

DARTMOUTH DAM

BONEGILLA, LOCKHART'S GAP, ESKDALE, DARTMOUTH, TALLANGATTA, WODONGA

This is a 224 Km ride past Lake Hume and over the Mitta River. From there it is a very interesting back road trip-down Yabba Road, watch out for various 'Poo Corners', it is dairy country. We join the Omeo Highway just short of Eskdale where coffee and toilets are available. Onward from there we turn off just before Mitta and head up towards the township of Dartmouth. Through the village and up to the very impressive dam wall (worth a Google) After reading all the information boards and few selfies we'll head back down to the Dartmouth Hotel where a special lunch just for Ulysians will be laid on. The town has reduced in size since its heyday whilst the dam was being built (Started in 1973, finished in 1979) and functioned quite nicely until a trash rack let go at the top of one of the feeder pipes, which put a stop to power generation for a while when the turbine was wrecked.) The dam holds approx 6.5 times as much water as Sydney Harbour, very popular fishing spot. After munchies at the pub we will return North up the Omeo highway and over Lockhart's Gap for a bit of twisties fun then another back road into Wodonga, or take the Murray Valley Highway for a pleasant ride back along the shores of Lake Hume where there are a number of reserves to pull in for a breather, or even a swim if you have your budgie smugglers (guaranteed no sharks)

Good road surface, a few twisties, 100Kph limits, take most of the day - 224 Km all up.

