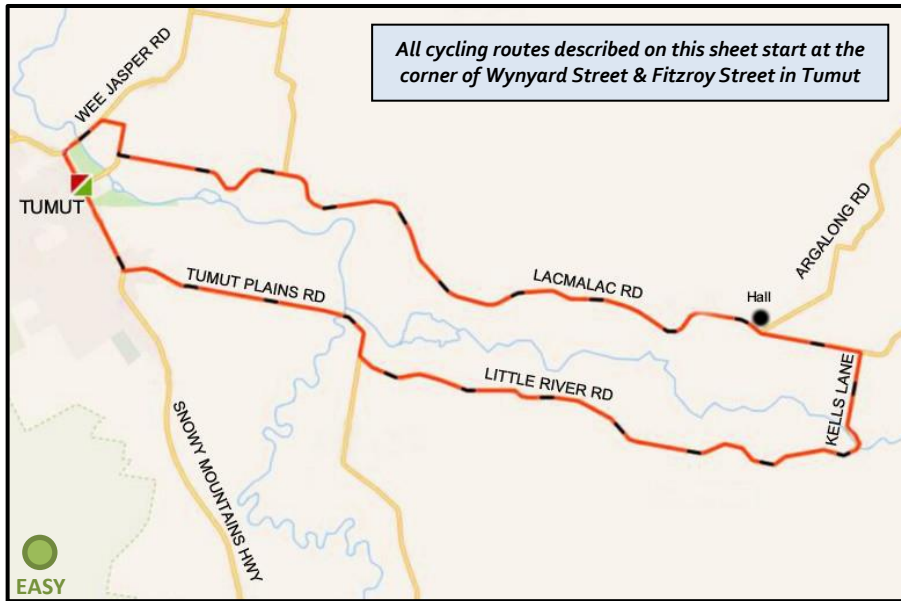


# Road Rides



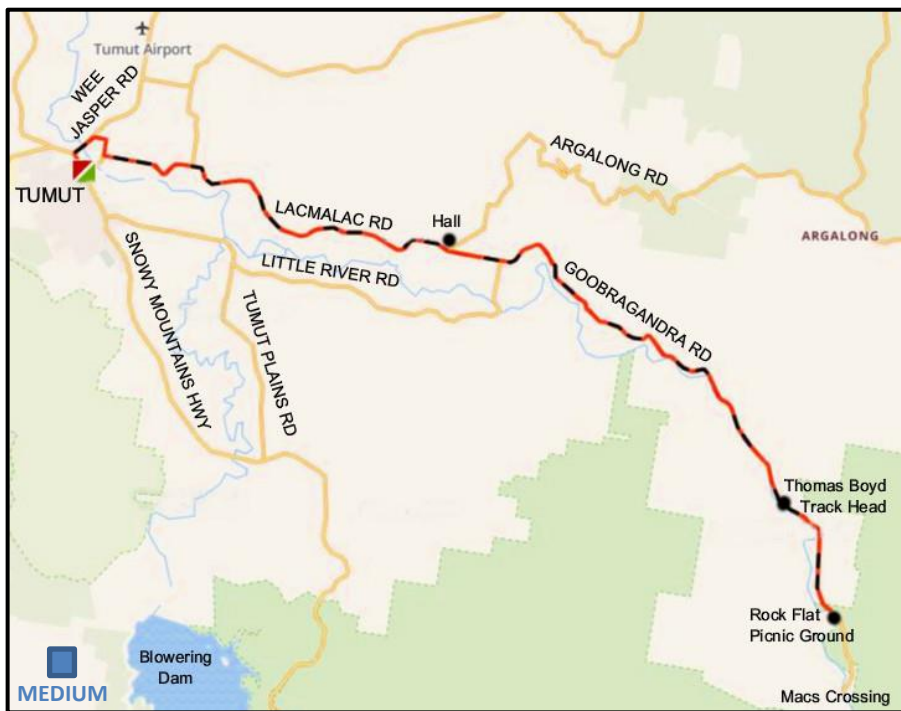
## TUMUT DISTRICT



### LACMALAC LOOP 27KM

A very popular circuit which takes in the scenic flats of both Tumut & Goobarragandra Rivers.

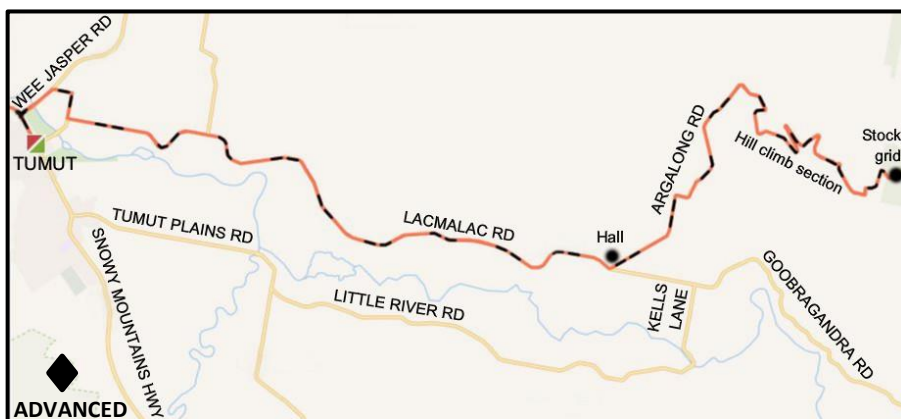
- Head south out of Tumut along Fitzroy St, (Snowy Mountains H'way) turning left onto Tumut Plains Rd.
- Soon after crossing the historic truss bridge at 'The Junction', turn left onto Little River Rd & follow it to the low-level bridge crossing over Goobarragandra River, where Kells Lane commences.
- The gently rising Kells Lane shortly brings you to a T-intersection with Lacmalac Rd.
- Turn left at tree in middle of road & follow Lacmalac Rd back to Tumut. There a few minor rises along this undulating section, but nothing too demanding.
- Nearing Tumut, at the concrete section of road surface, a left turn leads across the old town bridge (cyclists /pedestrians), while a right turn enters town by way of Wee Jasper Rd & the 'Pioneer Bridge'.
- Riding this route in the suggested anti-clockwise direction is a little easier as it negates a short, steep climb at the eastern end of Little River Rd.



### GOOBRA - ROCK FLAT 56KM

Picturesque medium grade ride on a quiet rural road up Goobarragandra valley, turning around at Rock Flat Picnic Area.

- Depart Tumut via Wee Jasper Rd and turn right to Lacmalac soon after crossing the 'Pioneer Bridge'.
- Proceed along full length of Lacmalac Rd, passing the Lacmalac Memorial Hall & Argalong Rd on your left.
- Continuing on straight ahead the road becomes more 'up and down' until levelling out as it skirts close to the bank of Goobarragandra River.
- 'Thomas Boyd Track Head', part of the Hume & Hovell Walking Track infrastructure is passed on your right. There are flush toilets and barbecue/picnic facilities here should you wish to rest a while.
- After crossing the small bridge spanning Stony Creek, a few more short hills are encountered until Rock Flat is reached on a small clearing beside the river.
- It is possible to add another 4km (return) to end of the tar at 'Macs Crossing' bridge, however this entails a short 17% hill just past the Rock Flat turn-around.
- Refer to above map of LACMALAC LOOP for an alternative outwards or return route via Little River Road.



### ARGALONG HILL 46KM

Popular amongst experienced local cyclists, the Argalong Hill is a sustained 328 metre climb over a distance of 5.5 km. However, it should be approached with great caution as the hill section is narrow and winding with a number of blind corners. Exercise considerable care during descent.

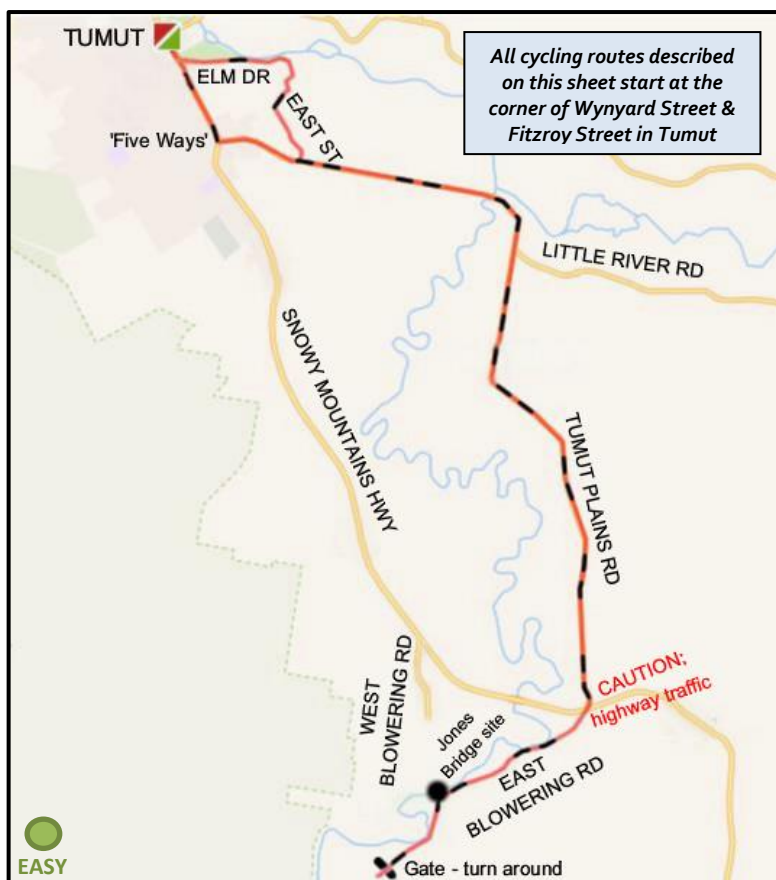
- Depart Tumut as per GOOBRA - ROCK FLAT or, alternatively, LACMALAC LOOP map directions above.
- Turn onto Argalong Rd (*NOTE: no signboard*) just beside the Lacmalac Memorial Hall.
- After an easy km or so, the road begins the rise, first gently and then steepening after a small watercourse is crossed at the foot of Argalong Hill.
- Ride turn-around point is at the stock grid, beyond which pine plantation commences.
- Return to Tumut via outward route or alternative.

**Adequate fluid and nutrition requirements should be carried as there are no resupply points on any of the described routes.**

# Road Rides



## TUMUT DISTRICT



### JONES BRIDGE 27KM

Easiest and safest open road ride close to Tumut – almost flat the whole way apart from two short, very slight rises which should not present any difficulty to most cyclists. The route traverses fertile flats of the Tumut River, sometimes skirting very close to its banks. The 'out-and-back' nature of this route allows turn-around and return at any point.

- Depart Tumut south along Fitzroy St (Snowy Mountains H'way), turning left at the 'Five Ways' onto Tumut Plains Road.
- Shortly after crossing historic 'Junction Bridge', and then the much smaller 'Lagoon Bridge', pass by Little River Rd. intersection on your left. Continue straight ahead.
- 5.3 km further on the Tumut Plains Rd meets with the Snowy Mountains Highway. Exercise caution at this GIVE WAY crossing as traffic coming along the highway to the left is often travelling quite fast downhill and sight distance is restricted.
- Cross straight over the highway onto East Blowering Road. After 2 km a hard left-hand corner joins onto a section of the now defunct Monaro Highway (pre 1965). Site of the old 'Jones Bridge' crossing over the Tumut River is to your right.
- Passing by an avenue of old Lombardy Poplars, a gate is soon encountered, marking the ride turn-around point.
- Retrace your outward route along Tumut Plains Rd until, just past the 50 kph speed restriction sign at the edge of town, East St is encountered as a crossroad. Turn right onto East St.
- Ride to the end of East St and turn right at the T-intersection onto Elm Drive. Lined by towering English Elm trees, this road follows around the edge of the Tumut Racecourse with Tumut River near at hand.
- Up a gentle incline past the swimming pool, a right-hand turn onto Fitzroy St brings the route to conclusion.



### BLOWERING DAM SPILLWAY 41KM

This satisfying ride out to Blowering Dam & Power Station offers choice for outward or return journeys – choosing either the sometimes busy Snowy Mountains Highway or the much quieter, and flatter, Tumut Plains Rd route, or a mix of the two as is described here. (To avoid all but a 1.8 km linking section of the highway, riders can opt to use departure directions on JONES BRIDGE map above, turning right at end of Tumut Plains Rd when the Snowy Mountains Highway is reached.)

- Head south out of Tumut along Fitzroy St (Snowy Mtns Highway).
- Ride 7.5km and turn right off the highway onto West Blowering Rd (Dam Road). This intersection is well signposted.
- After some great cycling, the massive wall of Blowering Dam comes into full view and very shortly after, the Blowering power station.
- Turn left and ride around the back of the power station to 'Brandy Mary Park', at the very foot of the wall. There are flush toilets and barbecue/picnic facilities here should you wish to rest a while.
- To continue on to the top of the dam wall, ride back to the power station and turn left up a short, punchy rise passing through a double gate which is usually open for public access.
- The road winds up a narrow, forested valley, passing by the site of the Blowering Dam construction camp adjacent to a hard left-hand corner. More climbing soon enough brings riders to a saddle and another hard left-hander.
- Follow signs to viewing point & spillway. It is permissible to cycle across the 747 metre long crest of the dam wall to the spillway on the eastern side. The view is well worth it – take your camera!
- Retrace your way along West Blowering Rd to its intersection with the Snowy Mountains Highway.
- Turn right and ride 1.8 km to link with the Tumut Plains Rd / East Blowering Rd cross-road.
- Turn left onto Tumut Plains Rd and return to Tumut as per last three points of directions for JONES' BRIDGE map above.

Adequate fluid and nutrition requirements should be carried as there are no resupply points on any of the described routes.