



VALLEY FLOOR RIDE

Ride through rich dairy- farming land, drop in at the historic cemetery and visit a Kangaroo River swimming hole.

OSBORNE PARK TO GLENMURRAY ROAD AND WALKERS LANE

Grade: Easy to Medium.

Riding on Moss Vale Road is not suitable for young children. If doing this ride with young children start and finish the ride at the intersection of Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road.

Mostly level to undulating with a few short uphill sections.

Moderate level of physical fitness required.

Length: 16km circuit (12.4km if doing a return ride starting at Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road intersection to end of Walkers Lane and back)

Time: 2 to 4 hours



OVERVIEW

This ride is about experiencing the Valley floor with its rich dairy-farming and the many creeks that find their way to the Kangaroo River. It is a great way to appreciate the beautiful scenery of forested escarpments that enclose the Valley. This circuit starts at the Kangaroo Valley Hall in Osborne Park and passes the historic cemetery where many of the Valley's oldest families are buried. Glenmurray Road takes you to a natural causeway across the Kangaroo River and a delightful swimming hole. Walkers Lane gives an opportunity for a quiet ride on easy unsealed roads. The circuit returns to Osborne Park along Moss Vale Road or, to avoid this part of Moss Vale Road, you can return the way you came.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Warning: Do not attempt to cross any creeks or rivers after heavy rain. Crossing creeks in flood can be life threatening.

Beware: Some of this circuit is on Moss Vale Road, which is quite a busy main road and not suitable for young children. There is a cycle path from Osborne Park for 1km but there is no path beyond Nugents Creek Road. To avoid Moss Vale Road start the ride at the corner of Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road and turn around at the junction of Walkers Lane and Moss Vale Road to return to your car. This ride is best done in spring, autumn or winter. If riding in summer avoid the hottest part of the day. As you are passing through farmland you may experience flies in the warmer months. Please keep to formed roads and tracks and do not venture onto private land. There is good mobile phone reception on most of the circuit.

HOW TO GET THERE

This circuit starts at the Kangaroo Valley Hall, Osborne Park, 300m east of the post office, where you can leave your car. Here there are toilets, a swimming pool, a playground and the beginning of the Historic Walk. Turn left as you exit the park to start the ride. An alternative starting place for people riding with young children is the junction of Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road. Park on road side.

TAKE WITH YOU

Water, (reusable water bottles and drinking water available in the village), sun protection, insect repellent and snacks. Warm and wet weather gear should be included in your pack as weather can change very suddenly. Take swimmers and a towel if you wish to swim at the river.

FLORA

Cabbage Gum, Rough-barked Apple, River Peppermint, River Oak, Sydney Blue Gum/Bangalay hybrid, Thin-leaved Stringybark, and Water Gum.

FAUNA

Brush-tail and Ring-tail Possums, Grey Kangaroos, Platypus, Swamp Wallabies, Wombats. Birds include: Crimson Rosella, Eastern Spinebill, Eastern Whip Bird, Eastern Yellow Robin, Gang Gang, Galah, Grey Fantail, Grey Butcher Bird, Grey Shrike Thrush, King Parrot, Kookaburra, Lewin's Honey Eater, Little Wattlebird, Nankeen Kestrel, Noisy Friar Bird, Pied Currawong, Magpie, Red Wattle Bird, Satin Bower Bird, Superb Blue Wren, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, Sacred King Fisher, Welcome Swallow, Willie Wagtail, White Faced Heron, Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo.



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Waste – Don't throw rubbish out of your car. Please don't drop litter or tissues. Carry out whatever you carry in. Dispose of litter in the bins provided in the village or at your accommodation place.

Fire – Avoid lighting fires especially in the bush fire season, usually September to April.

Toilet Etiquette – There are public toilets in the village at Hampden Bridge car park, near the ambulance station and Osborne Park. If away from public toilets bury all waste at least 100m away from water courses. Do not leave disposable nappies etc as litter.

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Kangaroo Valley EXPLORER

START

Osborne Park. Turn left as you exit the park. There is a cycle path for 1km to Nugents Creek Road. After this proceed with caution along Moss Vale Road. Osborne Park is named after Henry Osborne, an Irishman who was granted land in Kangaroo Valley in 1837. 'Osborne' was the original name for what is now called Kangaroo Valley.

The Kangaroo River is home to Platypus. If you are lucky you may spot one!

Leave your bike here and negotiate any fence. The giant trees are River-oaks (*Casuarina cunninghamiana*). At the river is a natural causeway used as an old crossing.

Glen Moray (today called Glenmurray). In 1919 William Scott started the first mechanised milking plant here.

Striking views of the escarpments that enclose the Valley, giving rise to lush rainforest, which forms part of the Illawarra Rainforest. This landscape is National Trust Listed.

Glenmurray Road - 3.2km from start, (unsealed surface). Views left to Barrangarry Mountain and Mount Scanzi and right to Budderoo National Park. 2.8km to the Kangaroo River from here.

Kangaroo Valley Hall. Designed by James Burrell and built in 1908. It is used now, as it was then, for community social events and meetings.

National Trust listed cemetery - 1.7km from start. Many generations of the old Valley families are buried here. Originally the hamlet of Maguires, the land opposite the cemetery was the site of the first show ground and racecourse.

Alternative start for people with young children: Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road intersection. Park on road side.

Turn right onto Moss Vale Road to complete the circuit back to Osborne Park or, to avoid this part of Moss Vale Road, return the way you came.

Walkers Lane is a quiet unsealed road that crosses Sawyers Creek at a causeway.

LEGEND

 Parking

 Toilets

 Cycle path

 Hall

SCALE

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