

With its spectacular scenery, varied topography and a growing network of shared pathways, Lake Mac is the perfect place to get out and explore by bike. But shared pathways are exactly that – spaces to share with all of the community, whether it's kids just off their training wheels, people out for a morning run or parents pushing prams.

Following these simple measures will help make our shared pathways welcoming and safe for everyone.

-  If you're on a bike, ring your bell or politely warn those in front that you're approaching from behind.
-  Keep to the left side of the path except when overtaking.
-  Consider other cyclists, children, people walking dogs, the elderly and people with disability who also share the path.
-  Ride at a safe speed, slow down when passing or overtaking others and give way to pedestrians.
-  Remember to leave at least one metre of space when passing.
-  Avoid erratic riding, sudden turns or other unexpected manoeuvres.
-  Young children may be learning to ride, so give them space and show courtesy.
-  At night and in low-light situations, take measures such as using front and rear lights, and wearing bright colours and reflective materials.



Lake Mac is home to an extensive and expanding network of tracks, trails and off-road shared pathways for commuting, recreational cycling, jogging and walking.

We're committed to improving walking and cycling options, both for recreation and to create active transport options. Our Walking, Cycling and Better Streets Strategy guides this approach.



High traffic speed and volume

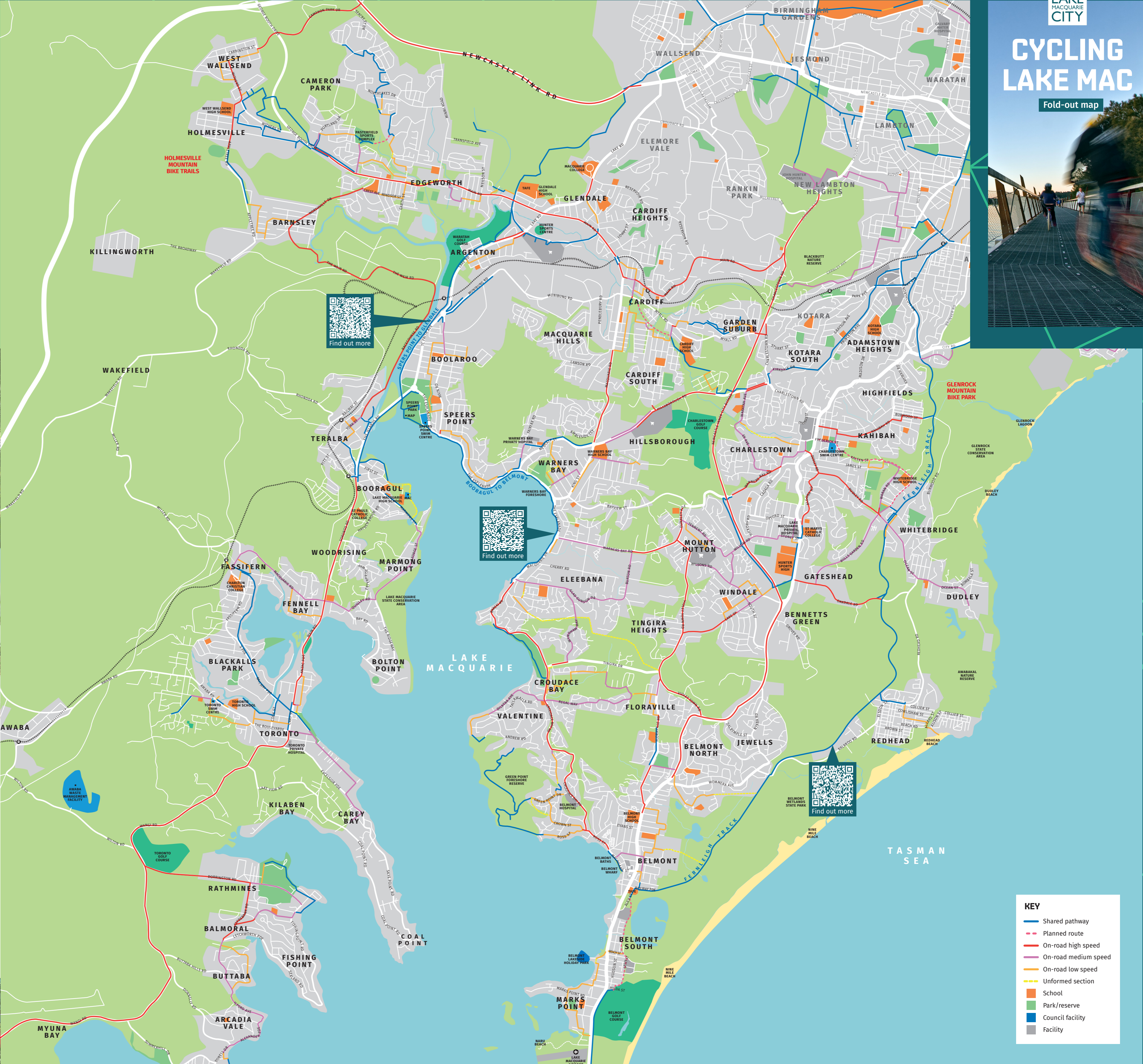
On-road routes that are the most direct and have minimum interruptions. These are generally arterial roads with a higher volume of traffic and higher speed limits, only suitable for cyclists with experience riding in traffic.

Medium traffic speed and volume

On-road routes that connect neighbourhoods and carry a speed limit of 50-60kmh. These roads help link cycle routes and other destinations, and are suitable for confident riders.

Low traffic speed and volume

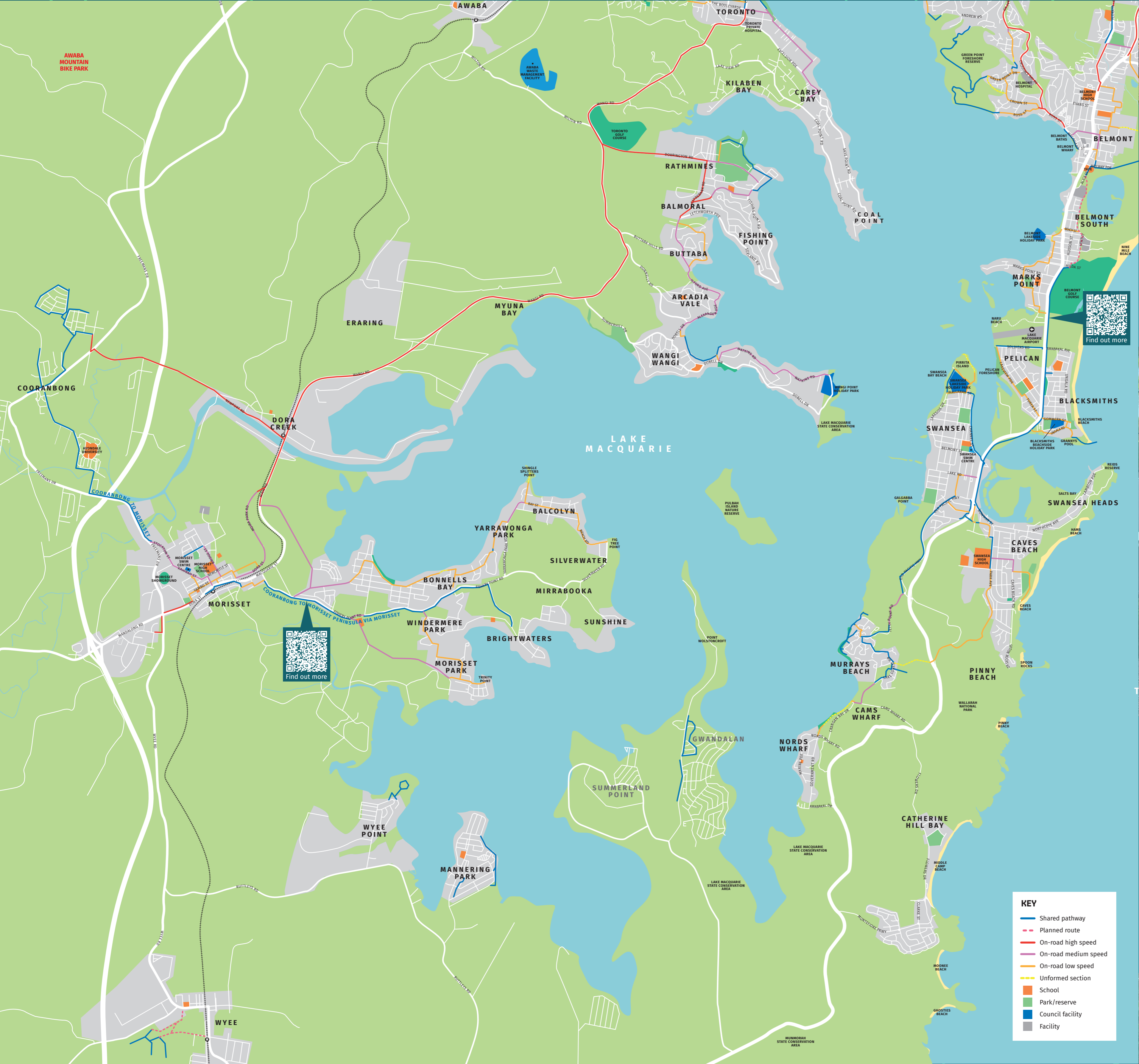
On-road routes that connect streets and have low volumes of traffic with low speed limits. These roads are suitable for all riders and offer people the opportunity to gain experience riding on roads.



CYCLING LAKE MAC

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OUR ICONIC LINKS

Booragul to Belmont

This 18km route traces the lake's scenic foreshore, passing through Booragul, Speers Point, Warners Bay, Eleebana, Valentine before ending at Belmont.

The mostly flat ride passes the Museum of Art and Culture, yapang, Speers Point Park and its Lake Macquarie Variety Playground, the Multi-Arts Pavilion, mima and Warners Bay Foreshore.

Pair a ride with swimming, picnicking, bushwalking or sightseeing while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

The route includes the landmark Red Bluff Shared Pathway, a 380m elevated boardwalk above the water, with viewing decks looking across the lake.

The Eleebana-Belmont section requires on-road riding and should be explored by experienced cyclists only.



Speers Point to Glendale

This 4.6km shared pathway follows Cockle Creek from Speers Point Park, with bench seating and water stations dotted along the way. The pathway skirts Waratah Golf Club and finishes at Glendale, where it links up with the Tramway Track, a former tram route to Wallsend.

This connects cyclists in Lake Macquarie to Newcastle's expansive cycling network, taking them to suburbs and locations like the University of Newcastle.

Fernleigh Track

The Fernleigh Track is the Hunter Region's most popular shared pathway.

The track is jointly managed by Lake Macquarie City Council and City of Newcastle, and travels 15km along a disused coal haul rail line through Adamstown, Kambah, Whitebridge, Redhead and Jewells before ending at Belmont near the TAFE campus. The cycleway traverses diverse natural environments, including the Glenrock State Conservation Area, Awabakal Nature Reserve and Belmont Wetlands State Park.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2023 on the Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track, a shared pathway linking the end of the Fernleigh Track at Belmont with Blacksmiths Beach and beyond.



Cooranbong to Morisset Peninsula via Morisset

This 13km route travels through the city's growing southwest. Starting near Cooranbong shops, the path runs along University Drive and through Avondale University. A new shared pathway is under construction across Dora Creek to Victory Parade, but in the meantime, riders can walk their bike across a historic swing bridge. A new shared pathway on Freemans Drive connects Victory Parade with Stockton Street. From here, riders travel on roads with medium traffic on Stockton and Kambah Street into Morisset, where future shared pathways are planned.

The route crosses the train line at Morisset train station before joining the Fishery Point Road shared pathway. This stretches to Bonnell's Bay and eventually to Brightwaters via a shared pathway next to Bay Vista Road. From there, riders can choose their own route to further explore the beautiful suburbs and foreshore areas of the Morisset Peninsula.

