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WELCOME TO THE 2018 GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE

Just mention the year 1984 and it sparks a furious debate about what was the best thing to happen. Kevin Bacon's Footloose? Michael Jackson's Thriller? Steve Jobs' Apple Mac computer? Or, the superheroes to end all superheroes, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles?

Well, for me it was the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Inspired by a ride across the corn-state Iowa in the USA, the then Bicycle Institute of Victoria invited people to ride from Wodonga to Melbourne. Almost 3000 hearty souls joined the fun and thanked the generous support of the major sponsor: Caltex petrol!

Fast forward 35 years and just as every actor is within six degrees of separation from Kevin Bacon, every Victorian is within six degrees of separation from one of the 100,000 plus people who've pedalled their way across Victoria on the Great Vic.

Mention the Great Vic to someone who's been there and you'll see a little twinkle in their eyes. I think the twinkle is because they're reliving the memory of something they don't normally do. Ride 100km in a day. Dance on stage. Justify a third ice-cream because they climbed a big hill. Grab an afternoon nap in a tent. Laugh as the rain teams down and their shelter goes under.

Whether you're with us for 3, 5 or 9 days I know that for the rest of your life, whenever someone mentions the Great Vic, your eyes will twinkle as you remember a time you stepped outside the everyday and you cut footloose.

Craig Richards
CEO, Bicycle Network
August 2018

Bicycle Network acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the ride will travel through. We pay our respects to their Elders, both past and present, and the Elders from other communities who we may meet along the way.

YOUR EVENT TEAM

In 1984, the first Great Vic was delivered by a team of highly-skilled and deeply-committed volunteers. 35-years later, we're proud to say not much has changed!

Volunteers are still the driving force behind the Great Vic, donating the time, skill and energy that make this week in another world so unique.

In 2018, over 250 volunteers will join us for the full nine-days, so please take a moment or two to thank them over the week.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Event Managers	Kahlia Dix and Rebecca Lane
Site Operations	Nick Buckley
Route Operations	Kahlia Dix
Community Engagement	Jaimie Collins
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Cunningham
General Manager – Events	Rebecca Lane

TEAM LEADERS

Bar Team	Jess White
Campsite Services Team	Rob Priestly
Campsite Team	John McCurdy
Catering Equipment Team	Neil White
Catering Team	Margaret Chaplin and Janette Adams
Cheer Squad	Joan Denison
Eco Team	Maggie Luke-Davies
Event Control Team	Kahlia Dix
Flying Squad	Grant Whiteside
Happy Helpers Team	Ethan Kusch
Logistics Team	Keith Porter
Lunch Team	Neil Warren
Main Street Team	Hamish Haugh
Marshal Team	Nicole Mcnamara
Route Services Team	Andrew Smith
SAG Team	Frank Coppens
Signs Team	Adam Smith
Volunteer Operations Team	Lyall Hill
Volunteer Support Team	Vivienne Zoppolato
WARBY Team	John Pyle

WE'RE A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

Children are vital and active participants in Bicycle Network's rides and programs, so we're proud to have developed a child safe culture that promotes the wellbeing and safety of children. Our Child Safe Policy is designed to keep children safe when they interact with us, and as a part of this policy, we've made some operational changes on the Great Vic this year. These changes help to create an environment where children are safe, happy and empowered, so we know you'll support them too!

MEMBERSHIP

To say thank you to our Bicycle Network members we will offer a free treat at Beechworth (26th November) and Glenrowan (1st December) from 3 - 5pm. Be sure to renew your membership or become a member to make sure you don't miss out!

GETTING STARTED

STEP 1: SET-UP YOUR CAMPSITE

> Check the campsite map at the arrivals area for your preferred location.

STEP 2: COLLECT YOUR RIDER PACK

- > This includes your ride guide, bag tags, bike tag and passport, as well as some great offers from our partners.
- > Remember your passport is your ticket to the campsites and all essential services, so please keep it on you at all times.

STEP 3: GET YOUR GEAR READY

- > Remove any packaging
- > Check-in with the mechanic
- > Fit your bike and bag tags

STEP 4: ENJOY!



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NEED A HAND?

Across the week, the Bicycle Network team are here to help! Our Event Assistance team can assist with responses to things like:

On Road	At the Campsite
First Aid requests	Problems with amenities or equipment
Mechanical & SAG support	Security concerns
Incidents	Incidents

Remember to save the phone numbers and ask yourself:

IS IT AN EMERGENCY?
Does it require Ambulance, Fire or Police?

NO	YES
<p>CALL EVENT ASSISTANCE</p> <p>0425 381 816 or 0425 777 484</p>	<p>STEP 1: Call EMERGENCY SERVICES 000 or 112</p> <p>STEP 2: Call EVENT ASSISTANCE 0425 381 816 or 0425 777 484</p>

In case of an emergency it is always recommended to call **000** first.

Calling event assistance **after** calling 000 is essential so that, where possible, Bicycle Network can work with the Emergency Services to facilitate the appropriate response.

Note: Between 5:30pm and 5:30am the event assistance phones are monitored by our friendly security team rather than the event and volunteer team.



CAMP SITE

KEY CAMPSITE TIMES

Campsite Open	12 noon daily (Day 2 at 1pm)
Campsite Closed	8.30am each morning
Site lights out	10pm



CAMP OPTIONS

GENERAL CAMPING

General camping is included in your ticket, which is a site for your tent and your bike.

We don't reserve or allocate individual sites, so each day camping is first in, best dressed. We do ask that you're mindful of space, bring a suitably sized tent and minimizing your footprint on site.

QUIET CAMPING

Our quiet camping area is perfect for those seeking a little tranquility with their camping experience. With an early 'lights out' of 9.30pm, we ask quiet campers to keep noise levels to a minimum and respect the serenity of the quiet

camping area. Quiet camping is included in your ticket, and is first-in, best-dressed.

! You'll find the campsite maps for each site located at the Bicycle Network marquee in Main Street, and in the Good Oil each night

SCHOOLS

Our schools camping area is set-aside for school groups and is home to the Ride2School activities area.

DOMES ZONE AND STAND-UP SECTION

The Dome Zone and Stand-up Section are for those riders who want to add a little luxury to their Great Vic experience. Our talented Sleep Easy team will set-up and pack-down the supplied tents each day, and transport your luggage on a dedicated truck. Dome Zone and Stand-Up Section upgrades can be purchased from the Bicycle Network marquee in Main Street.



PHONE & EBIKE CHARGING

We've got ChargeSpot on site every day to keep you powered up!

For Ebikes, make sure you drop off your battery early to get the longest possible charge, as we are unable to charge ebikes overnight. If you do choose to drop your ebike battery off later in the afternoon, the team will still be happy to charge it for you, but will only be able to charge the battery until 15 minutes prior to the charging station closing time.

YOUR LUGGAGE

We've got your luggage transport sorted. You just need to:

1. Pack your personal gear and camping equipment into 1 or 2 bags (max 10kg per bag)
2. Self-load your luggage onto the closest luggage truck
3. Take note of the truck number that you pack your luggage into, so you know where to look at the next campsite

At the next campsite, simply:

1. Locate your luggage truck number
2. Grab your friends and family, and help unload the bags into the nearby area

HINT: If you arrive later to camp and can't find your bag, it may have just been moved to allow room for a tent - have a look around the truck and the nearby tents, or contact Event Assistance.

EAT & DRINK



GREAT BIG CATERING MARQUEE

The Great Big Catering Marquee is your dining room for the week - breakfast and dinner are served daily at the times below. It's also home to our main bar and the entertainment stage.

Breakfast	Ride days: 6am-8am
	Rest day: 7am-9am
Dinner	Daily 5-7:30pm

MAIN STREET

If you're peckish between meals or after something to eat outside of the Great Big Catering Marquee, there are plenty of options in Main Street. With food trucks, coffee vans, community groups and other vendors, there's something for everyone!

Daily	6am-8:30am
	12 noon-9pm

SPOKES BAR

Local live artists create a laid back atmosphere in Spokes Bar, making it the perfect spot to relax and listen to some tunes on a sunny afternoon. For the first time in 2018, you'll also be able to grab a bite to eat from one of our food trucks in our new look bar area.

Ride days	1pm-6pm (Closed rest day)
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SELF-SERVICE TEA, COFFEE & MILO

Our self-service tea, coffee and milo station is the perfect antidote to a chilly morning or evening on the Great Vic. Head to the station to grab a free cuppa and chat to like-minded riders.

Ride days	6am-8am	2pm-9:30pm
Rest day	6:30am-11am	5pm-10pm

WATER REFILL STATIONS

Tap water is available 24/7 on the Great Vic. Keep an eye out for our yellow and black 'Bidon Bars' at the main entrance to the site, and located near all the main camping areas.

NOTE: Water in the toilets and handwashing stations is not suitable for drinking. Please don't wash your hands at the drinking water stations.

YOU & YOUR GEAR

TOILETS

Toilet trucks and cubicles are located around the campsite for your convenience.

Please remember to wash your hands with soap and water each time you leave, and also note that the water in the toilets is not suitable for drinking or brushing your teeth.

Toilet trucks can only be used by riders aged over 18 and will be marked with signage. Toilet cubicles can be used by all riders.

SHOWERS

Check the campsite map for shower locations each day. Consider your fellow riders and the environment by keeping your showers as short as possible.

Both shower trucks and shower cubicles are at campsites. Shower trucks can only be used by riders aged over 18 and will be marked with signage. Shower cubicles can be used by all riders.

Ride Days	12noon-8.30pm
Rest Day	7am-8.30pm

CLOTHES WASHING STATIONS

Our clothes washing stations are located near the Great Big Catering Marquee on each site and include provisions for handwashing only.

Ride days	2pm-5pm
Rest Day	2pm-5pm

MECHANIC

If you find your bike is in need of a quick repair or tune up, our on-site mechanics from Melbourne Bicycle Centre will be there for the duration of the event to assist. They operate on a user-pays basis, and also have a range of equipment available for purchase.

Daily	12noon-8pm
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MEDICAL SUPPORT

FIRST AID

For First Aid support, please visit one of the locations below:

- > **On the road: rest and lunch sites (or contact Event Assistance)**
- > **At the campsite: Main Street (from 12pm to 2pm)**

! Remember to bring any personal medication! There's no pharmacy on site, and often none in some of the small regional towns, so you must bring along any personal prescription medication with you. This includes asthma pumps, insulin, heart medication, etc.

MEDICAL CLINIC

We operate a small medical clinic to support our riders across the week. All consultations with the doctor or nurse will be bulk-billed, so it's important to bring your Medicare card.

The team can also assist with the storage and transport of any

medication requiring refrigeration, and the recharging of batteries for mobile CPAP machines.

Please note that our medical clinic operates similar to your normal GP clinic - we're not a hospital, so we cannot accommodate overnight care. However, first aid assistance is available around the clock, via Event Assistance.

Ride days	2pm-7pm
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Rest Day	9am-6.30pm
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STAY CONNECTED

BICYCLE NETWORK MARQUEE (INFORMATION HUB)

The Bicycle Network Marquee is your one stop information centre for the Great Vic. Located in Main Street, our brilliant Event Team can tell you what's happening in town and on the campsite at each of our stops, as well as providing essential services such as lost property.

Ride Days	6am-8.30am
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	12noon-6pm
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Rest Day	8.30am-6pm
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THE GOOD OIL NEWSPAPER

This is the daily newspaper of the Great Vic and is delivered to the tables each night at dinner in the Great Big Catering Marquee. Find out all the details for the next day's ride and host town, and read all about the great characters that make up the Great Vic!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected by joining the Great Vic Bike Ride Facebook event page and be sure to post any happy snaps with the official hashtag **#GREATVIC**

DAILY RIDER BRIEFING

Each night on the Main Stage, the Event Team will update you on what to expect the next day and any other important event information

Daily	7pm
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ENTERTAINMENT

- > Main Stage — Great Big Catering Marquee
- > Spokes Bar
- > Outdoor cinema
- > Pilates and Yoga

ENTERTAINMENT

We know Great Vic's not just about the riding, but also about the experiences you share with new and old friends on the campsite. So we've got plenty of offer for you to enjoy!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

With our Main Stage in the Great Big Catering Marquee and Spokes Bar perfect for acoustic sessions, there's something to keep you entertained every afternoon and evening.

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Roll up to our big screen to enjoy twice-daily movies. Don't forget to grab your popcorn from Main Street!

STRETCHING

We know a full week in the saddle can take a toll on your body, so limber up at one of our free stretching sessions.

PILATES AND YOGA

DAY	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Saturday	24/11	16:00pm	Lisa
Sunday	25/11	16:00pm	Lisa
Monday	26/11	16:00pm	Lisa
Tuesday	27/11	16:00pm	Lisa
Wednesday	28/11	16:00pm	Keriann
Thursday	29/11	09:00am	Keriann
Friday	30/11	16:00pm	Keriann
Saturday	1/12	16:00pm	Keriann

LIVE PERFORMANCE

DAY	ROVING (VARIOUS TIMES)	SPOKES	SPOKES TIMES	GREAT BIG CATERING MARQUEE	GBCM TIMES
Sat 24th Nov	David Salter	Closed	N/A	Grooveyard Hammond Combo	19:30-22:00
Sun 25th Nov	David Salter	Brent Shirley	14:30-17:00	Pub Trivia	19:30-22:00
Mon 26th Nov	David Salter	Darcy Fox	14:30-17:00	Dog Gone South	19:30-22:00
Tue 27th Nov	David Salter	David Salter	14:30-17:00	Comedy Roadshow	19:30-22:00
Wed 28th Nov	David Salter	Amie Grisold	14:30-17:00	The New Savages	19:30-22:00
Thu 29th Nov	N/A	Amie Grisold	15:30-16:00	Talent Quest	19:30-22:00
Fri 30th Nov	Grooveyard Hammond Combo	Rory Matthew	14:30-17:00	Doc & the Fringe Dwellers	19:30-22:00
Sat 1st Dec	Grooveyard Hammond Combo	Rory Matthew	14:30-17:00	80'S Enuff	19:30-22:00

MOVIES

DAY	LOCATION	DATE	ADDITIONAL MOVIE 13:00 - 15:30	17:00 - 18:30	19:30 - 22:00
Sat 24th Nov	Bright	24/11/2018		Over the Hedge	Only the Brave
Sun 25th Nov	Beechworth	25/11/2018		Moana	Thor Ragnarok
Mon 26th Nov	Beechworth	26/11/2018		Transformers	Ladybird
Tue 27th Nov	Tallangatta	27/11/2018		Belleville Rendezvous	Star Wars The Last Jedi
Wed 28th Nov	Rutherglen	28/11/2018		Despicable Me 3	The Blind Side
Thu 29th Nov	Rutherglen	29/11/2018	Jumanji! Welcome to the Jungle	Dolphin Tale	Wonder Woman
Fri 30th Nov	Yarrowonga	30/11/2018		ET	Back to the Future
Sat 1st Dec	Glenrowan	1/12/2018		The Greatest Showman	All for One

MINIMISING THE GREAT VIC FOOTPRINT

As a travelling community, we've always been proud of our efforts to minimise the impact of the Great Vic on the environment and local communities, but as the war on waste heats up globally, we're raising the bar and proud to share some new initiatives for 2018 that will help reduce the footprint of the Great Vic:

- We've removed all single-use plastics from our desserts - that's about 20,000 pieces over the course of the week!
- At Beechworth and Rutherglen, we're trialling food waste receptacles that will help us divert food waste from land fill. Please make sure you use the designated food/organics bins at these sites.
- All our Main Street vendors have removed single-use plastic serving ware with eco-friendly alternatives available
- Our coffee vendors are offering discounts to Riders using Keep Cups
- Removed individual plastic packaging from our Volunteer Team outfits

In support of our commitment here in this space, we ask that you kindly remember to:

- Bring reusable plates and cutlery for your meals
- Place all waste and recycling in the appropriate bins
- Reduce food waste by taking only what you need
- Where food waste bins are in place please only place food waste in these bins. No plates, cutlery or packaging!

Our commitment is to work with our team, suppliers and Riders to continually minimise our impact. As we implement these changes we appreciate your support.

LIVING YOUR BEST CAMPSITE LIFE

In consideration of your own well-being, as well as that of your fellow riders, we ask that you kindly:

DO

- Leave no trace by placing all waste in the bins around the campsite and at rest areas
- Wash your hands regularly, especially at meal times
- Wash your dishes after every meal
- Seek medical assistance if you feel unwell
- Look out for each other
- Let Event Assistance know if any of the amenities are out of order

DON'T

- Eat, brush your teeth or fill up drink bottles in the toilets or showers
- Replace soap and water hand-washing with hand sanitizer
- Turn off, move or modify any equipment (e.g. generators or lights)



ON THE ROAD

KEY ROUTE TIMES

Rider departure	6.30am - 8.30am* daily
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Please be aware that if you commence riding outside of these times, we are unable to support your journey.

*Day 2 latest departure time is 7.30am

RIDING CHECK LIST

- Your Ride Guide and Passport
- Suitable clothing for both wet, cold, dry and hot conditions
- Spending money and mobile phone
- Basic first aid kit and bike tool kit
- Personal medications
- Bike lights with charged batteries
- Water and snacks
- Sunscreen and a hat for when you're off the bike

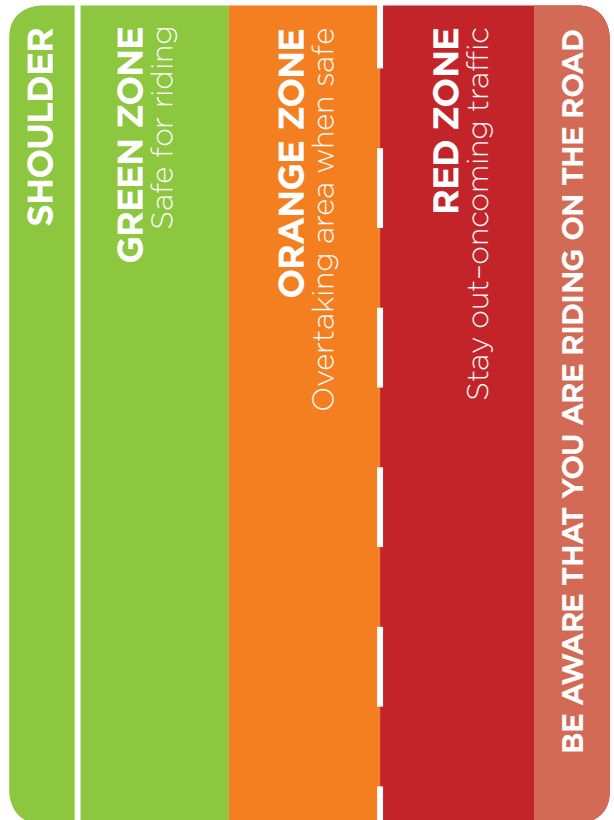
RULES AND ETIQUETTE

- > Obey the road rules, the police, traffic controllers and route marshals
- > Be aware of your surroundings – remember to look around
- > Ride no more than two abreast (side-by-side)
- > Ride single file where signed. Do not cross double lines
- > Pass only in single file
- > Pass only to the right of other riders
- > Communicate: call ‘passing’ when passing or ‘stopping’ when stopping, call or point out any hazards on the road
- > Move to the left to allow motor vehicles to overtake
- > Move well off the road before you dismount, walk your bike well off the road
- > Rest when you’re tired, rest only on the left-hand side of the road
- > Don’t use a mobile phone while riding
- > Keep alert and aware
- > Leave enough space between you and the bike in front of you
- > If you find someone in distress, stop and offer help. If it’s an emergency call 000, or call Event Assistance for all non-emergency matters. Even if you can’t help, some company is great.
- > Be aware that weather will affect the conditions in which you are riding
- > Be seen: use lights if it is dark
- > A helmet must be worn at all times while on your bike

SAFE CYCLE

- > Be aware of where you are riding on the road.
- > Ride in the Green Zone.
- > Pass, when safe to do so, in the Orange Zone.
- > STAY OUT of the Red Zone, this is for oncoming traffic.
- > Where the shoulder is a solid surface, this can be a good place to ride.

! Remember that all times on the Great Vic, normal road rules apply. Be mindful of your fellow riders and other road users, and ride responsibly.



ALONG THE ROUTE

REST AREAS

Rest areas are located every 25-30km along the route. Here you can access first aid, water, coffee and toilets.

LUNCH STOP

Lunch is located about 50km into the day's riding. It's a super-sized rest area with first aid, toilets, water, lunch and some vendors.

BIKE MECHANICS

Our bike mechanics can be found at each of the rest areas and lunch stops. We also have limited mobile assistance so if you find yourself in trouble out on the road, contact Event Assistance.

SAG WAGONS

Our SAG wagons support riders who are unable to continue riding, from injury, illness or mechanicals.

If you need a SAG, please find a safe spot off the road and put your bike upside down to indicate you need help. You can also call Event Assistance to log your request.

Please note that our SAG Wagons travel along the rider route at slow speed, so this is not an express service back to campsite!

ROUTE MARSHALS AND TRAFFIC

CONTROLLERS

Marshals and traffic controllers are located along the route to help support your ride and minimise the impact on other road users. Please follow their instructions in relation to:

- > **Directions:** they'll help you know when or how to make a turn
- > **Intersections:** they'll help you through busy intersections
- > **Hazards:** they'll identify and give clear instructions to help you avoid hazards

Please note that marshal instructions apply only to riders, while traffic controller instructions apply to all road users (including riders).

WARBYS

Founded by volunteer Tony Barter, The WARBY (We Are Right Behind You) Team are a team of volunteer riders who can help you learn basic mechanical skills and provide that little extra support you may need to get through the day.

LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF

DEHYDRATION

Dehydration is one of the most common reason riders are unable to complete their ride on the Great Vic. Fortunately, it's easily avoidable. We recommend:

- > **Hydrate well each morning before you hit the road**
- > **Carry at least two water bottles and fill them up at each rest area**
- > **Utilise hydration products such as Hydralyte at regular intervals, particularly on longer-distance days**
- > **Avoid too much alcohol**

COLD / HEAT STRESS

It wouldn't be a Great Vic without a bit of rain and strong heat. To minimise the impact to your health on days where the weather is extreme, please remember to:

- > **Wear appropriate clothing but always carry additional layers, including a rain jacket**
- > **Wear appropriate water-resistant footwear**
- > **Reapply sunscreen regularly and be sunsmart with a hat and protective clothing**
- > **When it's cold, keep moving as much as you can. When it's hot and you're taking a break, find some shade**

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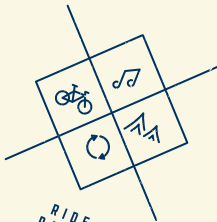
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MOUNTAINS TO MURRAY



FIVE DAY RIDE



THREE DAY RIDE



**GREAT VIC
BIKE RIDE**

CELEBRATING
35
YEARS

BRIGHT (ARRIVAL DAY)

DAY 1

SAT 24 NOV

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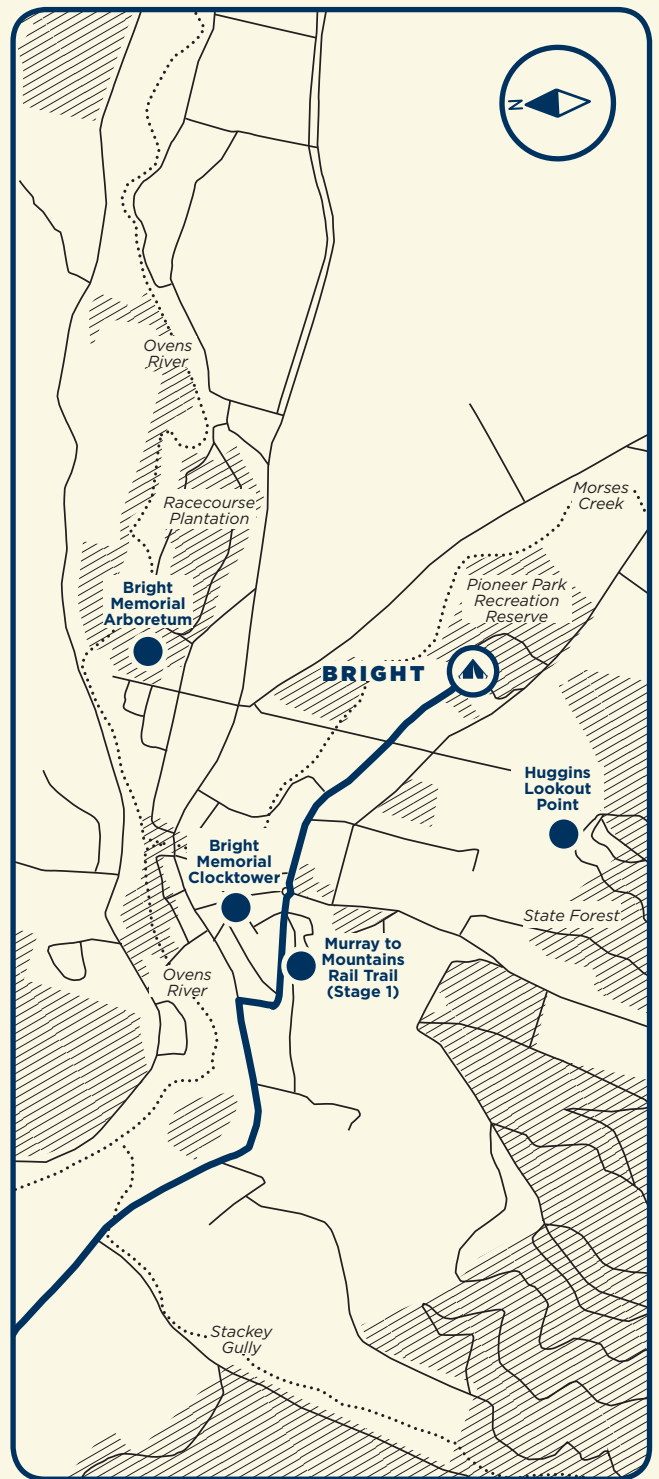
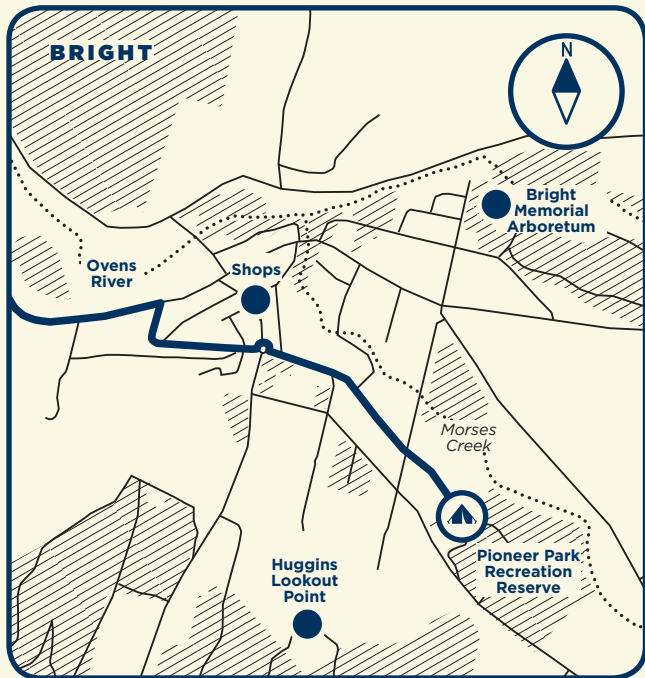


Bright is an all-year-round destination and believed by some to be the state's ultimate bike terminal with Mount Buffalo, Mount Beauty, Falls Creek, Mount Hotham, MTB parks and a beautiful rail trail all on its doorstep.

When you arrive on Day 1, you'll set up camp with all of this surrounding you. There's no official riding this day, so you can do as you please whether that's moseying around the quirky shops and boutiques or going for a dip in the river.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Head into town for a drink at Bright Brewery - it sure won't disappoint.
- > Take some time to wander down the Ovens River.



BRIGHT TO BEECHWORTH

DAY 2

SUN 25 NOV

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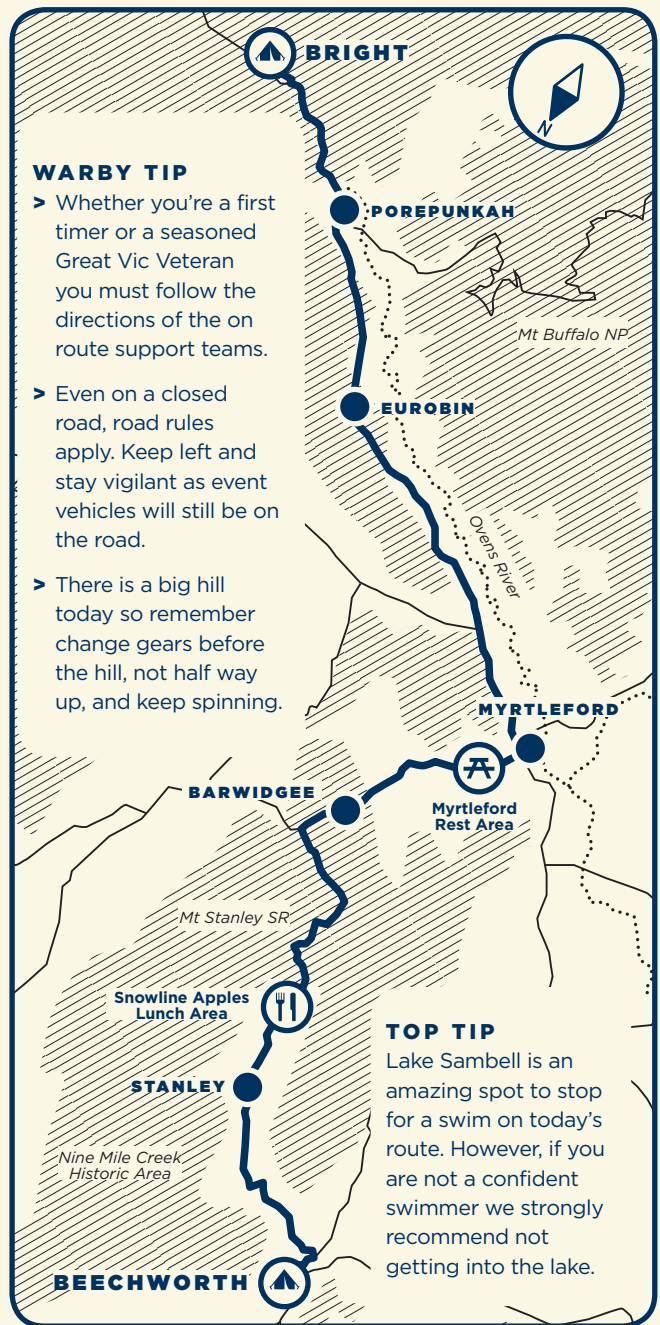
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BIKE RIDE

Riding will begin by heading from Bright towards Myrtleford on the Great Alpine Road. Oak and pine trees will provide shade from the sun as we ride through towns with brilliant names like Porepunkah, Smoko and Eurobin.

We'll have a stop in Myrtleford to give the legs a rest before you tackle Stanley Hill - 13 kilometers of climbing! At the end of the climb you will be rewarded by riding through stunning apple and chestnut orchards before arriving in the quaint town of Stanley. From here it is only a short ride to Beechworth with a will detour past Lake Sambell, feel free to pop your toes in before you finish your journey at camp.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- Be sure to stop and look around the township of Stanley. Every angle of the town looks like an image you would find on a calendar at your Grandmas house.
- Have a dip in Lake Sambell, it's the perfect way to recover after the big climb up the hill!
- Feeling brave? Why not head up to Mayday Hills Mental Asylum for a ghost tour or challenge yourself with one of their escape rooms.
- Test your knowledge at pub trivia kicking off at 7:30 at the Great Big Catering Marquee

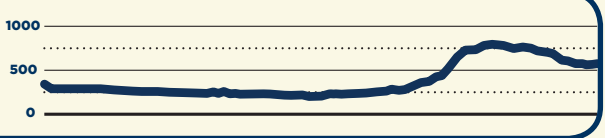


WARBY TIP

- Whether you're a first timer or a seasoned Great Vic Veteran you must follow the directions of the on route support teams.
- Even on a closed road, road rules apply. Keep left and stay vigilant as event vehicles will still be on the road.
- There is a big hill today so remember change gears before the hill, not half way up, and keep spinning.

ELEVATION (M)

1000
500
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BEECHWORTH LOOP

DAY 3

MON 26 NOV

85KM



There's simply too much to see and do around Beechworth, so instead of proceeding to a new town straight away, the second ride day will be a loop to Milawa and back.

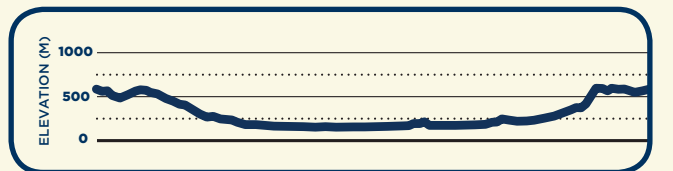
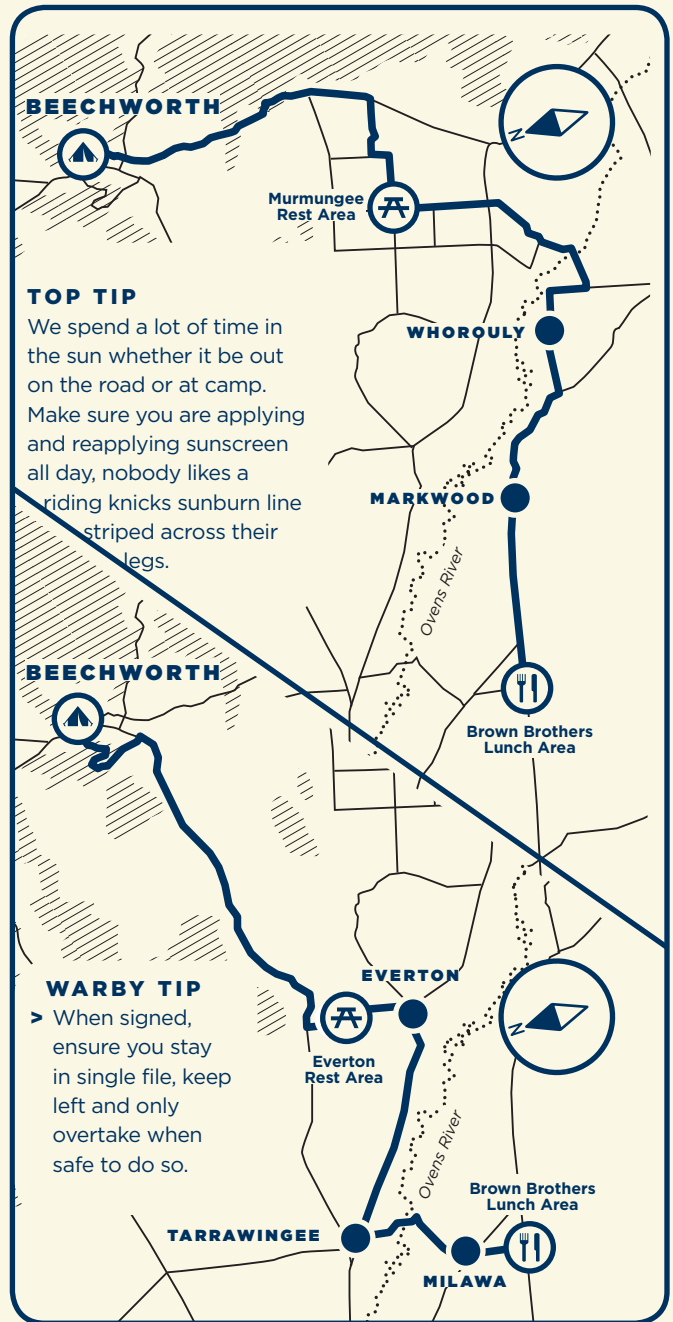
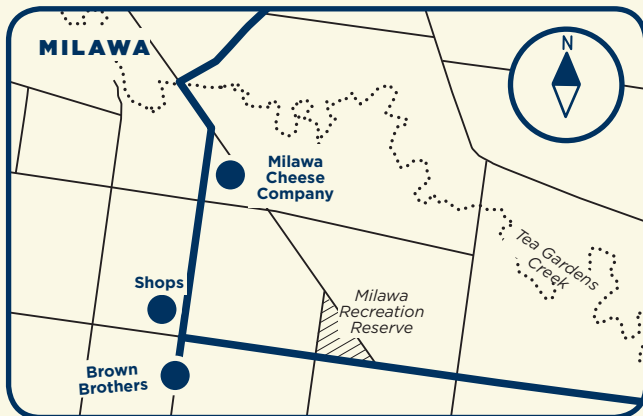
We'll roll past the Beechworth prison in the morning, one of the towns more historic sites, and then the less historic but equally well known Bridge Road Brewery.

With mountains, trees and vineyards all around you on today's ride, you should feel quite in touch with nature, and be excited to try the local gourmet delights waiting at Milawa.

If you do take the opportunity to indulge during lunch at Brown Brothers winery, there's no need to worry - the ride back to Beechworth does include a few little climbs, so you will burn it all off.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- > Brown Brothers is always a Great Vic favourite, so feel free to stop and enjoy the winery. They are also offering free delivery if you buy 6 or more bottles.
- > Wine not your thing? Why not stop into Bridge Road Brewers for a cold one. If you like their stuff you're in luck, we will be serving it at our bars the entirety of the ride.
- > Why not relax and take in a movie. We have Transformers and Ladybird playing this evening and even have a grandstand for you to kick back and watch in comfort.



BEECHWORTH TO TALLANGATTA

DAY 4

TUE 27 NOV

85KM

TALLANGATTA
GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE

One of the greatest aspects of this year's ride is that you get to experience both the mountains and the Murray, and today is the day that you'll approach Australia's longest river.

The ride from Beechworth to Tallangatta includes some classic Australian farm land - expect the cattle to curiously walk up to the roadside fence as they try to work out why there are more than 3,000 people riding past.

Even though we'll be riding away from the Alps, there will still be plenty of hills to make the views pleasant. Once Lake Hume comes into sight you know you're near Tallangatta.

TWO WHEELS STREET PARTY

When: 4pm -9pm

FEATURING

- > Live music
- > Street stalls
- > Macramé workshops
- > Border BMX Club
- > Tallangatta Public Pool
- > Rainbow the Clown
- > Barefoot bowls
- > Horsemanship whip cracking

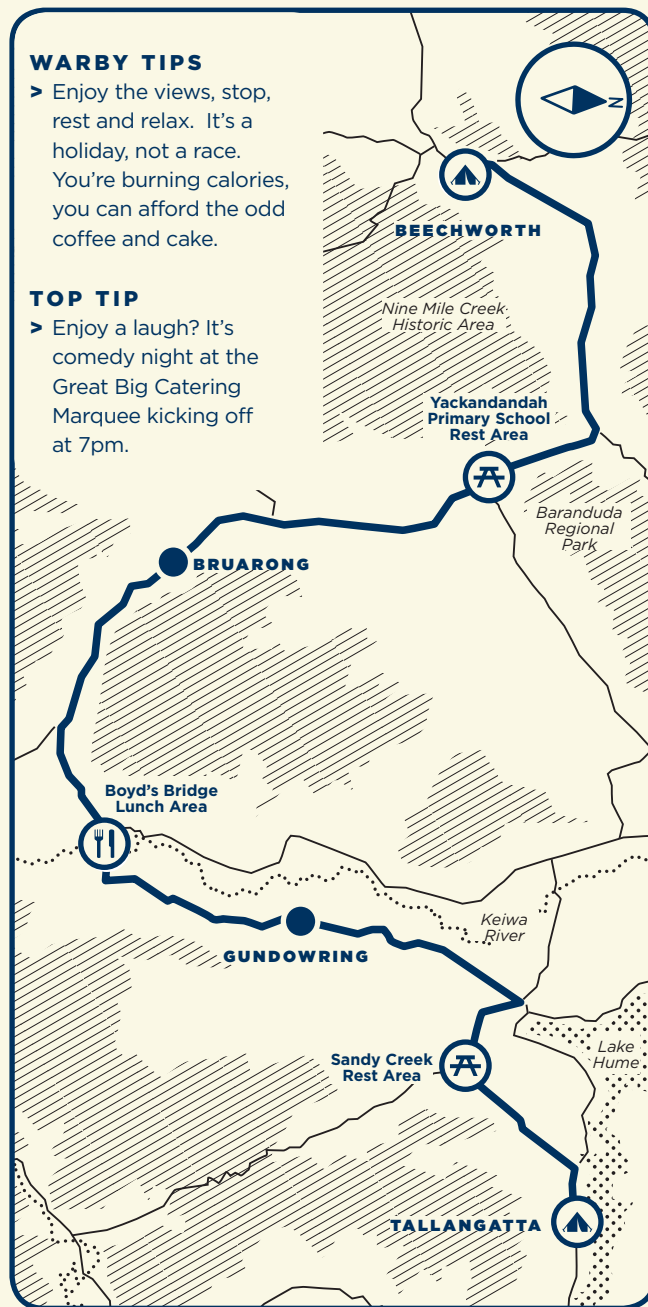


WARBY TIPS

- > Enjoy the views, stop, rest and relax. It's a holiday, not a race. You're burning calories, you can afford the odd coffee and cake.

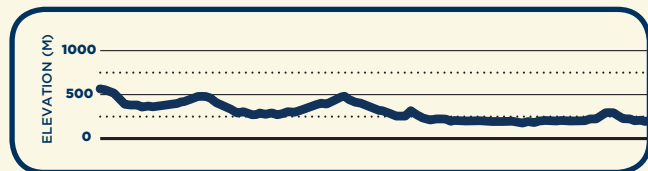
TOP TIP

- > Enjoy a laugh? It's comedy night at the Great Big Catering Marquee kicking off at 7pm.



ELEVATION (M)

1000
500
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ROUTE REVEALED
TALLANGATTA TUES 27TH NOV



TALLANGATTA TO RUTHERGLEN

DAY 5

WED 28 NOV

102KMS



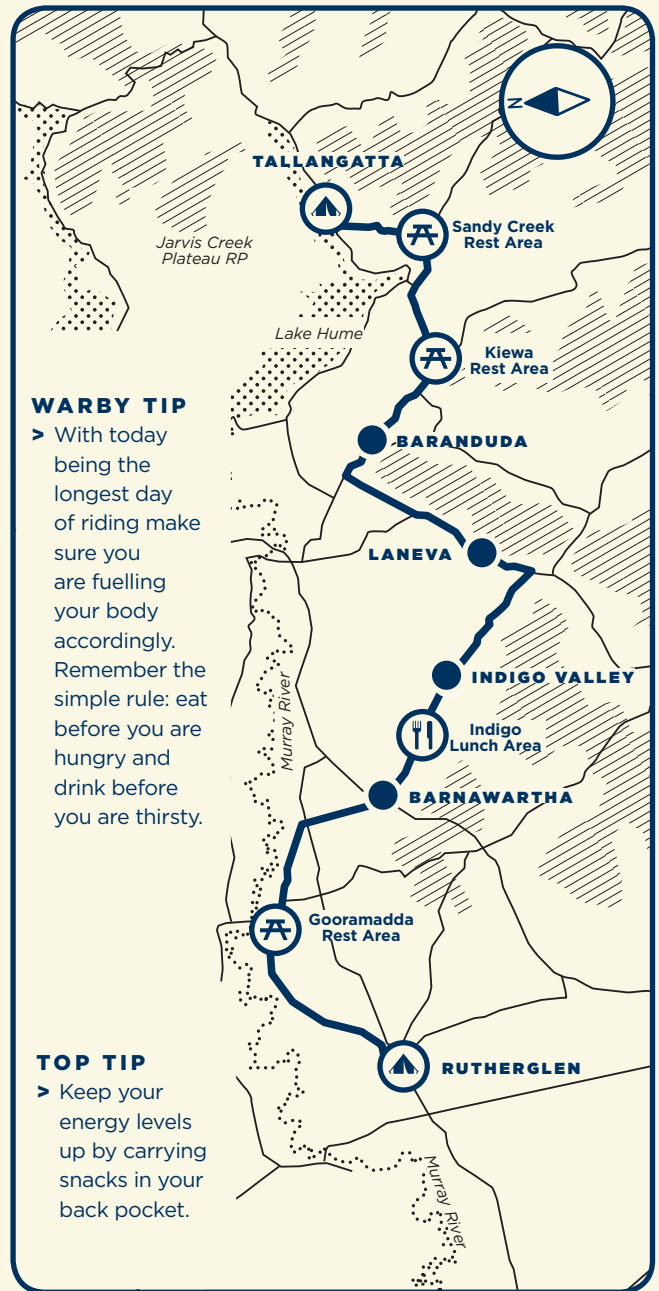
The agricultural land we will travel through today is less livestock oriented and more horticulture and viticulture-focused. In other words, today we'll be riding past wineries and orchards.

There are plenty of places to stop for a snack and a yarn along the way as we pass through typical small Victorian towns such as Kiewa and Barnawartha. Be sure to fuel your body, today is our longest day of riding.

This region is famed for their red wines and muscat, so much so that as we approach the town you will see its answer to Goulburn's merino and Coffs Harbour's banana: the Big Wine Bottle.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- > We ride directly past Rutherglen's Big Wine Bottle - it's a perfect opportunity for a photo.

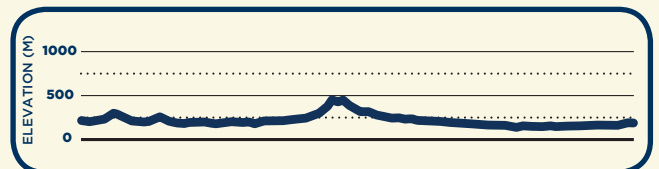


WARBY TIP

- > With today being the longest day of riding make sure you are fuelling your body accordingly. Remember the simple rule: eat before you are hungry and drink before you are thirsty.

TOP TIP

- > Keep your energy levels up by carrying snacks in your back pocket.



RUTHERGLEN (REST DAY)

DAY 6

THU 29 NOV



Rutherglen has plenty of offerings with many focusing on the region's rich wine and produce. If you haven't had enough of riding yet, you could also venture out and take a look at the local rail trails.

Otherwise, this is your chance to enjoy a well earned break as you take a wander through town, sampling the delights of the many local eateries or wineries.

ACTIVITIES

CANOING

- > Wanting to rest up those legs but still go on an adventure? Enjoy a relaxing guided 2-3 hour paddle down Australia's premier river, The Murray.

WINERIES

- > The Winemakers of Rutherglen courtesy shuttle bus will leave from the campsite and will be following three route options around the wineries. They want you to be entertained and relax at their cellar doors! Go to explorerutherglen.com.au for more information.

APEX GRAPE STOMPING

- > Apex Rutherglen are seasoned at running the famous Winery Walkabout 'Grape Stomp.' Using grapes from last year's vintage, two teams of two treaders per race compete to have the most crushed juice at the end of 3 minutes! Located at Apex Park near Lake King in Murray.

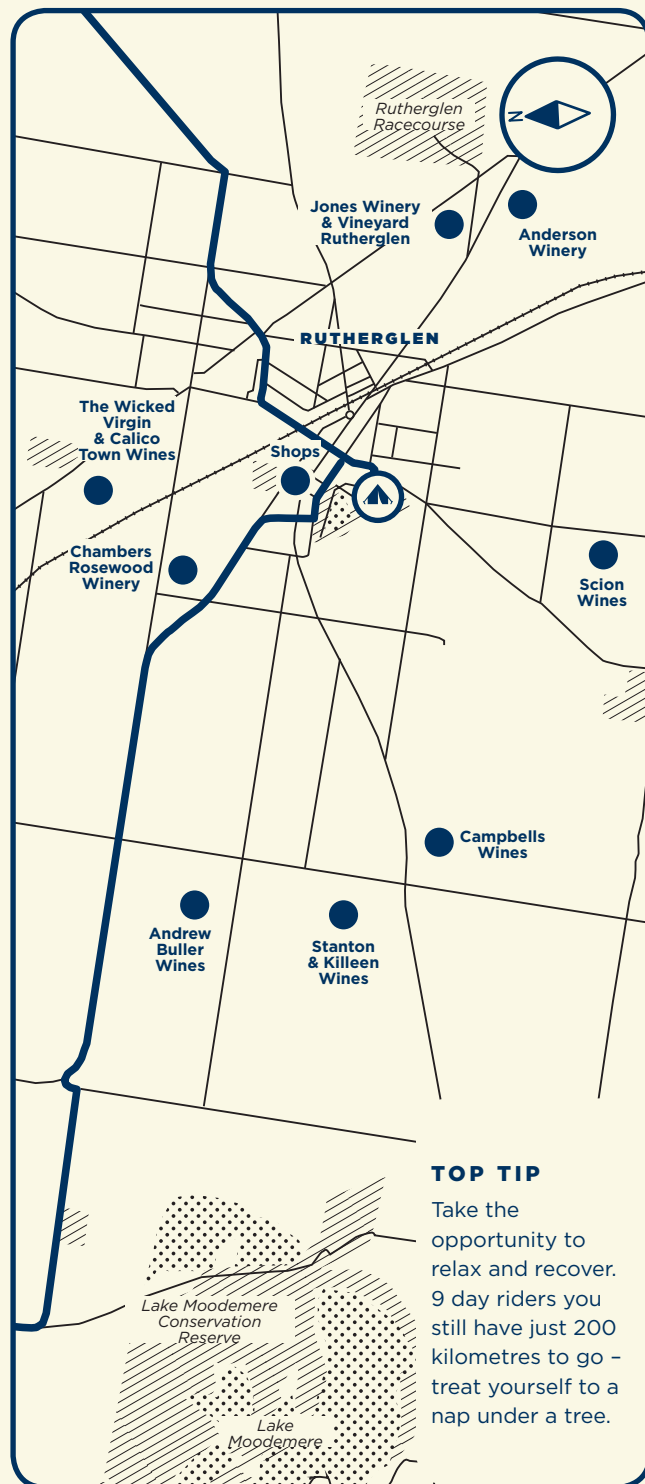
RUTHERGLEN LANDCARE GROUP TOUR

- > Tours depart at 10am and 2pm - allow 3 hrs for the tour. Adult \$10, Child \$5.
- > Tour highlights: Brolga breeding site, Rutherglen Gold Battery, Lake Moodemere, River Redgum forest, Brimin Lodge (see squirrel gliders), Murray River walk.

Bookings for the canoeing and wineries can be made by visiting the Whats On page on the website.

Support the Rutherglen community and their other activities such as BBQs, tennis court hire, laundry services and special lunch menus. Check out what's on our website.

greatvic.com.au/community/the-hosts-2/#whats-on



TOP TIP

Take the opportunity to relax and recover. 9 day riders you still have just 200 kilometres to go - treat yourself to a nap under a tree.

RUTHERGLEN TO YARRAWONGA

DAY 7

FRI 30 NOV

55KMS



As we leave Rutherglen we will head up Distillery Road, which is home to many of Rutherglens famous wineries.-what a way to exit this beautiful town.

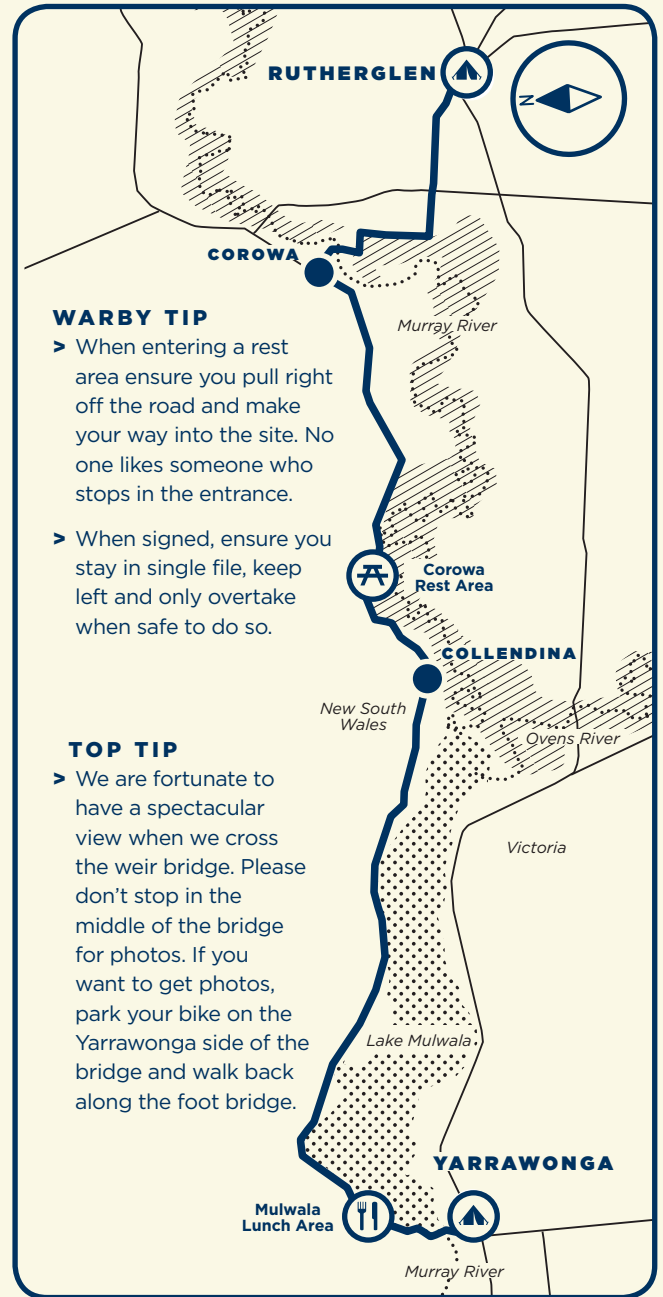
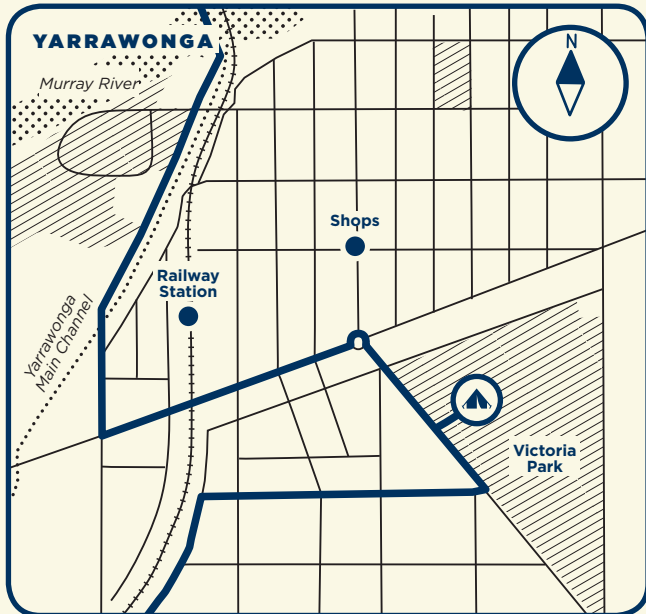
On our way to Yarrowonga, we will cross the river at Corowa NSW, a town which is famous for being the birthplace of federation.

There will be a lot of riding alongside the mighty Murray today in the shadows of the giant gum trees that line the banks.

Situated between the Murray and Lake Mulawa with it's ghostly river gums, Yarrowonga offers you another chance to whet your appetite or wet your legs with its local eateries, river beaches and water sports.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- > There are plenty of spectacular views of the mighty Murray on todays leg of the ride. Make sure you bring the camera along.

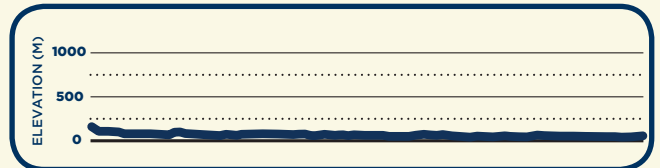


WARBY TIP

- > When entering a rest area ensure you pull right off the road and make your way into the site. No one likes someone who stops in the entrance.
- > When signed, ensure you stay in single file, keep left and only overtake when safe to do so.

TOP TIP

- > We are fortunate to have a spectacular view when we cross the weir bridge. Please don't stop in the middle of the bridge for photos. If you want to get photos, park your bike on the Yarrowonga side of the bridge and walk back along the foot bridge.



YARRAWONGA TO GLENROWAN

DAY 8

SAT 1 DEC

55KMS

GLENROWAN
GREAT VIC BIKE BIKE RIDE

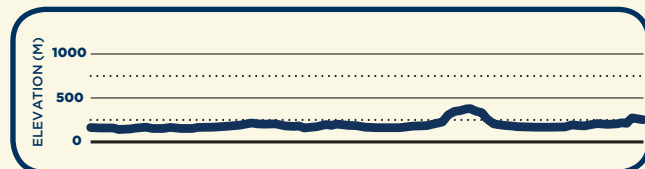
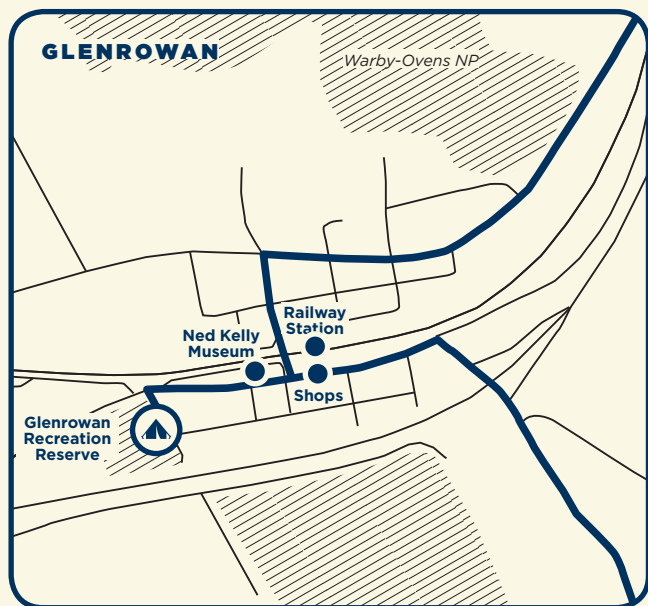
Today's riding will be mostly flat across open plains which your legs will appreciate as we get closer to the end of nine days of riding.

However, there are a couple of little climbs today near the Warby-Ovens National Park and as we pull into Glenrowan, a town which is famous for being the location of Ned Kelly's last stand.

If you're still undecided about whether Australia's most well-known bushranger is a hero or villain you could visit the Ned Kelly Museum to get his full story and make up your mind.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- > Not many people can say they have been to the township of Wilby, this hidden gem is a town full of heart.
- > You won't leave Glenrowan without learning about Ned Kelly, drop into the museum or enjoy a Ned Kelly Pie at the bakery.



GLENROWAN TO BENALLA

DAY 9

SUN 2 DEC

52KMS

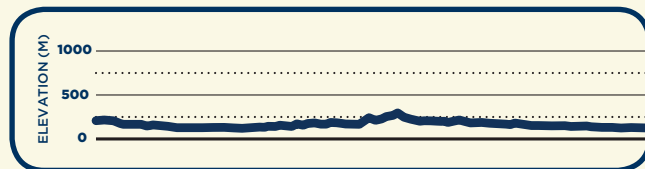
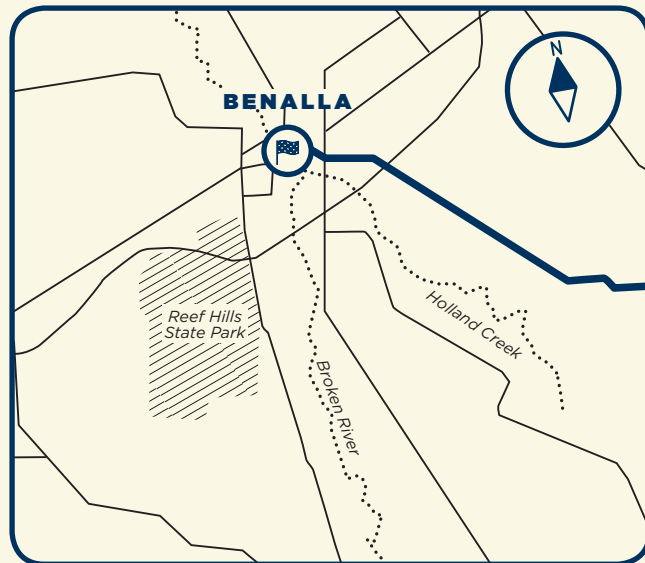
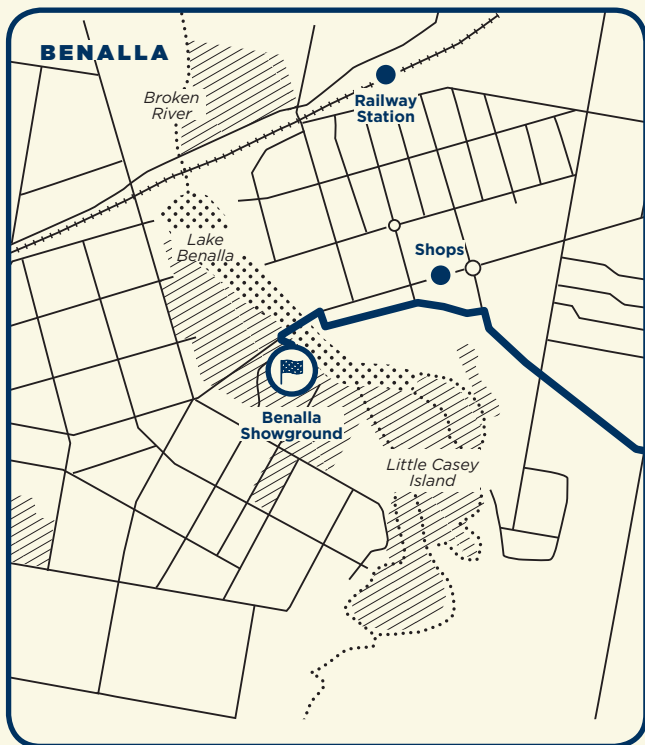
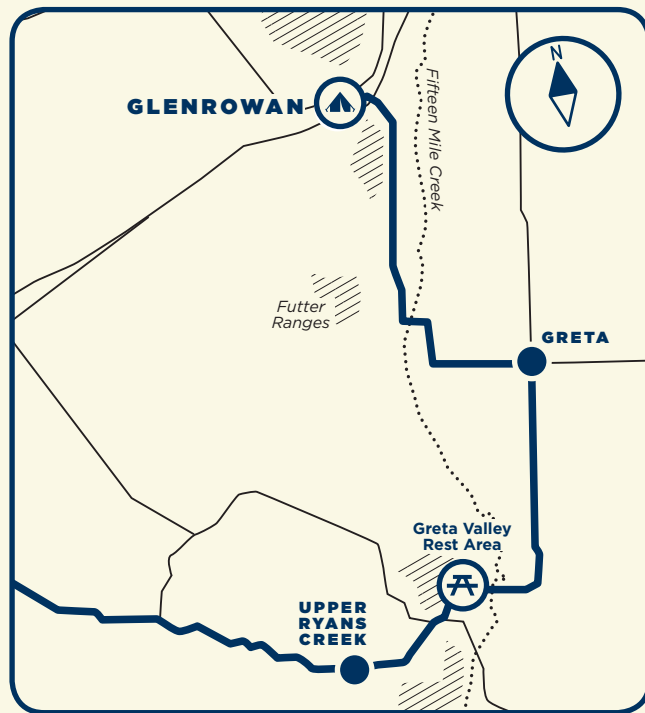


The last day of riding is upon us and we are on route to Benalla. We head south of Glenrowan along a legendary local riding route. You will find yourself heading up and down undulating hills and winding your way through beautiful stretches of road through the King Valley. Gumtrees tower over head giving you the feeling that you are riding through tunnels.

You'll soon find yourself rolling into Benalla where you will be greeted by some of the towns amazing murals and a warm welcome from the local community. As you cross the finish line you will have time to celebrate your amazing achievement, before making your way home with a bag full of memories.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- > Benalla is home to great food, stop in for lunch before you continue home.



BENALLA FINISH SITE

DAY 9

SUN 2 DEC



BENALLA FINISH SITE

Where: Benalla Showgrounds

NEED A RIDE?

- We offer user-pays coach transport back to Melbourne and other regional centres, which must be pre-booked at bicyclenetwork.com.au or at the Bicycle Network marquee on event (up until Fri 30 Nov).
- Regional coaches leave the finish site at midday, unless all passengers are on board prior.
- Melbourne coaches will depart once full, with the last departing at approximately 2pm.



WARBY TIP

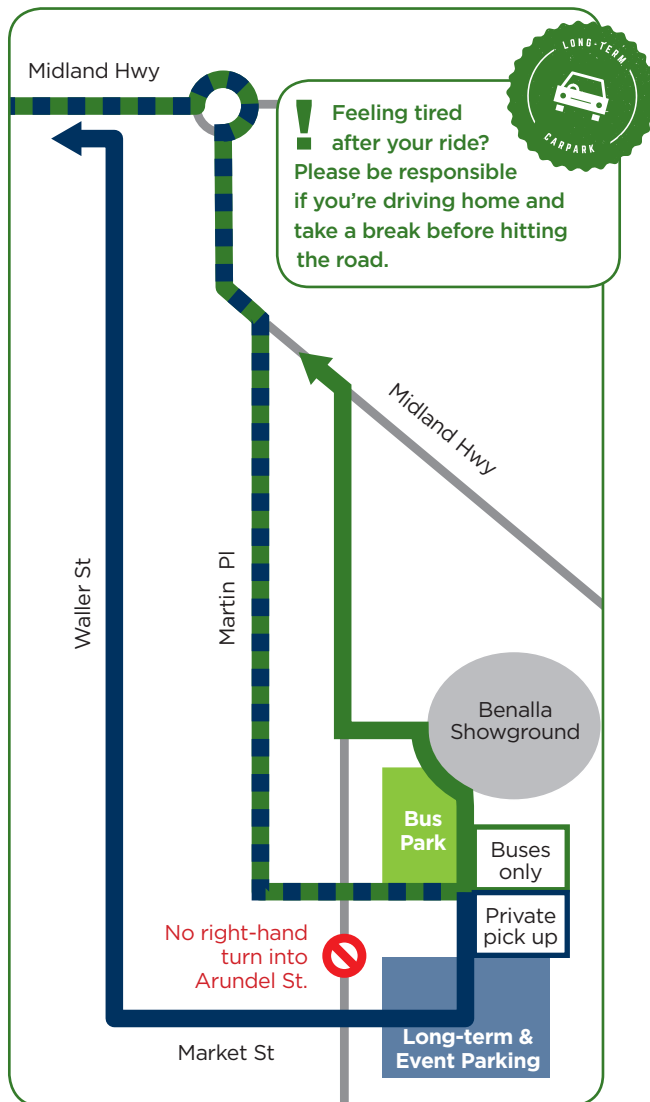
Want to cross the finish line with your friends and family? If you need to wait for them to catch up, find a safe place to completely pull off the road. There are plenty of places a couple of kilometres out of Benalla along Kilfeera Road.

TOP TIP

After crossing the finish line and celebrating your achievement, it's time to grab your belongings and make your way home. Keep in mind that there will be many others doing the same thing, so please be patient. The Bicycle Network team will be on hand to make your transition home as easy as possible, so please follow their instructions.

PICK UP & EVENT PARKING

1. Please turn onto Martin Place via the Midland Hwy
2. Turn left onto Maud St and enter the showgrounds via the Maud St gate entrance
3. Public event parking is available in the showgrounds from 7am–2pm. Please follow the directions of marshals.
4. Exit car park via the gate onto Market St, then right onto Waller St to the Midland Hwy.





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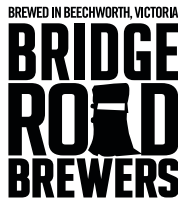


SOCKS

\$20

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THANK YOU

As we celebrate our 35th year of the Great Vic, there's so many people we'd like to thank for their generous contribution to this iconic event, both in 2018 and through all the years that have passed.

First and foremost, our dedicated volunteers. In 1975, you founded our organisation, kick-starting some of Australia's most iconic events and since then have continually shared your time, knowledge, kindness and skills with so many others. From those who've been with us for 30 years to those who've joined us for the first time - thank you for helping make bike riding easier, and for bringing the 'spirit of Great Vic' to life every year.

To the councils and local communities, Victoria Police, VicRoads and other stakeholders, thank you for what you've shared with the Great Vic, our riders and our teams over the years. You've helped bring this event to every corner of Victoria (and sometimes even NSW and SA!).

Finally, we'd also like to acknowledge our dedicated contractors who work so hard behind the scenes to help shape and deliver the Great Vic every year. On our 35th birthday, we've also got a special shout-out to those who've been by our side for so many years - Atmosphere Events, Ballarat Coachlines, Echo Printing & Graphics, SSM, our brilliant catering team, Luke Bramston, John Stracey, Stubbsy, GAME Traffic and Contracting and Zest Bars the Great Vic is truly a team effort, we'd be lost without you!

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