

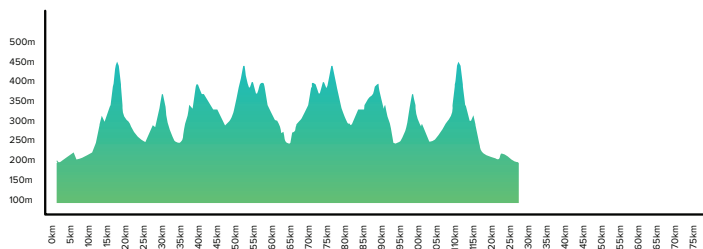
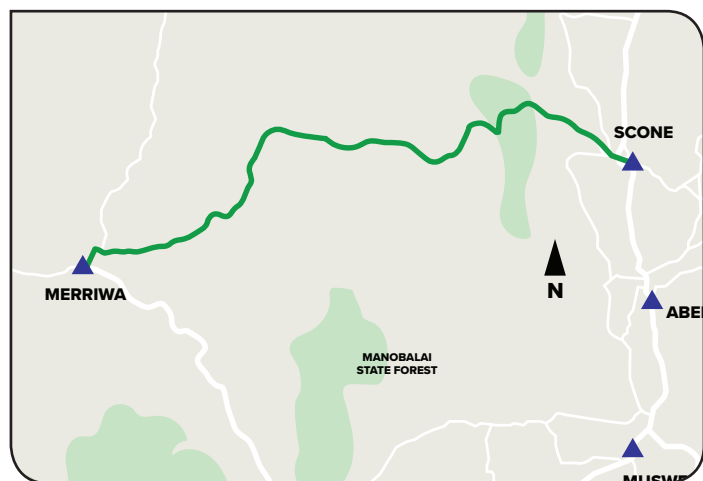


Ride on up!

5 Great Rides of the Upper Hunter

Scenic road rides for cycling enthusiasts

Grab your bicycle and challenge yourself on these scenic rides, recommended by local cycling enthusiasts for their safety, beauty, challenges and amenities en-route. Each map starts from Scone, however there is plenty of parking and accommodation at all of the destinations on these maps, making it convenient for you to start where you like! Pack plenty of food, water and spare tubes for your journey as some of these roads can be quite remote.

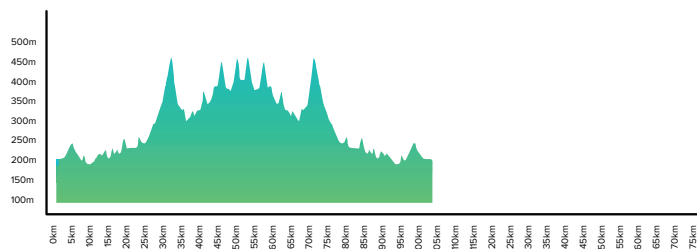
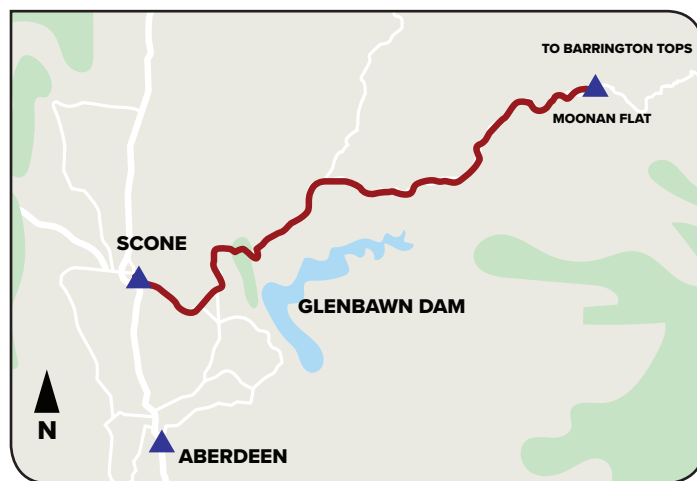


Scone to Merriwa - Out & Back

Distance: 127km | Elevation: 1,795m | Ride time: 5 hours

Head out of Scone towards Satur and keep cycling. Over Owen's Gap and through Bunnalandia. After 61kms turn right and follow the road around to the left to arrive at the main street of Merriwa. Reverse trip back to Scone.

This is a reasonably quiet route with a major climb just out of Scone, and then rolling hills all the way to Merriwa. The road surface does not allow for easy rolling. There are no amenities in Bunnalandia but plenty of great coffee in Merriwa.

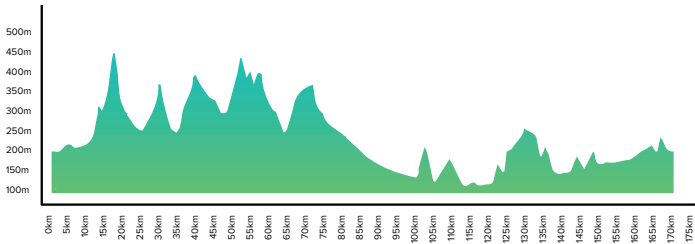
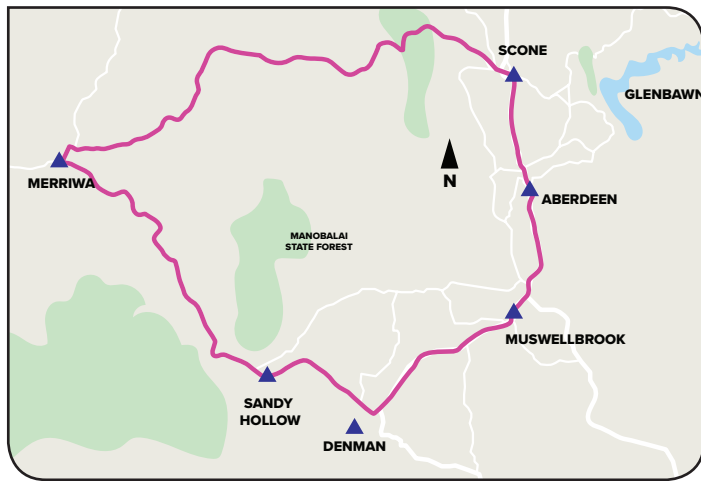


Scone to Moonan Flat - Out & Back

Distance: 103km | Elevation: 1,412m | Ride time: 4 hours

Head out of Scone on Gundy Road and keep climbing! Reverse trip back to Scone.

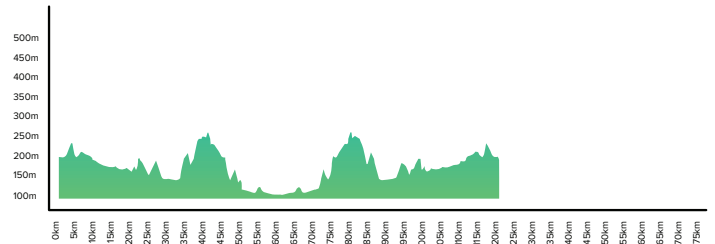
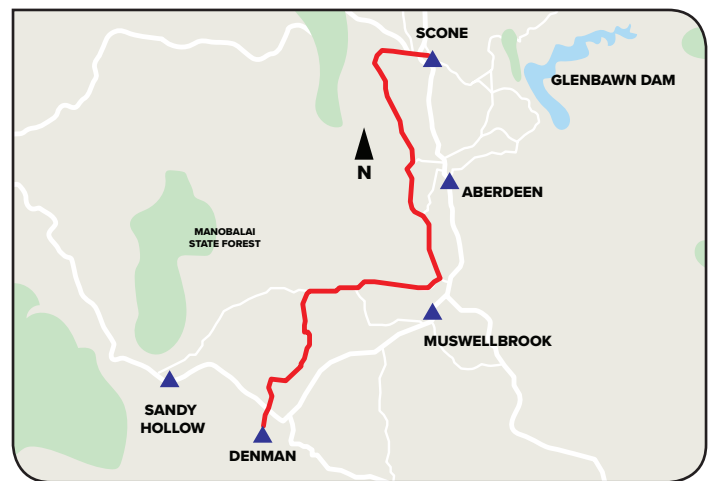
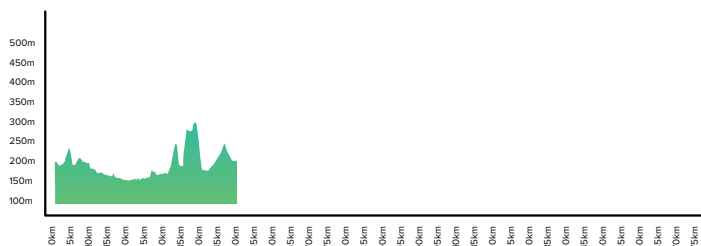
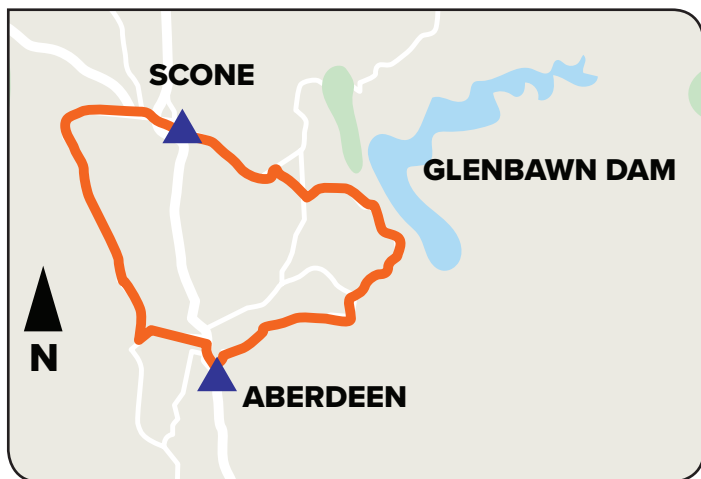
This route is quiet with occasional narrow roads. There is a store at Gundy that serves coffee, a pub and public toilet facilities. Moonan Flat also has a coffee shop, a pub and public toilet facilities. The route passes historic Belltrees.



Muswellbrook Explorer Loop

Distance: 170km | Elevation: 1,872m | Ride time: 6.5 hours

Starting in Scone, head to Merriwa for coffee and cake. At Merriwa turn left to Sandy Hollow where there is a coffee shop, service station and toilet facilities. After Sandy Hollow turn left onto Wybong Road. Turn left to continue on Wybong Road (not straight ahead onto Bengalla Road). At the T-intersection turn left onto Kayuga Road. Turn left onto Dartbrook Road which becomes Nandowra Road and follow to the end. Turn right onto Moobi Road and follow it back in to Scone.



Scone to Denman - Out & Back

Distance: 120km | Elevation: 1,069m | Ride time: 4.5 hours

Head out of Scone towards Satur, straight ahead onto Moobi Road, over the hill then left onto Nandowra Road. Turn right onto Kayuga Road and follow towards Muswellbrook. Turn right onto Wybong Road, past the mines to the T-intersection. Turn left onto Bengalla Road then almost immediately right onto Roxburgh Road. Follow to the T-intersection then turn left onto Mangoola Road. Follow to the end and turn left onto Merriwa Road, then turn right towards Denman town centre for coffee and toilet facilities. Reverse trip back to Scone.

Aberdeen/Glenbawn Dam - Loop

Distance: 50km | Elevation: 390m | Ride time: 2 hours

Head out of Scone towards Satur. Continue straight ahead onto Moobi Road. Turn left onto Nandowra Road which becomes Dartbrook Road. At intersection turn left onto Blairmore Lane. At New England Highway turn right, over bridge, past Segenhoe Inn, then turn left onto McAdam Street (Rouchel Road). Follow past horse studs then turn left onto Glenbawn Road. Past Glenbawn Dam to crossroads. Straight across continuing on Glenbawn Road. Left onto Gundy Road to T-intersection. Right onto Kelly Street back to centre of Scone.

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