

Your last day is among eucalypts until you hit the outskirts of Ballarat. The ride ups and climbs as it weaves through forest lanes, made seasonally colourful by wildflowers. Finally you follow the Yarrowee River trail all the way to town where a well-deserved rest awaits you.

<b>TERRAIN</b>	Varies from easy to steep in places
<b>DIFFICULTY</b>	Moderate/difficult
<b>DISTANCE</b>	24 kms
<b>TIME</b>	Day ride – plan about 3-4 hours.

### DAY 4 Creswick – Ballarat

Day 2 starts along dirt tracks through scrubby bushland, darting the occasional wallaby, before bursting into a wide-open landscape offering spectacular views to Mt Beckworth. Aged eucalypts line the quiet lanes before the day finishes in the old gold glory of Clunes.

<b>TERRAIN</b>	Terrain varies from easy to moderate
<b>DIFFICULTY</b>	Moderate
<b>DISTANCE</b>	25 kms
<b>TIME</b>	Day ride – plan about 2-3 hours.

### DAY 2 Talbot – Clunes

Day 3 is filled with reminders of the grand homesteads and vineyards line the quiet lanes as you meander the undulating terrain. The day ends in a rush of adrenalin as you descend into the heritage forestry town of Creswick.

<b>TERRAIN</b>	Terrain varies from easy to moderate
<b>DIFFICULTY</b>	Moderate
<b>DISTANCE</b>	24 kms
<b>TIME</b>	Day ride – plan about 2-3 hours.

### DAY 3 Clunes – Creswick

Day 1 begins in Box-ironbark country. Bird watchers rejoice, for when these trees bloom in spring, parrots and honeyeaters descend in droves. As you break out to open grazing land look for an old bluestone ford scarred with deep ruts from the passing of countless wagon wheels – perhaps even from the Cobb & Co.

<b>TERRAIN</b>	Terrain varies from easy to moderate
<b>DIFFICULTY</b>	Moderate
<b>DISTANCE</b>	18 kms
<b>TIME</b>	Day ride – plan about 2-3 hours.

### DAY 1 Maryborough – Talbot

#### The Ride

Immerse yourself in the heritage and beauty of Victoria's central goldfields.

**DISTANCE:** 91 kms

**DAYS:** 1-4, depending on rider ability.

#### Suitability

The Maryborough – Ballarat Cycle Tour is suitable for active families, pleasure seekers and mountain adventure cyclists. It is not suitable for sprint cyclists.

The terrain varies each day, but is generally suitable for town cycles to mountain bikes.

#### Getting There

##### Train

Take advantage of V/Line train services between Melbourne, Ballarat, Creswick, Clunes, Talbot and Maryborough. Bicycles can be carried for free on V/Line trains (if space permits). Bikes are not permitted on timetabled V/Line coach services with the exception of folding bikes.

Visit the [vline.com.au](http://vline.com.au) or [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) for timetables and maps or download their app.

##### Car

**From Melbourne to Ballarat:**

1.5 – 2 hours via the Western Freeway.

**From Melbourne to Maryborough:**

2 – 2.5 hours via Castlemaine or Ballarat.

#### Parking

Cars can be left at railway stations at your own discretion. Please obey parking restrictions should they apply.

#### Be Prepared

Towns only occur at the beginning and end of each day. So be prepared to carry all your needs: water, food, repair kit and first aid.

Pack the right clothing and equipment for the season and expect the unexpected in weather. Take a map and compass and – importantly – know how to use them.

A mobile phone is useful near the towns. If you find yourself in trouble without mobile connection, either wait for a passing vehicle or walk to a more populated road.

#### Safety: Your Responsibility

Before you travel, check the Bureau of Meteorology website for the latest weather forecasts and the [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) for fire and flood warnings. Regular fire warning updates can be accessed through the CFA website at [warnings.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://warnings.cfa.vic.gov.au).

**Do not ride on Code Red Fire Warning days.**

#### For More Information

**Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre**  
Corner Alma & Nolan Streets, Maryborough  
Ph (03) 5460 4511, 9:00am – 5:00pm daily

**Creswick Visitor Information Centre**  
41 – 43 Albert Street, Creswick  
Ph (03) 5345 1114, 10:00am – 5:00pm daily

**Ballarat Visitor Information Centre**  
Town Hall, 225 Sturt St, Ballarat  
Ph (03) 5337 4337, 9:00am – 5:00pm daily

Cutting through the heart of historic gold mining country, this iconic ride connects picturesque townships, quiet forests and gentle undulating pastoral land. There are sweeping views across to extinct volcanos and sections traverse historic tracks cut for the Cobb & Co coaches over 150 years ago.

Immerse yourself in the heritage and beauty of Victoria's central goldfields. The 91 km, 4 day tour offers a mix of forest and farming tracks with each day ending at a charming historic township.



# BALLARAT- MARYBOROUGH HERITAGE TRAIL

CYCLE TOUR





### Arriving by train or bus

The Ballarat - Maryborough Cycle Tour is easily accessible from each of the railway stations or regional bus stops. Visit [vline.com.au](http://vline.com.au) or [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) for timetables and maps and download their mobile apps.

**Maryborough**  
 MARYBOROUGH RAILWAY STATION  
 Streets: BURNS ST, MAJORCA RD, ALBERT ST, INVERMAN ST, STATION ST, ANOUN ST to Talbot

**Talbot**  
 TALBOT RAILWAY STATION  
 Streets: BARKLY ST, BALLARAT ST, STAR ST, SCANDINAVIAN LA, SCANDINAVIAN CR, BELL ST, PRINCE ALFRED ST, to Maryborough, to Clunes

**Clunes**  
 CLUNES RAILWAY STATION  
 Streets: THORNTON ST, SERVICE ST, SHORT ST, SUTHERLAND ST, to Talbot, to Creswick

**Creswick**  
 CRESWICK RAILWAY STATION  
 Streets: LUTET ST, VICTORIA ST, BEED ST, LEWENS ST, DRUMMOND ST, RAGLAN ST, to Ballarat

**Ballarat**  
 BALLARAT RAILWAY STATION  
 Streets: ROWE ST, SEYMOUR CRES, LYDIARD ST, NOLAN ST, HINELOCK ST, EB DEN ST, SCOTT PDE, DANVERS ST, PEEL ST WITH, MAIR ST to Creswick, FIELD ST, SHEPHERD ST

**MARYBOROUGH**  
 Maryborough Railway Station  
 Paddy's Ranges State Park  
 Battery Dam & Aboriginal Wells  
 Maryborough State Forest

**TALBOT**  
 Talbot Arts & Historical Museum  
 Talbot Railway Station  
 Talbot Farmers Market (3rd Sunday of the month)  
 Stoney Creek Oils  
 Beckworth Court Estate

**CLUNES**  
 Clunes Railway Station  
 Mount Beckworth Scenic Reserve  
 Mount Beckworth Wines  
 Eastern Peake Winery  
 Mt Coghill vineyard  
 Lambley Nursery & William Coghill Monument

**CRESWICK**  
 Creswick Railway Station  
 Creswick Woollen Mill  
 Tangled Maze  
 La Gerche Forest Walk  
 St Georges Lake  
 Koala Park

**BALLARAT**  
 Ballarat Railway Station  
 Lake Wendouree  
 Black Hill Reserve  
 White Swan Reservoir

**MAP LEGEND**

- YOU ARE HERE
- Points of Interest
- Bus Stop
- Train Station
- Bicycle Track
- Suggested route to connect with Cycle Tour (see maps to left)

**HERITAGE TRAIL: Ballarat - Maryborough**

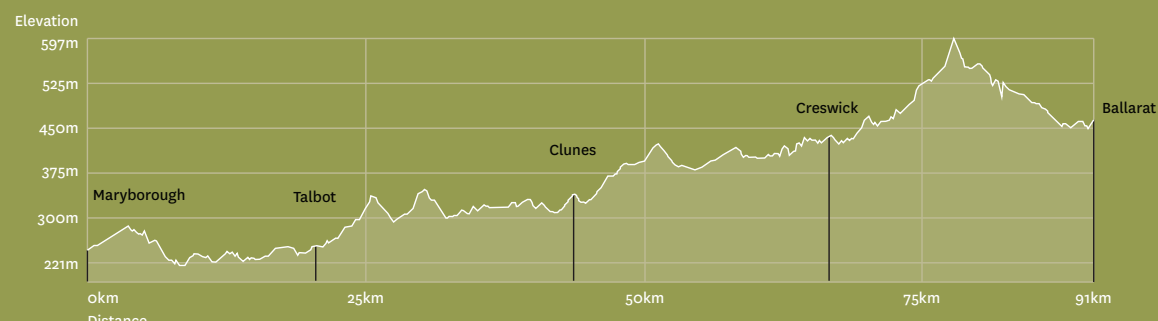
Please follow these markers along the trail

Scale: 0 1 2 3 4 5 kilometres

### Elevation Profile

Min Elevation 221m

Max Elevation 597m



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