

Come Cycle Gippsland - You will love it!



Cycling in Gippsland is magnificent.

Quiet roads, dedicated cycle paths and comprehensive network of Rail Trails beg you to get on a bike and enjoy them as they snake through the hills, hug the wild coastlines, and wander through the old towns that time forgot.

Gippsland is described as unusually arty, a fresh food paradise and emerald green. It is amazingly uncrowded and truly unspoilt. Perfect for cycling with excellent accommodation, food and a vast array of very special wines. Uniquely in Australia, East Gippsland has wild scenery that extends from the highest alpine areas right down to an uninhabited coastline. When visited, the hinterland reveals massive gorges, rainforest and tiny remote communities.

No matter what type of cyclist you are, or would like to be, there is something in Gippsland that will truly delight you.

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Gippsland Rail Trails

<https://www.railtrails.org.au/>

Gippsland is laced with Rail Trails. A rail trail is an off-road path, built for cyclists, walkers and horses, where the railway line used to be. Rail Trails travel right through historic towns where you will find art galleries, cafes, museums, contemporary restaurants, vibrant wineries, accommodation and friendly locals. They make an easy to plan cycle journey.



Gippsland Plains Rail Trail

63km, Traralgon. Ride across the Gippsland Plains on a flat path with panoramic views of the Great Divide to Stratford on Avon and the annual Shakespeare festival.

East Gippsland Rail Trail

100km, Bairnsdale. An amazing ride past immense trestle bridges looming up from the forests, to Orbost on the iconic Snowy River. Enjoy the local beer, wines and cafes.

Great Southern Rail Trail

72km, Leongatha. Panoramic views of lush farmland, temperate rainforest and pristine seascapes, with many quirky, foodie, arty villages along the route to historic Port Welshpool.



Grand Ridge Rail Trail

Mirboo North, 13km. High on the Strzelecki ranges this trail goes through temperate rainforest full of native animals to beautiful Boolarra.

Bass Coast Rail Trail

Woolamai, 26km. The only seaside Rail Trail in Australia, follows the wild Bunurong Coast with spectacular views to the State Coal Mine Wonthaggi.



Gippsland Road and Tour Cycling

Gippsland is full of quiet roads, built to service this rich, scenic, farming country.

Did you know you can cycle right out of Melbourne across the Mornington Peninsula, through Phillip Island and then into Gippsland, with only 4km on roads? Amazing!

The great cycling experiences continue with wonderful loop rides through the Strzelecki Ranges, along the beaches, through the rainforests and into the Gippsland Plains where road cycling made famous by the Rowley Brothers many years ago. Keep going to Marlo where the Snowy River meets the sea!



Cyclewayz App

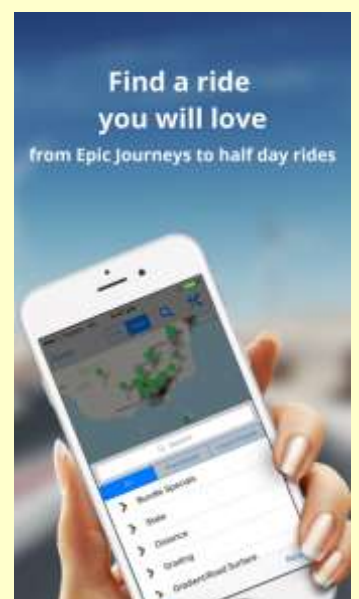
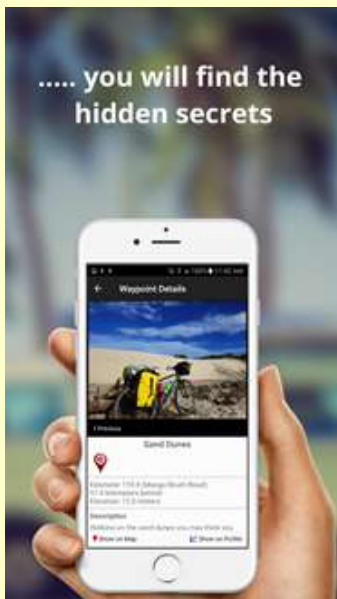
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Gippsland is the home of **Cyclewayz app**, an innovative smartphone cycling guide with inbuilt navigation. Cyclewayz app includes all the information a cyclist needs to know – specially selected routes on quiet roads, food, water, accommodation, history elevations distances and inbuilt navigation using your mobile phone's GPS. It works, even where there is no mobile phone coverage. Just download the offline maps before you go.

All routes are selected on quiet roads rail trails and cycle paths.

There is heaps to choose from, including epic rides all the way from Melbourne to Brisbane, right through Gippsland.

All Rail Trails are free on Cyclewayz app.



Gippsland Fully Supported/Self-Guided & Guided Tours

Snowy River Cycling

<https://www.snowyrivercycling.com.au/>

Snowy River Cycling, in East Gippsland, offers both Guided and Fully Supported/Self-Guided cycle tours for riders of all levels and experience. East Gippsland occupies the green wedge that is the far eastern corner of Victoria.

Snowy River Cycling offers the outstanding, guided Snowgums to Seaweed Guided Cycle Tour which explores the alpine areas, massive gorges and wild scenery of the area. It suits those who are a ready for adventure and spectacular cycling. We schedule guided trips through the year, but also run these tour itineraries for groups on request.



Self-guided tours are based on the East Gippsland Rail Trail where we will tailor a cycle package to suit you.

The East Gippsland Rail Trail is a 100km cycling link that threads through farmland and forest in the low hills between the mountains and the sea.

Of all of Victoria's rail trails, this one feels the 'wildest' with long stretches of beautiful forest. Along its length are also wide rivers, massive timber trestle bridges and friendly, tiny country towns. It offers very achievable cycle adventure!

Snowy River Cycling's self-guided tours on the East Gippsland Rail Trail can include all or just some of:

- Bike hire
- Accommodation
- Luggage transfers daily to your accommodation
- Return transport for you and your bike back to your starting point at either end of the trail.

Once a year we run a 3 day, cycle tour event on the East Gippsland Rail Trail – the **Great East Rail Trail Ride**.

The event, in its' fourth year, attracts over a hundred riders. Event registration includes all meals for 3 days: route support (sag wagon and support crew); campsite accommodation; luggage transfers; return transport to your starting point and a range of activities and entertainment. Optional extras are upgrading to pub or cottage accommodation and bike hire.



Australian Cycling Holidays

<http://australiacyclingholidays.com.au/>

Australian Cycling Holidays specialises in Self-Guided, Fully Supported cycle tours. Based in Leongatha, at the start of the Great Southern Rail Trail, an easy coach trip from Melbourne's Southern Cross.

Our self-guided, fully supported, cycling tour packages give you the chance to explore at your own pace, whenever suits you! Everything is organised, Accommodation booked, luggage transferred and cycling equipment supplied. Choose from a weekend escape, a cycling holiday with the kids, or a longer bike tour that takes you away to places you have never been before.

Great Southern Getaway Weekend – choose from 3 rides:

Unwind: 2 relaxing days on the Great Southern Rail Trail. Love the arty foodie towns and the green scenery. 32km.

Complete: Cycle the Rail Trail from Leongatha to Port Welshpool and love the whole historical journey finishing with sweeping views. 72km.

Grand Ridge Challenge: Step off the Rail Trail and climb the hills to the fantastic temperate rain forests of the Grand Ridge Road. 160km.



Bass Coast and Beyond 6D/5N travels by bicycle on Rail Trails, quiet roads and cycle paths through some of the most beautiful places on the scenic Bass Coast through to the lush green rolling foothills of the Gippsland Strzelecki Ranges.

Find the historic old towns where nothing much has changed except they are now centres for art galleries, craft stores and local produce markets.

Our NEW self-guided, fully supported Cycle Tours include **Sydney to Melbourne 28D/28N** and **Grand Gippsland 19D/18N**.

These are epic journeys that allow you to really relax and explore our wonderful wild countryside, full of friendly locals, native animals, great food and fantastic wines. In cooperation with Snowy River cycling we proudly include a fully guided tour of the Errinundra Plateau with its fantastic temperate rain forests. Take the express options and ride longer distances each day to suit you!



South Gippsland Rail Trail Cycle Tour 4D/3N

showcases the Bass Coast and the Great Southern Rail Trails. Both are perfect for cycling with your friends or with the family. You will see the famous Phillip Island, Bass Coast Beaches, the amazing Bass Coast Rail Trail with its huge trestle bridge and the wild coastal scenery of the Bunurong Reserve. On Day 3 you will transfer to the Great Southern Rail Trail which takes you through the lush green rolling country of Gippsland and arty country towns with wonderful fresh produce.



Check out our website to see more of the Self-Guided, Fully Supported Cycle Tours that we offer around Australia. <http://australiacyclingholidays.com.au/>

Hub and Spoke Cycling

Mansi on Raymond, Sale

<http://mansionraymond.com.au/>

Mansi on Raymond offers the perfect starting and finishing point to your cycling adventure. Nothing better than to unwind in the comfort of a luxurious Studio, 1, 2 or 3 Bedroom Townhouse. A home away from home that suits your needs.



Come to Mansi and enjoy the abundant sealed bike trails around our beautiful town anything from a 30-minute ride down to have lunch at the historic swing bridge to a half a day exploring our wonderful wetlands and botanic gardens. Mansi has

complimentary bikes available to suit all ages from a toddler trailer to mountain bikes and can organise hire for larger groups.

Mansi can organise bike tours for large groups or as small as 2 people both self-guided or supported.

Mansi has up to 35 rooms available so make Mansi your base and tailor your bike adventure from Mansi returning each night where you can relax over a meal and maybe a glass of local wine with your fellow cyclists recounting the fun and amazing sights of the day, or you could dine out at any of the award-winning restaurants in Sale.



Ship Inn Motel, Yarram

<http://www.shipinmotel.com.au/>



Yarram is quickly becoming very popular with cyclists and the Ship Inn Motel loves cyclists in small or large groups. They have the facilities to make your stay a happy one with a lock up area for your bikes and a wash down area.

Yarram is perfectly placed for a great week or weekend of cycling. There are lots of options mapped for your enjoyment. The flat rides let you cycle the plains with sweeping vistas, along the empty beaches and over to historic Port Albert. The hilly rides take you on fantastic loops along the Grand Ridge Road and through Tarra Bulga National Park.

The Ship Inn is big enough for large groups, yet still small enough for that fantastic home feel of a country motel. With 26 rooms, a pool to relax and wind down in, hosting a myriad of events over the year including our open mic session on the first Sunday of every month. A complimentary breakfast is offered to all our guests with all dietary options



Yarram Holiday Park

<http://www.yarramholidaypark.com.au>

Yarram Holiday Park is based in the Heart of Tarra territory. We are a family oriented park and provide accommodation for every budget. We have luscious grassy camping sites, Economy Cabins through to Deluxe Cabins.



After a long bicycle ride why not relax by our roaring camp fire and cook up or storm in our large BBQ area and Camp Kitchen. If you are too tired to cook, just wander 5 minutes down the main street to find a bounty of eateries. If you or the kids have energy to burn we have a fun playground and pedal go karts to really test those legs.

Security of your trusty steed can be assured with our lock up shed.



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Alkira Leongatha

90 McCartin St Leongatha, 0468 390 224

Leongatha is a wonderful place to set out for a cycle through the beautiful hilly Strzelecki ranges or along the Great Southern Rail Trail.

Australian Cycling Holidays is now proud to announce Alkira - our new, cyclist friendly accommodation in central Leongatha. With bike hire, self-guided cycle tours and a weekend away to suit every style of rider, you will love staying in our sunny garden studios or fully serviced BnB.



Alkira is designed to accommodate the needs of every cyclist with bike lock up, wash down and big spaces to dry your stuff after a day on the track. We can look after your luggage while you are away and before you go we will enjoy a chat about the journey you have planned.

Choose a ride from the Cyclewayz app and take off on your own bike, hire a bike tour setup from us or enjoy a fully supported, self-guided cycling holiday. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Mountain Bike Parks and Trails

Mountain Biking on specially built trails is very popular and Gippsland has exceptional parks for everyone from the family to the highly technical riders. There are 2 additional Rail Trails that suit this type of cyclist. Tyers Junction Rail Trail and Walhalla Goldfields Rail Trail are both on rough dirt track requiring good fitness and riding ability.

Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park

Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park is within an easy drive of Sale, Maffra & Heyfield. It is one of the most family - friendly mountain bike parks in Gippsland, with most features being roll-able and incorporating smaller loops and shortcuts back to the Trailhead. The Trig tracks rocky features will give the MTB lovers a challenge as well as the more recent trail development including more flowy features to play on. Beginners can cruise around the winding singletrack, building confidence in a new sport. Being closely located to both Glenmaggie Wines and Blue Gables Winery, a stop off for a post-ride taste with a view is also a great option.



Colquhoun Mountain Bike Park

Colquhoun MTB (say it like a local "Ca-hoon") - features 17km+ of flowing forest cross country singletrack. As a figure eight shaped loop, there are options to shorten your ride and make it a 5km, 7km or 10km loop. The trail includes the infamous "Lollipop" track, which criss-crosses a gully like a bush rollercoaster, and is a definite crowd pleaser. Lennie's Descent is another fun downhill section with multiple switchbacks. The hard packed surface makes for great riding year round, and is well maintained by local forestry. The trail features are mostly roll-able, which just a couple of drops, and most of the climbing sections are not overly steep. The loop shares a section of the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Track and makes an ideal addition to a cycle journey towards the Rail Trail, or a picnic lunch at the Log Crossing Picnic Ground. The picnic ground has a drop toilet, but the Colquhoun trailhead only features a fun little pump track.

Nowa Nowa Mountain Bike Park

Nowa Nowa MTB features a winding cross country singletrack set in beautiful forest, climbing gradually from the bottom trailhead to the top over 5km. From the top, choose from 4 descending cross country tracks up to 5km each, clearly signposted and at varying degrees of difficulty. The trail features are roll-able and fairly family friendly. For those that prefer to shuttle up to maximise their descents, there is a fire road beside the park that connects the bottom and top trailheads. The Nowa Nowa MTB Park can be easily accessed from the East Gippsland Rail Trail and makes for a fun change of pace.

Mt Taylor Mountain Bike Park

Mt Taylor MTB Park features downhill, gravity and cross country singletrack, situated just 15 mins drive north of Bairnsdale. The 2.5km Downhill track and 4.8km Flow trail make great descending options and the 10km of cross country loops include some steep and technical climbs. The cross country tracks both connect up to the final section of the Flow & Downhill tracks. The steep gravel road that runs from the base of the descent trails to the top (5km), is the most direct route for shuttling. 'Milkys' is an alternative fire road that takes riders uphill on a longer but slightly less steep route (for those that like the uphill burn). There is a drop toilet, plenty of parking and a camping area.

Mountain Biking Tours and Support

Venture Out Mountain Bike Tours and Bike Hire

<http://ventureout.com.au/>

Venture Out, based in Lakes Entrance, is in the business of adventure, offering riding & paddling experiences in beautiful East Gippsland on Mountain Bikes, Kayaks and Stand Up Paddleboards. As mountain biking instructors and enthusiasts, Venture Out run guided tours, bike hire, shuttles and packages.



Self - Guide

Hire a bike and self-guide your ride following waterfront cycle paths or undulating forest tracks and Rail Trail to local villages. Make your ride adventure a "Ride and Dine" adventure, with meal package options at favourite local restaurants at Metung, Lake Tyers, Bruthen & Nowa Nowa. Distances range from 20 - 40km one way, a shuttle can be booked for your return. Or choose an electric bikes, so you can ride there and back again!

Guided Mountain Bike Tours



Book on a guided mountain bike tour and enjoy the excitement of flowing forest singletrack over obstacles and fun trail features. Regular mountain bike tours are run in the Colquhoun forest, just 10 minutes east of Lakes Entrance.

The Simply Singletrack mountain bike tour is suitable for anyone new to mountain biking, as it includes skill instruction to enable riders to enjoy a safe ride while challenging themselves to the trail features. This tour takes in approx 5-9km of beginner-level trail, for up to an hour of riding time. The Scalectric Loop Tour is suitable for

experienced mountain bikers, riding 10-17km of trail on more intermediate, faster sections of the park.

Venture Out also guide mountain bike parties & corporate team building adventures, all of which can be customised to suit guests needs. Mountain bike experiences are run at Blores Hill, Colquhoun, Mt Taylor & Nowa Nowa MTB parks.

Mountain Bike Shuttles

Uplift shuttles are a great option for experienced mountain bikers on the descending trails at Mt Taylor (15 mins north of Bairnsdale) and are scheduled for group bookings. Shuttles are usually run over 3hrs in an afternoon. Uplift shuttles can also be run at Nowa Nowa, which is suitable for less experienced riders. Shuttles are also available for those looking for a shuttle return/drop off to enable a point to point riding journey.



Packages

Venture Out partner with local businesses to put together hassle-free adventure weekends that you'll never forget in idyllic locations in East Gippsland. <http://ventureout.com.au/packages/>