

NOWRA – TERARA – COMERONG ISLAND AND RETURN

Start Point:	Wharf parking area, Riverview Rd Nowra
Map Ref:	Nowra NS J9
Ride Finishes:	The same – Wharf parking area, Riverview Rd Nowra
Total Distance:	32 kms
Degree of Difficulty:	Easy
Bike Recommended:	Road
Cautions:	No water or supplies on Comerong Island
Allow:	Three hours

An easy ride on bitumen from Nowra along the southern bank of the Shoalhaven River. The road, narrow but flat, winds firstly through the area's original settlement of Terara, then rich dairy country. A vehicle punt transports you across the Crookhaven channel, cut by convict gangs working for the original white settler, Alexander Berry. Gravel road through farmland, to the sometimes sandy track through the Nature Reserve (home to many migrating birds) and the ocean beach of Comerong Island.

kms

- 0.0 Ride away from the Wharf along Riverview Rd.
- 0.9 Turn **RIGHT** into [FERRY LANE].
- 1.2 Turn **LEFT** into [TERARA RD]. Shoalhaven Caravan Village on the left.
- 2.6 The village of Terara (no shops). Some original houses have been restored.
- 7.8 Straight through on [COMERONG ISLAND RD].
- 11.5 Comerong Island Ferry operates continuously with no charge (unless under maintenance – 0412 562 169). Gravel road starts.
- 12.9 Beware of rough, steel cattle grid. Another grid 700 m further on.
- 14.5 Good view over river to Shoalhaven Heads and Coolangatta Mountain.
- 15.5 Road becomes sandy.



- *15.9 Parking area, Nature Reserve information. 300 m walking track to ocean beach. Return to Nowra by same route.
- 32 Back at Wharf, Riverview Rd.

Public Toilets: Wharf, Riverview Rd, Nowra only.

Shops/facilities/Water: Nowra only.

Bike Shops, emergency spares: Bomaderry Cycles, Nowra Cycle Centre, McCallum Sports, or K-Mart - see details p.6

Variations on this route/alternative activities:

- *1. A sandy track (not maintained) leads south from Nature Reserve parking area to the far end of the island opposite the village of Orient Point (distance 4.3 km). Picnic areas, toilet, popular fishing spot. A short walk to a sheltered cove, or onto the ocean beach. Return the same way, or along the beach at low tide. Mountain Bike essential for this section.
- 2. It is sometimes possible to go 1 km North along the ocean beach across the mouth of the Shoalhaven River to Shoalhaven Heads. Return to Nowra by Bolong Rd and Bomaderry.

