



Great Southern Getaway 3D 3N

Tour Overview—Download from farOut App for your navigation and all waypoint information.

The Great Southern Rail Trail travels through the emerald green countryside of South Gippsland. Enjoy sweeping views, fabulous food and quirky, arty country towns.

With Fabulous places to choose to stay each night and a sensational Foodie breakfast, made from the heart, each morning.

Summary

3 Days cycling: 100% on cycle paths.

Length 109km

Total Ascent 589m Total Descent 672m

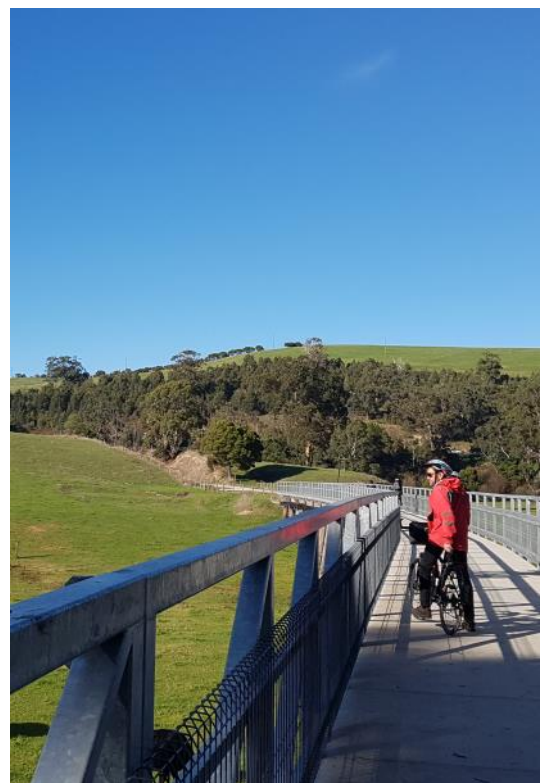
Suggest 3D 3N

Take a water bottle and a snack

Roadside assist

Transfer Port Welshpool to Leongatha at the end of your cycle with Australian Cycling Holidays. Call us to book and pay.

Rating: Easy





Great Southern Rail Trail

farOut App is designed so that you can create and enjoy your own cycle tour, rail trail, day ride or gravel road adventure using the information that the app provides. To get you started we have put together some Itineraries for rides you might like to do yourself.

The Great Southern Rail Trail is one of our many farOut APP **Victorian Country Rail Trails and Paths**. Read the attached tour description and suggested Itinerary.

For 7 years we have been successfully running Australian Cycling Holiday tours in Gippsland. Now we are excited to offer these tours using the farOut APP so you can plan and create your own cycling tour.

Getting Started:

Download the app from your Apple or Android store, open it up, search for cycle routes by pressing the cyclist top left and search Great Southern Rail Trail. This ride is free.

You can also purchase the **Victoria Country Rail Trails and Paths** which includes the **Great Southern Rail Trail**. This means you will get >830km of Cycle Paths and Rail Trails in regional Victoria.

The Great Southern Rail Trail is free—take a look!

farOut APP gives you:

- I. The route on rail trails. With offline navigation. Like an electronic guide book.
- II. Elevations, Distance to next waypoint eg water / accommodation etc
- III. Location of accommodation, food, water, points of interest.
- IV. Location of transport that will take you and your bike
- V. Tells you the road surface and type. Gravel or sealed / path or road.
- VI. Allows you to break your journey into day stages using the 'create Custom Route' Function

farOut App cycling is mapped by Cyclists for Cyclists.



Arrive in Leongatha by car or coach the night prior to your ride. We will meet you when you arrive. Your car can stay with us for the duration of your cycle.

Leongatha has many options for accommodation including a caravan park. Check out the ratings.

Night One and Two

Leongatha Accommodation

Alkira Leongatha Studios

90 McCartin Street Leongatha

0467 274 872

<https://alkira-garden-studio-accommodation-leongatha.business.site/>



Alkira Leongatha are comfy garden studios or our new Alkira House on Bruce, located close to the town centre in lovely gardens. There is ample off street parking and free WiFi. Each studio has an ensuite, fridge and tea and coffee making facilities.

The Leongatha township has supermarkets and shops. There are also restaurants and cafes for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day One

Leongatha to Korumburra Rtn - 32km Cycle

The Ride

- This new section of the Great Southern Rail Trail threads through the valleys far away from the road.
- It is an amazing ride through the valleys that tuck into the green rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges.
- Look up as you ride through the cuttings—they are enormous!
- The Ruby station was built in 1890 and the area is now the Ruby Country Fire Brigade.
- Its uphill to Korumburra and downhill on the way back.

We Love

- Korumburra was once famous for its coal mining boom. Learn about life in the 1800s at the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum full of old buildings a working tramway.

Food

- There are lots of yummy options in Korumburra. Enjoy the Ned Kelly Bakery, the Borough Department Store and finish off with the Burra Brewery! Take Tea at the Tiny Teapot

Fun Fact

- Prior to the arrival of Europeans the area was occupied by the Boonwurrung Aborigines. The area was originally known as 'The Wild Cattle Run' due to the livestock which roamed free after the Corinella settlement was disbanded in 1828.



Day Two

Leongatha to Fish Creek - 35km Cycle

The Ride

- The ride out of Leongatha is through wetlands and dairy country to Koonwarra. Give way to cattle and roaming chickens on the trail.
- From Koonwarra your cycle takes you through the beautiful Black Spur over the creeks on the historic bridges. You'll pass through Koonwarra, Meeniyah and Buffalo on your way to Fish Creek.

We Love

- Meeniyah was recently awarded best small town in Gippsland. It has an array of cafes, gift shops and places to explore. Meeniyah has a quirky community garden. Which is right next to the rail trail. Local produce is celebrated here and is home to an annual garlic festival.

Food

- Koonwarra is a small town with amazing food. The slow food movement started here. The Koonwarra general store has lots of homemade jams, chutneys, cheeses and other local produce as well as tasty lunch menu items.

Fun Fact

- The Fish Creek pub has a big mullet (fish) sculpture lying on top of it. The mullet is designed to look like it has been dropped by a sea eagle flying overhead.
- Alison Lester well known Australian Children's Author also has a shop in fish creek.



Night Three

Your Fish Creek Accommodation

Fish Creek has the Pub for overnight. Check Stayz or Air BnB making sure that you can ride there.

Alkira Fish Creek 0467 274 872

9 Lorimer Street Fish Creek VIC



This delightful accommodation is right next to the town centre of Fish Creek. The whole accommodation is recently refurbished and renovated. There are very comfy beds with quality bed linen, ensuite bathrooms, free WiFi and a basic kitchenette with tea and coffee making facilities.

Fish Creek main street is just a few doors up where there are some cosy cafes and a tasty pub or pizza place for dinner.



Day Three

Fish Creek to Port Welshpool - 37km Cycle

The Ride

- Today you will ride from Fish Creek to Port Welshpool along the Rail Trail. If you're looking for an extra scenic challenge you can choose to ride some quiet country roads to Agnes Falls.
- The scenery is stunning in this section, there are magnificent sweeping views to Wilsons Prom National Park.
- You'll pass through Foster, Toora and Welshpool on your way to Port Welshpool. Foster is a small detour off the trail. It is quite a large lovely town with shops and cafes.

Food

- Foster has great cafes with plenty to choose from. Toora is smaller but also has a couple of tasty cafes. Welshpool has a pub and small takeaway shop. Port Welshpool also has a pub and a great fish and chip shop. No water or food between towns so carry water bottles and snacks

Fun Fact

- You'll see the Toora wind Farm as you pass through Toora. Just one turbine is enough to supply 6,660 homes with electricity!



Transport Details

Travelling from Melbourne to Leongatha

The Coach to Leongatha leaves from Melbourne Southern Cross Station from the bay right next to the Melbourne Airport Skybus. Alternatively you can arrive by car. The Coach does not take bikes.

Returning from Leongatha to Melbourne

Buses depart Leongatha for Melbourne each day. Don't forget to Book Australian Cycling Holidays for your return transfer from Port Welshpool to Leongatha. Or Ride back!!

What to Bring—not too much!

- Wear shorts or comfortable trousers, very bright t-shirt or hi-vis and covered shoes for cycling.
- Wet weather Jacket and Over Pants (eg Gortex)
- A set of dry clothes for evening.
- Cycle pants (wear under your shorts or trousers if you like. The padding is great).
- Sunscreen, sun-glasses and good wet-weather gear.
- Cycling gloves are recommended.
- A jumper for winter; swimmers and small towel for warmer months.
- Phone, wallet and snacks which can fit into the front panniers.
- Rear panniers to carry your stuff. Make sure you keep things dry.
- Bring snacks. Just in case.
- Always have an emergency meal for dinner—you never know!
- Fit your bike with lights.
- Tool kit, pump, spare tube.
- Water Bottles

