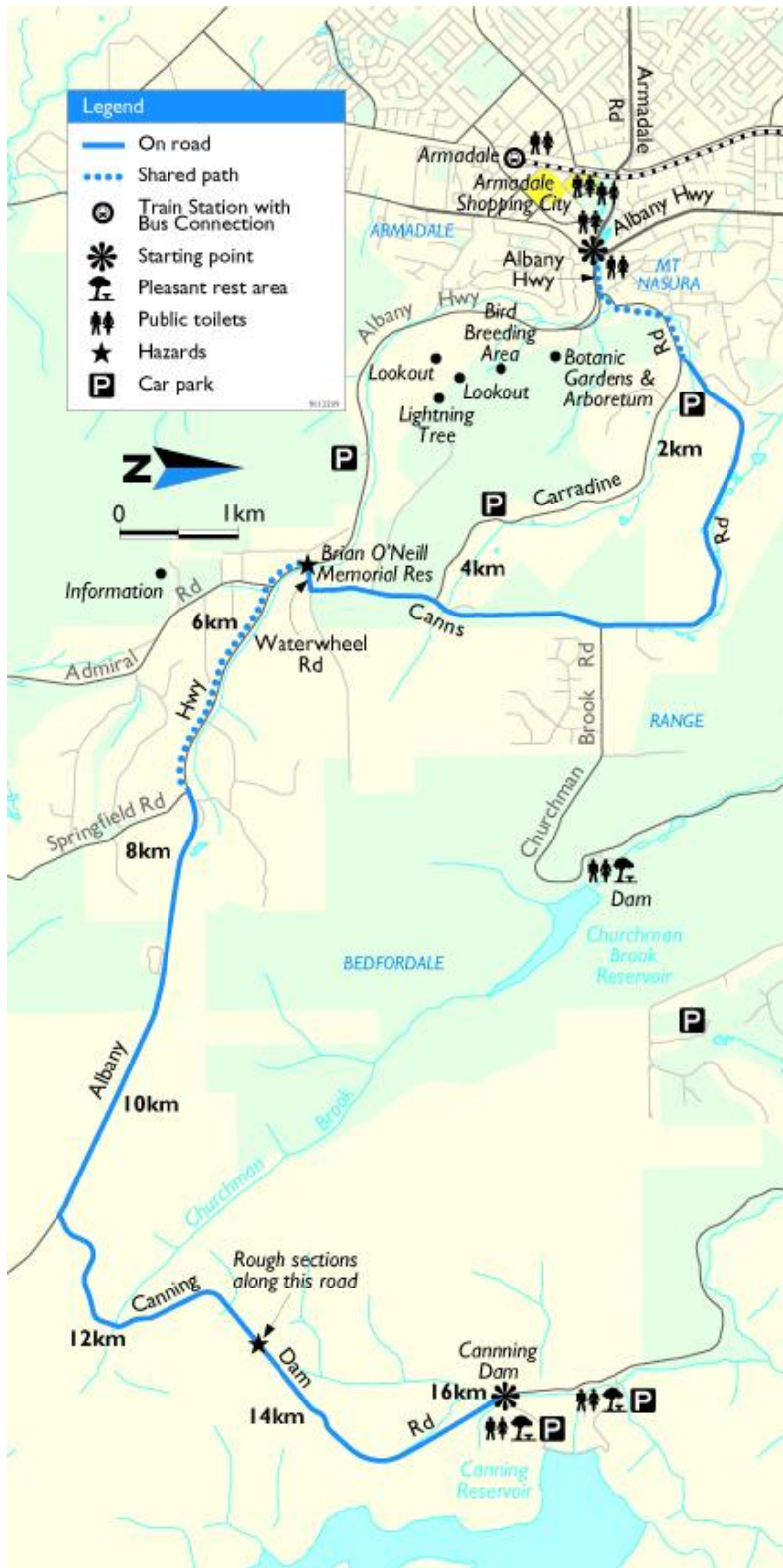


Cycling

Ride through the Hills

Hills Ride 3: Armadale / Roleystone / Dams Loop

Section 1 - Armadale to Canning Dam (inc. Churchman Brook option)



Commence your ride or walk from the Armadale Pioneer Village complex. Take the shared path that runs eastwards along Albany Highway to Carradine Road.

Follow Carradine Road past the Armadale Primary School and the open common, then turn left into Canns Road.

About one kilometre down Canns Road is the entrance to the Elizabethan Village. This village was constructed during the late 1970s and is a superb facsimile of William Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon in England. The complex includes an olde English-style pub where visitors can stop for a quiet ale. The gardens around Anne Hathaway's cottage are open to the public.



A Tudor-style Elizabethan village has been built in the Armadale Hills.



Churchman Brook Dam offers an interesting detour if time permits.



Armadale Pioneer Village with its quaint shops

The shared path ceases about 700 metres further on near Lakeside Country Resort and riders should then ride on Canns Road. There is an optional detour that can be made by turning into Churchman Brook Road. This takes you a couple of kilometres to the Churchman Brook Reservoir with public toilets and picnic facilities. If you choose to ignore this detour, just continue on Canns Road as it takes you all the way back to a junction with Waterwheel Road. Turn right at the junction and then carefully cross over busy Albany Highway onto the shared path running down the southern side of the Highway.

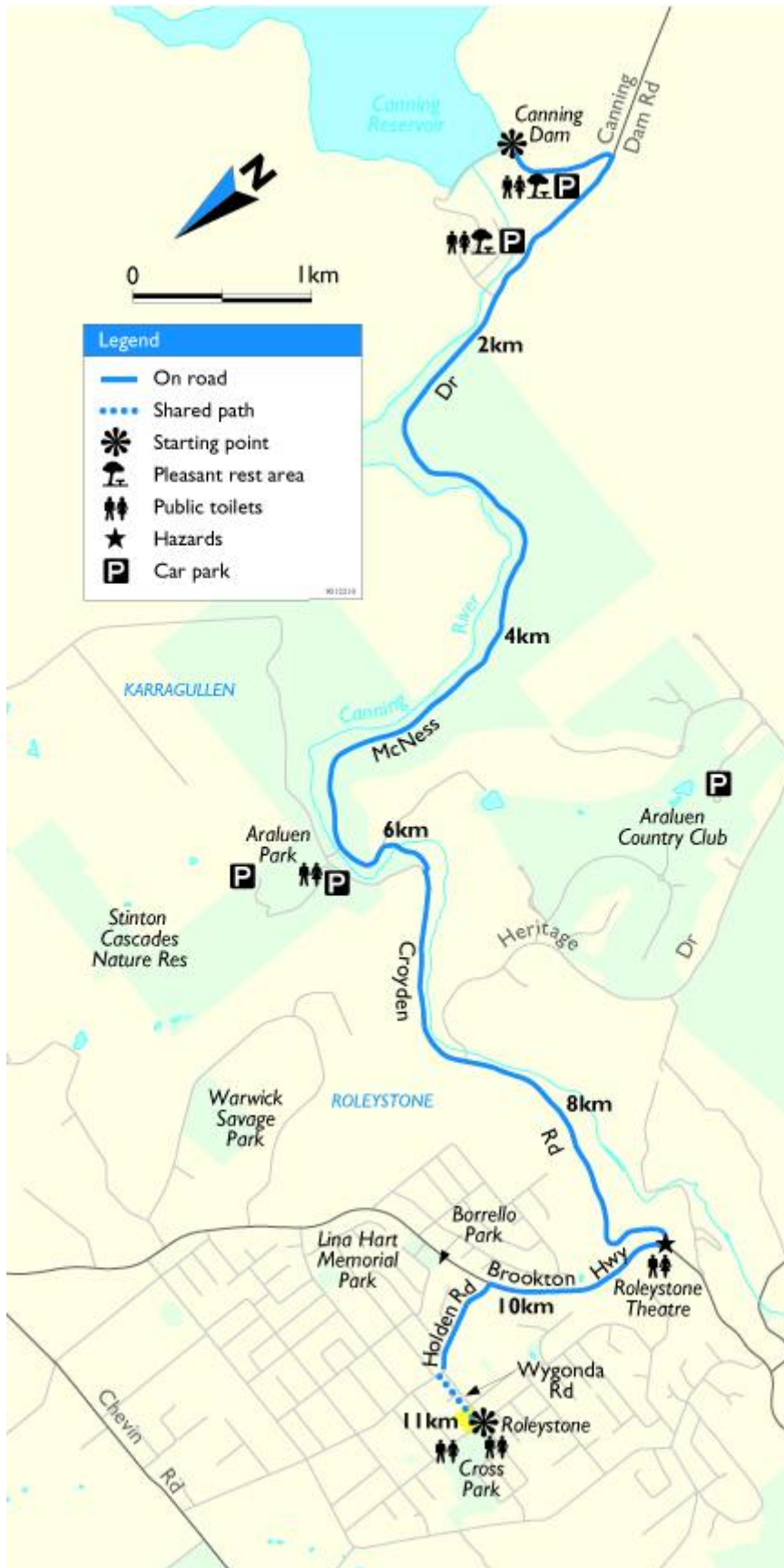
About 400 metres down Albany Highway you will pass Admiral Road. This is main access to Wungong Reservoir. This optional ride does not appear on the map. Some nice views are obtained from the top of the dam but the ascents and descents are extremely steep and certainly not for the novice rider.

Continue eastwards along the Albany Highway shared path until it ends and then ride along the wide sealed shoulder of the highway. Turn left into Canning Dam Road, proceeding about five kilometres to the dam area with its picnic facilities and public toilets.

Remember Cycling Courtesy:

Always use the correct hand signals when preparing to make a turn or to stop.

Section 2 - Canning Dam to Roleystone (inc. Araluen)



From Canning Dam, head out along McNess Drive. The road winds through thick forest before emerging at Araluen Youth Camp. A small bridge leads over the Canning River and onto Croyden Road. About 200 metres west of the bridge, a drive leads up to the main Araluen Park entrance.

Araluen Park began as a Young Australia League holiday camp in 1929, taking its name from the Aboriginal word for running waters. This 60 hectare park was purchased by the State Government in 1990 and transformed through a concerted restoration and planting program. Today the park boasts many exotic species of flora from around the world. The grounds are open to the public daily from 9am to 6pm and include a large gift shop, cafe and restaurant.



The area around Canning Dam is thickly wooded.



Floral display at the entrance to Araluen Park

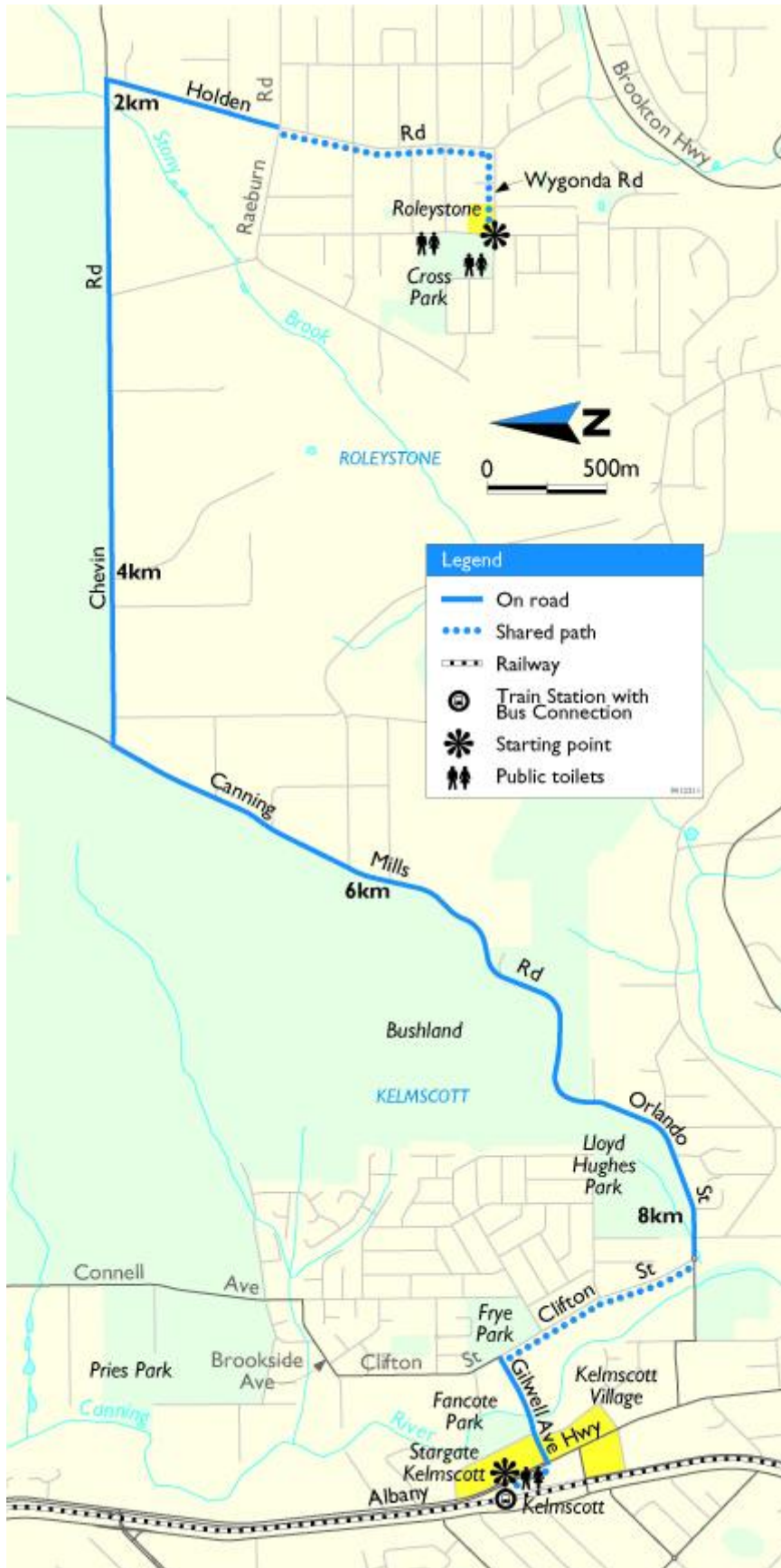
After visiting Araluen, head west along Croyden Road as it follows the meandering banks of Canning River. This area has many fine homes and gardens, along with a couple of tearooms. About two kilometres from Araluen, you will pass Heritage Drive, which is the major road into Araluen Country Club. Views from the clubhouse are superb but this steep detour ride requires some real effort and is only recommended for experienced / fit riders. Croyden Road comes to an end at Brookton Highway. The Roleystone Theatre and public toilets are just across from the junction. Turn right into the Highway and proceed up the hill a short distance and then turn left at Holden Road.

Proceed up Holden Road for a kilometre and turn left into a shared path running down the northern side of Wygonda Road. This takes you to the small Roleystone Shopping Centre.

Remember Cycling Courtesy:

If you see a potential hazard to other riders or pedestrians, report it to the appropriate authority as soon as possible (eg use the hazard report form available on the Department of Transport website).

Section 3 - Roleystone to Kelmscott



Commence your ride at the Roleystone Shopping Centre adjacent to the Roleystone Hall. Head east along the shared path next to Wygonda Road. Follow the path as it turns north alongside Holden Road and travels past the Roleystone Primary School.

The shared path ends at the Raeburn Road intersection but you should continue north on Holden Road.

Turn left into Chevin Road and continue over Stony Brook and along until the junction with Canning Mills Road. This is the opportunity for a quick detour. Turn right into Canning Mills Road and then left into Mills Road East. About 750 metres along you will see the entrance to Cohunu Koala Park.

The Koala Park is open daily from 10am to 5pm. It is a wildlife sanctuary with a revolving restaurant that has excellent views over the coastal plain.



Enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the Hills area.

From Cohunu, return along Mills Road East and turn right into Canning Mills Road. Follow this as it winds downhill and becomes Orlando Street. At the roundabout, turn right into a shared path running along the western side of Clifton Street.

At the end of the shared path, turn left into Gilwell Avenue. This will take you over a small bridge that spans the Canning River, past Fancote Park and into the Kelmscott shopping area. Gilwell Avenue ends at Albany Highway and care should be taken crossing this very busy road. Follow a shared path on the other side northwards for about a hundred metres and then turn left down a short road leading to the Kelmscott Railway Station.

Remember Cycling Courtesy:

All members of the cycling community should report to police, any behaviour from other path users that could be considered dangerous or threatening.



Kelmscott town centre has a good range of facilities.

Section 4 - Kelmscott to Armadale



From the Kelmscott Railway Station, ride south along Streich Avenue until the junction with Denny Avenue. You need to go straight through this intersection but care needs to be taken as it is a busy road that incorporates a rail crossing.



Care needs to be taken at the intersection of Streich Avenue and Denny Avenue.

Continue heading south along a concrete shared path that runs on the eastern side of Streich Avenue. The path crosses numerous residential driveways, so keep an eye out for reversing vehicles.

Continue on the shared path as it runs parallel with Streich Avenue and the railway line. You will pass by Challis and Sherwood railway stations. About 600 metres south of the first station, there is a rail crossing point and public telephone. The shared path crosses Galliers Avenue and Clarence Road, both of which are major traffic link points to Albany Highway, so care should be taken. The shared path ends at busy Armadale Road but resumes through Minnowarra Park on the other side.

Follow the path until you reach a small car park. Turn left into the Woolworths delivery road and then cross over Orchard Avenue which runs in front of the City of Armadale offices. On the other side of Orchard Avenue you will see a red-paved shared path heading east through the park. Follow this path as it winds past a duck pond, over a wooden bridge and around the rear of the Council buildings.

This is the completion of the Ride through the Hills routes. You can visit the many facilities in the Armadale shopping precinct, call in at the local tourist centre at 40 Jull Street or access the nearby railway station.



The path goes through Minnowarra Park.



A red-paved path runs around and over a duck pond in the centre of Armadale.