

WATAGAN – WARRIORS



1 HOUR NORTH OF SYDNEY THE WELL KNOWN RIDING MECCA “THE WATAGANS”

Only 1 hr north of Sydney are the awesome Watagan Mountains and if you are thinking of going riding in this part of the woods there is no better tour operator than Watagans Trail Bike Tours, proprietor Bruce Hancock invited trailbikerallys.com.au to join one of his 2 day tours.

Welcomed by Bruce the 20 Odd riders were already gearing up and roaring to go. Bruce ran through the corner man System and all safety aspects involved in running a well oiled trail tour.

We made our way through Cooranbong and with in minutes we were opening gates into private land that Bruce has access through. This led us into some fabulous rainforest trails, with this as an entrée you wondered if the riding could get any better.

As with all groups the boys are full of beans in the morning so to sort the boys out Bruce lined up some cracker hill climbs which bought us out onto a picturesque ridge line we then followed a single line trail to the main forest road.

Bruce's Camera was in place to take photos and it does not take much to encourage some messy wheel stands up the road, We followed some open flowing trails to a well earned break at Heaten Lookout .The view from there is awesome on a clear day you can see from the Gosford right up to Stockton beach.



After a quick drink it was back into the trails and down through (Bruce with a grin on his face) Jurassic Park, a trail which just seems to go forever through canopy covered forest, the feeling of dense jungle makes you keep you'r eyes pealed for that 20 foot Anaconda to appear, and a slippery creek crossings at the bottom of the trail just to keep you on your toes.

We then headed up the range and were on some of the trails used by the Watagan Trail Bike (Bash) Rally; this took us to some well known areas such as the Pines, Mt Warrawolong, and the Basin.

Mt Warrwolong is the tallest mountain in the Watagan Ranges with a full 360 degree view of the area.

It was 12.30 and with bellies rumbling Bruce was on the two ways checking on the back up vehicle to see when lunch would be ready, we made our way through some more private property access to the Basin camping area. Bruce's team of the lunch ladies put on a great spread.

Recharged from lunch the afternoon ride contained more of the same flowing trails tight and technical sections which wound up right on the back step of the nights accommodation "The Watagan Lodge".

The Watagan Lodge provided excellent accommodation and food (I might even bring the cook here for a weekend, but how can I smuggle my bike along).

Bruce makes this trail tour game look easy with well laid out trails a sweep rider that works his butt of helping guys in need of assistance, a back up vehicle full of food and fuel and awesome accommodation.

All you need to do is come along and enjoy the ride with your mates or make some new ones on the trail, were sure you will go home with a smile on your face.

Big thanks to Bruce and Sandra for an awesome time

Chris (bluey) Flaherty

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