



Tips to make your Great Victorian Rail Trail experience enjoyable

- Make sure you're well prepared and confident with your equipment. Carry water and be sure to check local weather and emergency services for weather and fire/flood warnings.
- Read and follow the Code of Conduct signs at major trail entries.
- Need a bike? Bikes can be hired from businesses along the trail.
- Need transport? Businesses offer transport to or from your vehicle if you are riding in one direction only.
- Want to horse ride? Ride your own or book a trail ride.
- Enjoy our country hospitality! There are plenty of cafes, restaurants, gourmet food and wine producers and accommodation providers in the townships along the trail.
- If you'd rather a picnic, you can also pre-arrange gourmet hampers for your journey.
- Check out our local event calendars and time your trip to coincide with one of our many festivals and markets.

Contact our local Visitor Information Centres or visit www.greatvictorianrail.com.au for more information.

Popular rides

Tallarook – Trawool: 11km – beginners and families

The trail follows the heritage-classified Goulburn River at Tallarook and passes through the Trawool Valley. Classified by the National Trust for its scenic beauty, the region was once frequented by famous artists including Tom Roberts, Frederick McCubbin and Arthur Streeton.

Yea – Cheviot Tunnel: 9kms – beginners and families (mainly uphill to tunnel)

In Yea you'll pass the Gothic-styled Yea Railway Station (1889), where you can make use of the playground, skatepark, toilets, picnic tables and bbqs. From Yea, the

trail passes directly through Cheviot Tunnel – the longest rail trail tunnel in Victoria. Made in 1889 from bricks made on site, the tunnel is not accessible by car. Remember to take a torch if it's a gloomy day!

Cathkin – Alexandra: 13kms – riders with some competency

The Cathkin Station platform still stands and you might be lucky to arrive at the old Alexandra Station on a day the Alexandra Timber Tramway operates. Coming out of Alexandra you'll head up Eglington Cutting, which can be a challenge. From the top enjoy the stunning views of the Cathedral Ranges.

Yarck – Merton: 19kms – riders with some competency (hilly)





The trail runs behind Yarck but it's worth riding the 100 metres into town to stop for a drink. From Yarck travel through scenic farms to Merton Gap – the trail's highest point at 397 metres. At Merton, wander through the area managed by Merton Landcare or stroll through the historic cemetery.

Bonnie Doon – Mansfield: 22kms – families and beginners (some uphill gradients)

Heading east the trail crosses Lake Eildon over the 385 metre Bonnie Doon Bridge – a great vantage point to watch activity on the lake. From here the trail passes through beautiful farming country and the 12 kilometres from Maindample to Mansfield take in magnificent high country scenery. Entering Mansfield you'll pass through the Mullum Wetlands – a habitat for local fauna and flora. The trail begins or ends at the old Mansfield Railway Station and the Visitor Information Centre.



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AUSTRALIA'S longest continuous RAIL TRAIL



Stretching from Tallarook to the foothills of Victoria's High Country at Mansfield and to Alexandra, the Great Victorian Rail Trail traverses 134 kilometres of rolling pastures with stunning views and meanders along the majestic gum-lined Goulburn River.

Suitable for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders the trail is a beautiful journey through the unique communities of north and north-east Victoria. Experience the food, wine, people, galleries, markets and festivals of Tallarook, Trawool, Kerrisdale, Homewood, Yea, Molesworth, Cathkin, Alexandra, Koriella, Kanumbra, Yarck, Merton, Woodfield, Bonnie Doon, Maindample and Mansfield.

Gentle gradients along much of the trail make it suitable for most fitness levels. You can tackle the entire 134km from either end, or pick a short section starting at one of the many towns or carparks.

Trail surface

The Great Victorian Rail Trail is best suited to mountain, hybrid or touring bikes. Trail surfaces are compacted gravel or granitic sand. A bridle path meanders beside the black gravel trail sections (marked with blue posts), while the granitic sand sections are shared use.

Getting there

The Great Victorian Rail Trail can be accessed from many points but there are several towns and villages where access is easy with carparks, picnic facilities and toilets.

Tallarook is located 100 kilometres north of Melbourne, just off the Hume Freeway and 11.5 kilometres from Seymour. The trail starts/ends near the Tallarook pool. V/line trains stop at Tallarook – check the V/line website for details.

Alexandra is located 138 kilometres from Melbourne at the junction of the Goulburn Valley Highway and Maroondah Highway. Alexandra is the beginning/end of the 13 kilometre spur line and joins the main trail at Cathkin.

Yea is 109 kilometres from Melbourne and can be reached by the Melba and Goulburn Valley Highways.

Mansfield is 192 kilometres from Melbourne or 63 kilometres from Benalla.

Parking is also available at the following small towns: Trawool, Molesworth, Yarck, Merton, Bonnie Doon, Maindample.

Key distances

Melbourne	– Tallarook (Hume Highway)	90kms
Melbourne	– Yea (Melba Highway)	109Kms
Melbourne	– Mansfield (Melba & Maroondah Highways)	200kms
Tallarook	– Trawool Resort	11km
Trawool Resort	– Yea	27km
Yea	– Cheviot Tunnel	9km
Cheviot Tunnel	– Molesworth	8km
Molesworth	– Cathkin	4km
Cathkin	– Alexandra (Spur Line)	13km
Cathkin	– Yarck	6km
Yarck	– Merton	19km
Merton	– Bonnie Doon	15km
Bonnie Doon	– Mansfield	22km

MAP - THE GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL

