

Lake Glenbawn Cruise

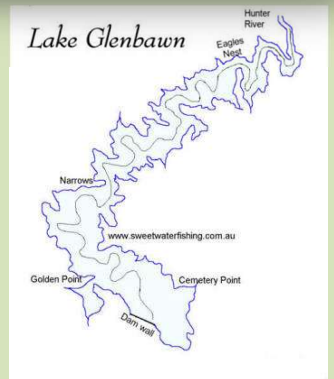
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Cruise Leader – Brian and Valerie Harrison



Lake Glenbawn is a dam is situated on the Hunter River about 20 kilometres east of Scone in the NSW Hunter Valley. The lake is a popular inland sport and recreation destination near Scone, offering year-round attractions for water sports and fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers, bushwalkers, campers and picnickers

Lake Glenbawn didn't disappoint. The scenery was breathtaking. Most of us arrived Friday and had no issues getting inside the park and finding the ramp although some did drive past and had to take the tourist route. The ramp was pretty good for inland and no jetty, plenty of rigging room.



*Upon arrival we noted Hans and Anita on Gemanic had already found a great spot for the night just across from the ramp. We all joined them for happy hour looking out over the dam and the sun setting over the mountains.. beautiful. Some were intrigued of our VIC ways with having pegs and mallet on board for a stern tie off instead of an anchor. Then Jacob bought out the star pickets- they weren't going anywhere. The anchors just wouldn't pierce the ground- luckily there were a couple of trees for tie off points. *I noted Santa bought Hans pegs and mallet !!*

This was Alf and Carmen's (Chesapeake Lady) first NHTYA cruise but not their first cruise. It was also Pam and Jacob's (Day 2) maiden cruise and what a spot to start. You couldn't get a more benign cruise for a first time; a short towing trip, launching and no facilities to test their preparation.





Tom and family on G&T joined us (mast down for a burn of that motor ☺) and later Sat morning Phil and Kim launched Sail Away.

We ventured off around 10:15 for our journey up the other end of the lake. Tom reported a depth of 103 metres off of the dam wall and Alf reported some 90 meters- not bad for a wall that is 85 metres ☺. The Dam was near full at 94%. Nor sure if I call it a lake as 'Lake Glenbawn' or a dam as it is actually a dam; lake sounds better.

We started out with stuff all wind but some persevered with putting up sails. You could hear the giggles coming off of Day2 as they had the Sonata going sideways. We were out of the bay by 11:00, motor on to explore the ever changing scenery- It was nice to give the motor a good run in fresh water. But of course the sails had to come up.. sailing off the wind like gentleman. Some were jib only and the boom tent still up and some were full sail.

With the lake so full the spanse of water was wider and so the wind turbulents were not as strong. We enjoyed a wonderful sail to the top end of the lake. The backdrops of the photos tell it all- So pretty.



Before we started off we gave directions to meet at the 'only' yellow marker at the top end and then we would decide where to camp overnight. Hmm... When we did our recky the lake was only about 40% full so now 'our' spot was several meters under water ☺.



We looked for the best spot and we looked again. Of course we needed a flat area for happy hour and a campfire- we WILL have a camp fire. We found one to share with the cows and if you didn't have a princess plank to span the cow pats at the water's edge then you held your nose.. This did pass.

Pretty soon some staked a claim on the point for happy hour... and some scouted the campfire spot. Happy hour on the bank was again with glorious scenery (if you didn't look too close at the scotch thistles at your feet). The children (young and older) kept themselves amused throwing boulders into the lake while we watched with camera at hand for the first to fall in.



After dinner we enjoyed a campfire. It's been a while since NHTYA has been able to do this and as always you just can't beat a campfire with friends to end a wonderful day.



The next morning we sailed back home with a bit more wind and it was all hands to help everyone retrieve their boats.



Thank you to all who were able to join us. To those who couldn't but would have liked to- you don't need a NHTYA event to enjoy this waterway, just pick a weekend and go.

