

Avoca/Pyrenees Winter Weekend 21/22 June 2025

Leader: Ravi and Jeanette

Team: Colin, Sagar, TJ, Himalay, Chai, Debbie, Paul, Tineke, Bill and Gill

The single digit temperatures and fog on the 200km trip to Avoca were the first challenge of the day. We met at the bakery for the mandatory coffee fix and trip briefing before making our way out of town to find some gravel. The first stop after airing down was the Governor Rock Lookout which was just above the fog. The Main Break track led us to Mt. Avoca for our morning tea break.



Our next challenge was Cameron Track and after a few attempts to climb up the rocky jump-up less than 100m from Spring Creek Track the difficult backing and turn around on the narrow track was successfully completed by the leader and second car. The rest of us were waiting for the return to discuss the revised plan. We back-tracked to a nice open sunny spot for lunch.

While enjoying our lunch in the full sun, and not having seen another moving vehicle all morning, two locals stopped for a chat. One of them was building a 'container house' and they were both very happy to share their life story and track knowledge. So we turned around and went past Cameron Track again and followed a series of tracks in a great big loop to end up at the Summerfield Winery for afternoon tea. The tracks were not a problem, with low range required on a few occasions. The forest was largely free of undergrowth and there was not much greenery to be seen through the tree trunks. What were the kangaroos eating? The ones we saw were big and healthy.

We enjoyed our evening together at the Avoca Pub before retiring as the fog rolled in to our accommodation in the caravan park, motel and cottage.

The delightful Avoca Market was well patronised by us but I'm sure the stall holders would have liked a larger crowd.

Ravi rounded us up for our next bush track adventure. No missed turns this time as we followed No.1 Creek Road to Sugarloaf Track. Low range and some careful avoiding of ruts took us to the highest point at 500m before the steep descent to Schmidt Track.



We stopped to look at the challenging jump-up on Sugarloaf Track which has a handy bypass.
We met a couple of older dirt bike riders who took one look at the jump-up and took the bypass!



The track we avoided!

We found our way to Glengully Track and at the Lever Track junction said goodbye to one of our group before finding our way to the Blue Pyrenees Winery for a leisurely lunch – a huge platter.

This was the official end of our time in the bush testing our skills and enjoying the company of fellow adventurers.

The round trip from home was 550km with 85km in the bush on Saturday and 50km on Sunday.

