# SCONE – GUNDY –BELLTREES - MOONAN FLAT – BARRINGTON TOPS CIRCUIT – MOONAN FLAT - BELLTREES - SCONE

### **SELF DRIVE TOUR - ROUTE 3**

#### 210 kms

Driving time: 3.5hrs

Barrington Tops National Park & World Heritage Wilderness Area
 Wildlife
 Spectacular sweeping vistas
 Picturesque rivers
 Historic Homesteads
 Delightful Picnic Areas
 Diverse Walks
 Pastoral Views
 Horse Studs,
 Tiny Hamlets

(104kms gravel road, suitable for all vehicles)

(In winter, some roads within Barrington Tops National Park maybe closed temporarily by snow. Check with Scone VIC, NPWS or police if in doubt).

≪Scone	0km	➤ turn off the New England Highway at the southern end of town onto Gundy Road.		
≺Detour Lake Glenbawn	5km	a <b>24 km circular detour</b> via Glenbawn Rd./Allan Bridge Rd/ Segenhoe Rd will take you past Glenbawn Dam, a number of famous horse studs and over the historic Allen Suspension Bridge		
≪Gundy	20km	a tiny rural village with toilet faculties, Gundy General Store and a pub		
≪Waverly Road Turnoff Detours	24km	Loop drives for other days (Some gravel road but suitable for all vehicles) This road follows the Isis river past the Belltrees Polo ground, and Waverley Station to the Timor area where it branches 3 ways - left to the New England Highway days See separate sheet Murrurundi Timor Scone Murrurundi - straight ahead to Crawny Pass, Nundle and Tamworth - right over Sergeant's Gap and rejoins Hunter Road at Ellerston 3 km past the Tomalla Road turnoff – see below		
≪Belltrees	35km	<ul> <li>Excellent view of the Belltrees 44 stand shearing shed designed by J. Horbury Hunt. Glimpses of the beautiful historic Belltrees homestead can also be seen.</li> <li>Just after crossing the Hunter at Belltrees is the side road to Stewarts Brook– an old gold mining area of the 19<sup>th</sup> centaury</li> <li>&gt; Hunter Rd follows the Hunter River through predominantly beef cattle properties to</li> </ul>		
∢Moonan Flat ∢Tomalla Rd	52km 65km	Tiny rural village, a general store and a pub. Walk across the suspension foot bridge over the Hunter River. There are picnic areas on the river bank. Prior to the advent of motor vehicles as the normal form of transport, Moonan Flat was an important service centre for the top end of the Hunter Valley		
<b>₹ 10mana Kd</b>	оэкт	which climbs from the Hunter River to the Barrington Tops Plateau. There are spectacular views across Ellerston Station to the Great Dividing Range from Nundle area to Walcha		

After passing Hunter Springs (the tiny creek you cross is the beginning of the Hunter River on its >400km long journey to the Pacific Ocean at Newcastle.) Turn right onto

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≪Pheasant Creek Rd	.81km	through the Barrington Tops State Conservation Area and Barrington Tops State Forest ➤ Continue left at the
≺Pheasant Creek Rd / Tubrabucca Rd intersection	86km	Continue left on the Pheasant Creek Rd through the forest to
≺Henry's Bridge	89km	over the Manning River. A spacious picnic area beside the river.
≪Pheasant Creek Rd / Dilgry Circle	94km	Turn LEFT onto the Dilgry Circle. ≻ Continue through the forest to
intersection ≪Banksia Picnic Area	101km	To discover a secluded picnic area – a great place to have lunch - follow the dirt track upstream for 100 m
		➤ Continue, turning RIGHT at the
≺Dilgry Circle /	105km	onto Barrington Tops Forest Rd.
Barrington Tops Forest Rd intersection		➤ Continue west to
≪Honey Suckle Picnic Area	108km	[and Pheasant Creek Rd intersection]. Take a 25 minute 1km walking loop through a temperate rainforest of Antarctic Beech and tree ferns > Continue west to
≪Devil's Hole Lookout and Picnic Area	122km	Follow the short paved path, suitable for wheel chairs, to the lookout platform.
✓ Polblue Swamp Picnic and Camping Area	129km	Polblue Creek winds through the sphagnum swamp. Enjoy a 3 km walk around these highland wetlands
≪ The Firs Picnic Area	138km	A short, 5 minute loop walk through the pine forest with a good chance of seeing Lyre birds along the way > Continue west to
≪ Dingo Gate Picnic Area	140km	The Moonan Lookout provides spectacular views to the South towards Wollemi N.P. From the Dingo Gate there is a long winding decent to Moonan Brook There are breathtaking views at almost every turn → Continue down to the
≪ Moonan Brook Road T intersection	152km	<ul> <li>Turn RIGHT.</li> <li>(The road to the left follows Moonan Brook to the village – an old gold mining area.)</li> </ul>
∢ Moonan Brook Road / Hunter	157km	≻Turn LEFT to return to
Rd intersection		►Scone 210km