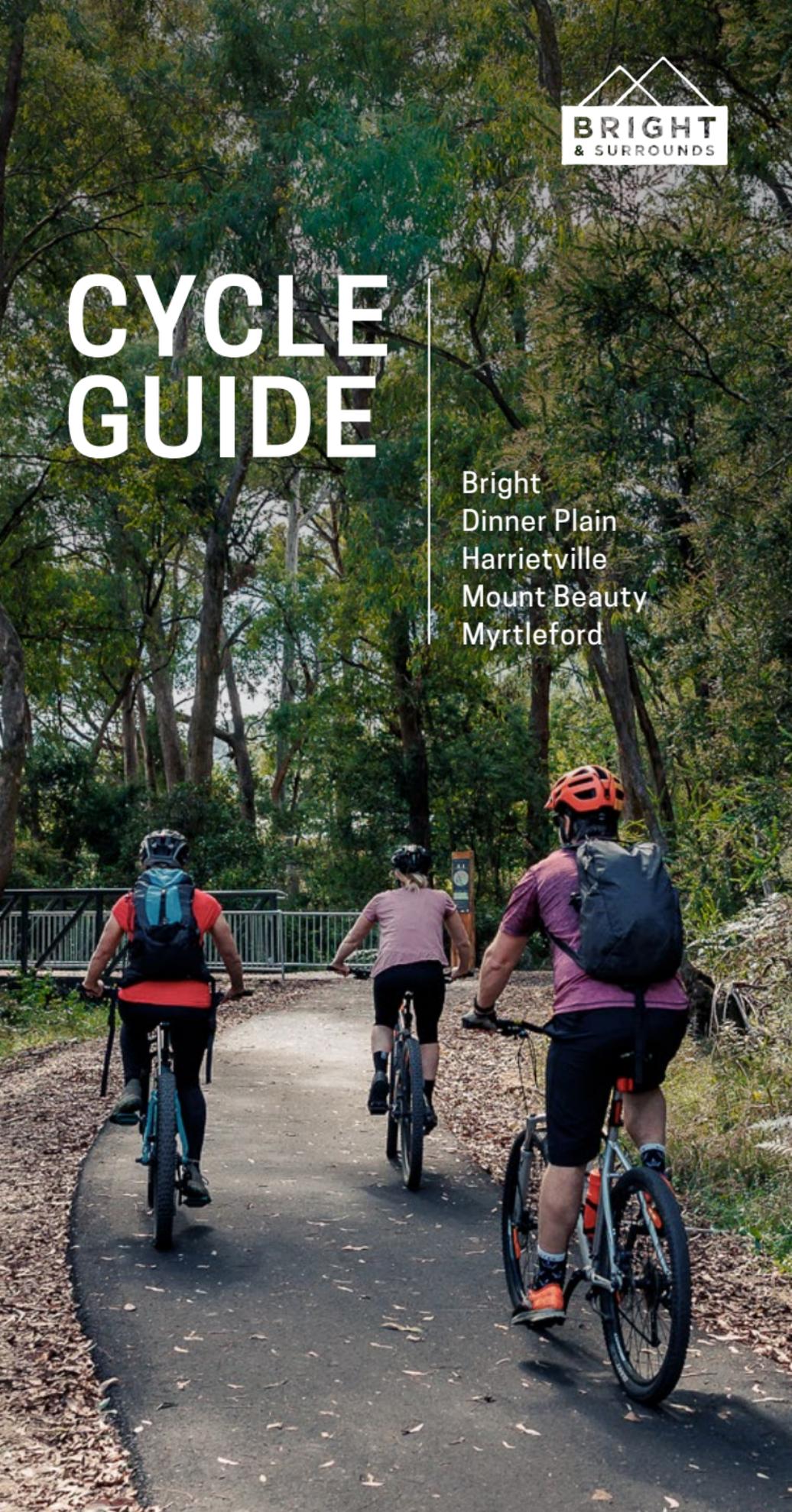


CYCLE GUIDE

Bright
Dinner Plain
Harrietville
Mount Beauty
Myrtleford



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We acknowledge the Dhudhuroa, Gunaikurnai, Jaithmathang, Taungurung, and Waywurru peoples as the First Nations peoples on whose Countries we find Bright & Surrounds.

We recognise their ancient and continuing presence as Traditional Custodians of the mountains, valleys, waters and sky of this beautiful region and their sacred roles as knowledge holders and caretakers of Country.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

↖ Mount Buffalo Gorge

WELCOME

TO ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE CYCLING DESTINATIONS

Cycling is part of life in Bright & Surrounds – we live and breathe it – and our trails cater to every ability and style. From dreamy pedals on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail to gnarly mountain bike descents, gravel adventures or epic mountain road cycling climbs, we know you'll be back for more. Here are some of our favourite ride experiences.

1. MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL POREPUNKAH TO HAPPY VALLEY

This 19 km stretch of the iconic 120 km Murray to Mountains Rail Trail is a favourite for its cellar doors, farm gates and gardens. **Page 11**

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A scenic 27 km ride along a purpose-built bike path with views of Mount Feathertop and the Ovens River. **Page 14**

3. MYSTIC PARK BRIGHT

One of Australia's favourite mountain bike parks offering awesome shredding for every age, style and ability. **Page 36**



4. MOUNT BUFFALO ROAD CYCLING CLIMB MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

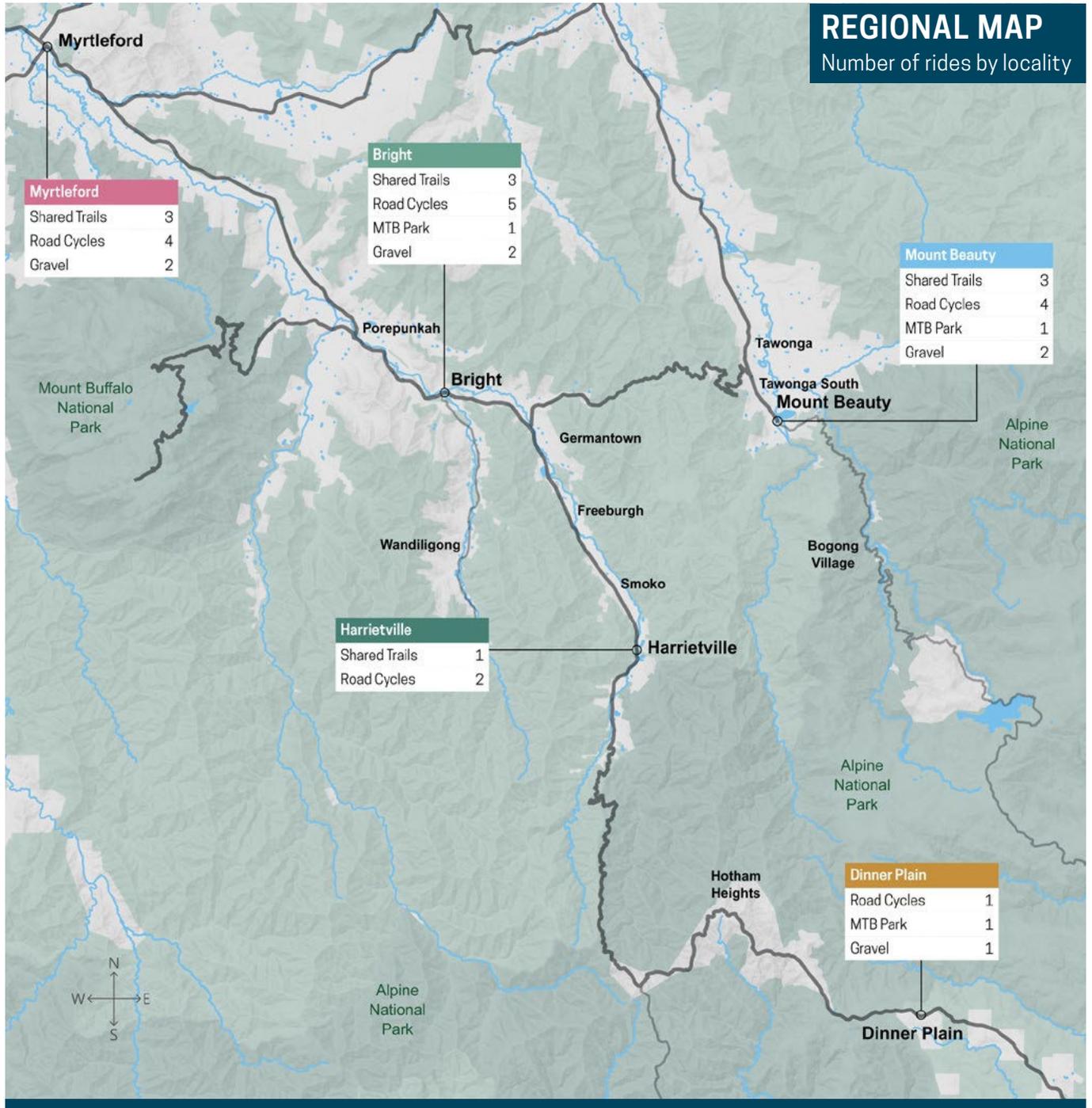
Test your limits on the most popular of all the 7 Peaks challenges, famed for its relentless gradient and beautiful scenery. **Page 32**

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A fun family-friendly BMX track next to the skate park that will entertain riders of all ages and abilities. **Page 41**

6. BRABRALUNG TRAIL GRAVEL GRIND DINNER PLAIN TO MOUNT HOTHAM

Traverse a section of the beautiful Alpine National Park along an ancient mountain route. **Page 46**



BEFORE YOU RIDE

SAFETY

- All cyclists must wear a helmet while riding – it's the law.
- Always stop at road crossings and give way to vehicle traffic.
- Young or inexperienced cyclists should dismount when crossing a road.
- Secure mobile phones in a bike-mounted holder or store away. By law, phones can't be held in your hand while cycling.
- Be seen. Use lights at the front and rear of your bike when riding on roads. Wearing bright and reflective clothing improves safety for all.
- Carry drinking water and snacks.
- Ride within your ability.
- Carry a bike repair kit and first aid kit.
- Observe all signage and regulations.
- Download the Emergency Plus App. In an emergency, use this app to call 000 and it will inform them of your precise location. Emergency Markers are also located at every 1 km along the rail trail and at intervals at Mystic Park.
- Tell someone where you are going. Phone reception cannot be relied upon when away from town centres.
- Carry identification.

WEATHER

- All rides in this guide that fall above the snowline should only be ridden between November and May.
- Road cyclists riding in alpine areas must be aware that visibility on the roads can be very poor and unsafe on cloudy days.
- Weather conditions change rapidly in alpine areas and bushfires, snowstorms and floods can occur at any time. Always check the latest weather information before heading out.
- When riding in remote areas, download a copy of the VicEmergency App and set it to monitor the area you will be in to receive warnings for your location.
- Never light a fire on a Total Fire Ban day. See cfa.vic.gov.au for daily fire danger updates.

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Never litter. If there is no bin, you must take your rubbish with you. Our region is home to several endangered species, such as platypus, for which litter can cause death, injury or serious illness.
- Keep to the track to avoid cutting new paths alongside the trail.
- Do not remove or damage native plants.
- Do not feed or interfere with wildlife.
- If toilet facilities aren't available in a remote bushland area, please bury toilet waste in a hole at least 15 cm deep and 100 m from a waterway.



↑ Great Valley Trail

RAIL TRAILS & BIKE PATHS

No traffic,
no worries!

We're part of a scenic bike path network that connects over 150 km of safe shared paths. Pedal to farm gates and cellar doors, alongside rivers, past open farmland or through native bush on one of the following suggested rides.

ETIQUETTE

The rail trails and shared paths in the Ovens and Kiewa Valleys are popular trails used by both walkers and cyclists. To ensure your enjoyment and the enjoyment of others, please share the trail and be courteous to all; respect the natural environment and be considerate of residents that live nearby.

Thank you and enjoy!

 Keep left and allow others to pass on your right.

 Do not obstruct the trail. Move off to the side when you stop to let others pass safely.

 When overtaking, alert others to your presence by ringing your bell or calling out "passing on your right".

 Reduce speed when overtaking.

 Observe all signage and warnings.



MORE CYCLING TIPS

Watch our cycling videos online for more cycling etiquette and safety tips.

MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL

The Murray to Mountains is one of Australia's premier rail trails, linking Bright to Wangaratta and Beechworth along 120 km of sealed path.

The section within Bright & Surrounds stretches 43 km from Bright to Gapsted and passes iconic farmscapes, bushland, cellar doors, farm gates, pubs and breweries as well as our beautiful towns and villages. Here's a breakdown.

BRIGHT TO WANDILIGONG

Distance: 5.5 km one-way
Start: Railway Avenue, Bright
Finish: Alpine Park, Wandiligong

Grade: Easy. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

This scenic ride makes for a great family day out. It explores idyllic farmland, pine forest and natural bush before finishing alongside Morses Creek at Alpine Park.

BRIGHT TO POREPUNKAH

Distance: 6 km one-way
Start: Railway Avenue, Bright
Finish: Riverside Park, Porepunkah

Grade: Easy. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

Ride beneath a canopy of trees and over a wide section of the Ovens River on your way to the village of Porepunkah, with its popular cafes and pub.

POREPUNKAH TO HAPPY VALLEY

Distance: 19 km one-way
Start: Riverside Park, Porepunkah
Finish: Happy Valley Hotel, Ovens

Grade: Intermediate. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

Cycle past Ringer Reef Winery, Feathertop Winery (by appointment), Buffalo Berry Farm, the old Eurobin Railway Station, and the Pepo Farms farm gate store before finishing at Happy Valley Hotel.

HAPPY VALLEY TO MYRTLEFORD

Distance: 5 km one-way
Start: Happy Valley Hotel, Ovens
Finish: Standish Street, Myrtleford

Grade: Easy. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

This short section, with its views of Mount Buffalo, takes you past farmland and the Reform Hill lookout walk at Jones Park before finishing among the cafes, brewery, boutique stores and mosaics of Myrtleford.

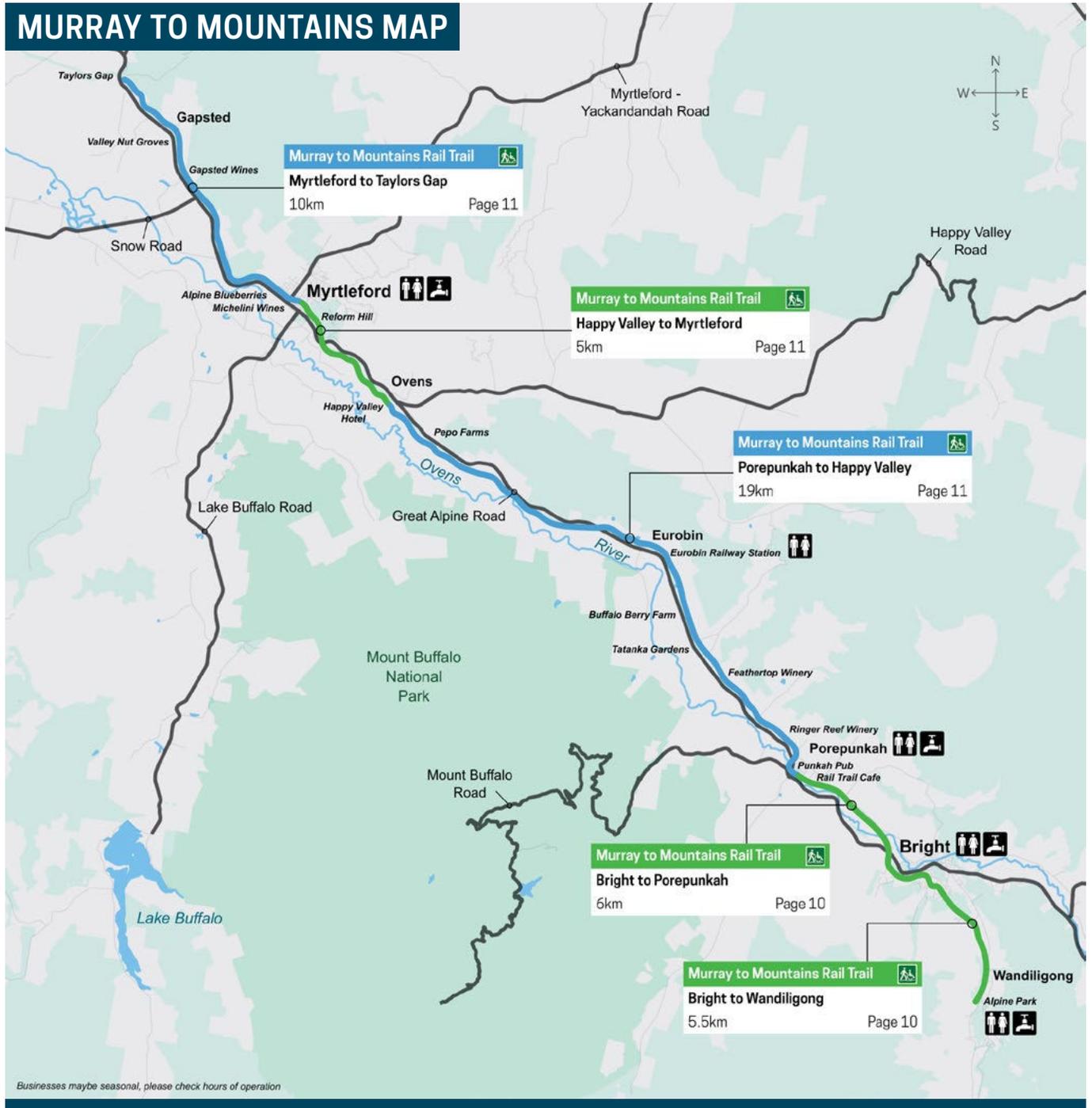
MYRTLEFORD TO TAYLORS GAP

Distance: 10 km one-way
Start: Standish Street, Myrtleford
Finish: Taylors Gap, Gapsted

Grade: Intermediate. Sealed path with some hills.

Ride past Micheline Wines and Alpine Blueberries as you leave Myrtleford, travelling through scenic bushland as you climb toward Valley Nut Groves, Gapsted Estate and the final pinch to Taylors Gap.

MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS MAP



Businesses maybe seasonal, please check hours of operation

GREAT VALLEY TRAIL

Escape the crowds and take a trip to Harrietteville along the beautiful Great Valley Trail. This 27 km sealed shared-path weaves through natural bush as it travels alongside the Ovens River, past fishing and picnic spots and views of Mount Feathertop.

BRIGHT TO FREEBURGH

Distance: 10 km one-way

Start: Lions Reserve, Camp Street, Bright

Finish: Discovery Park – Bright, Freeburgh

Grade: Easy. Sealed path with undulations and some road crossings.

Ride alongside pine forest then weave through bushland and remnant gold mining sites along the Ovens River. Finish in Freeburgh, where you can find the coffee shack open weekend and holiday mornings inside the caravan park.

FREEBURGH TO SMOKO

Distance: 8 km one-way

Start: Discovery Park – Bright, Freeburgh

Finish: Smoko Campground

Grade: Easy. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

This section of trail has fantastic views of Mount Feathertop before passing through pine plantation and natural bushland as it enters the Smoko Streamside Reserve, where you'll find camping, fishing and a pit toilet.

SMOKO TO HARRIETVILLE

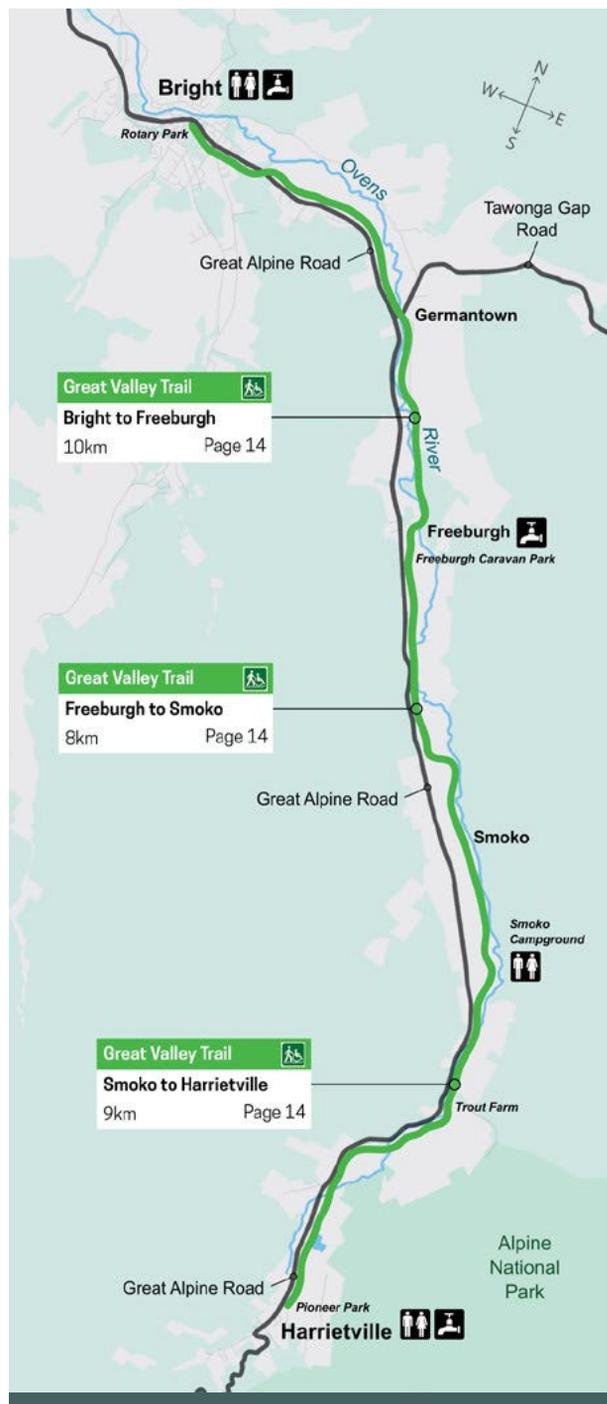
Distance: 9 km one-way

Start: Smoko Campground

Finish: Pioneer Park, Harrietteville

Grade: Easy. Sealed, mostly flat path with gentle undulations.

Leaving Smoko, travel through bushland out into open farmscape and then back along the Ovens River, passing the Mountain Fresh Trout and Salmon Farm on your way to Harrietteville's cafes and pubs.





THE MOSAIC TRAIL

MYRTLEFORD

There are well over 100 mosaics to discover along the Mosaic Trail. To find them, you'll need to take things slow. This experience is all about stopping to notice the little things, looking in forgotten places and enjoying nature. Ride too fast and you'll miss them!

Distance: 6 km loop

Grade: Easy. Flat, sealed path with some ramps, bridges and road crossings.

Start at Rotary Park and take the Ovens River Trail over the footbridge and south along the river to Apex Park. At Buffalo River Road, turn left onto the bike path and follow it to Lewis Avenue. Stay on Lewis Avenue until you reach the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail on Elgin Street. Ride the rail trail northwest for about 1.7 km then cross back to Rotary Park.



THE PONDAGE TRAIL

MOUNT BEAUTY

An easy and enjoyable ride that circles the lake with wide open views of Victoria's tallest mountain – the 1,986 m high Mount Bogong. A great family ride with picnic tables, BBQ facilities, BMX track and a playground at Bicentennial Park.

Distance: 3 km loop

Grade: Easy. Flat, sealed path with no road crossings.

Start at the car park at Bicentennial Park on Boat Ramp Road, Mount Beauty. You'll find the trail down by the water's edge. It can be ridden in either direction, with excellent views all the way around. This flat sealed path loops around the lake back to Bicentennial Park.





KIEWA RIVER TRAIL

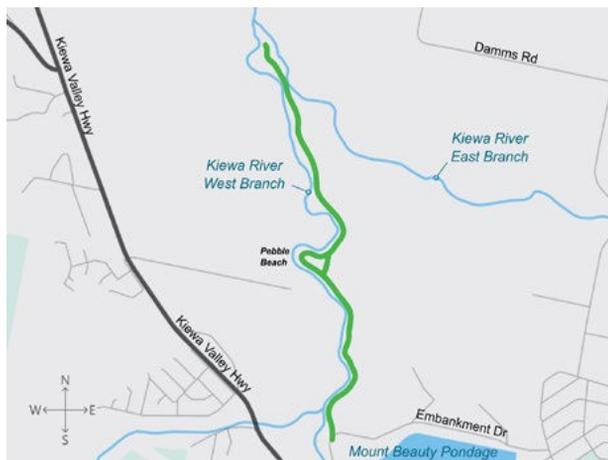
MOUNT BEAUTY

Explore the idyllic west branch of the Kiewa River along this flat, sealed shared-path that runs north toward the confluence with the river's east branch. Stop for a swim at Pebble Beach or go fishing for trout along the riverbank.

Distance: 4.2 km return

Grade: Easy. Flat, sealed path with no road crossings.

Start at the northwest corner of Embankment Drive, Mount Beauty and follow the path north alongside the west branch of the Kiewa River. At the halfway mark, a side loop leads to Pebble Beach, which is a nice place for a swim in summer. Continue to the end then return the same way.



MOUNT BEAUTY TO TAWONGA TRAIL

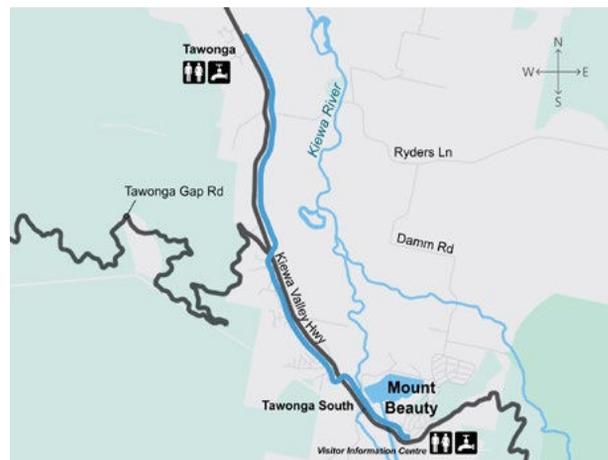
MOUNT BEAUTY TO TAWONGA

Ride between Mount Beauty, Tawonga South and Tawonga, passing the Mount Bogong Lookout with its fantastic views of Mount Bogong and the Kiewa Valley, while enjoying the off-road safety of the trail.

Distance: 14 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Undulating, sealed path with a short climb and some road crossings.

Start at the Visitor Information Centre on the Kiewa Valley Highway and take the bike path northward. The path passes numerous stores and some places to eat in Tawonga South before travelling past the Mount Bogong Lookout on the way to Tawonga, where you can grab a coffee at the Old Tawonga Store. Return the same way.



ROAD CYCLING

Just pedal.

↪ Great Valley Trail

Epic mountain climbs, rewarding descents, valley sprints and not a traffic light in sight. Out here, you've got the freedom to just pedal. And then there's the coffee...

ETIQUETTE

The roads are much safer for everyone when all users show respect. As cyclists, please do your part in sharing the road and observe the following cycling etiquette. Thank you and enjoy!



Follow the Victorian Road Rules.



Always wear a helmet.



Use hand signals to indicate when turning, stopping or changing lanes.



Give way at intersections, pedestrian crossings and road works as you would driving a vehicle.



Keep to the left side of the road.



Stay within 1.5 m of each other when riding two abreast. In some circumstances on narrow, windy alpine roads, it is polite for small groups to ride single file to allow vehicles to pass safely.



Ride within your ability.
Be alert and don't ride fatigued.



Be seen. Use front and rear bicycle lights. Wearing bright and reflective clothing improves safety for all.



Carry identification.



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LAKE BUFFALO

MYRTLEFORD TO BUFFALO RIVER

Ride between the western slopes of Mount Buffalo and the Buffalo River as you travel through beautiful countryside to a tranquil lake.

Distance: 44 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Undulating route with no major climbs.

Start at Jubilee Park on Myrtle Street, Myrtleford, where you'll find water and amenities. Turn left onto nearby Buffalo River Road and follow the road to Lake Buffalo. There are picnic tables and amenities by the lake down Yarrabula Creek Road. Return the same way.



STANLEY LOOP

MYRTLEFORD, STANLEY AND BEECHWORTH

A rewarding ride with some challenging climbs to test the legs as you ride from Myrtleford to the towns of Stanley and Beechworth and back.

Distance: 58 km loop

Grade: Difficult. Long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start at Jubilee Park on Myrtle Street, Myrtleford and head northwest for 700 m. Turn right onto Prince Street/ Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road. Follow for 10 km then turn left onto Myrtleford-Stanley Road. At Stanley, take Stanley Road to Beechworth. Turn right onto Albert Road, then a quick left onto Kerferd Rd/Buckland Gap Road. Continue to the Great Alpine Road and turn left to return to Myrtleford via Gapsted.



DEDERANG LOOP

MYRTLEFORD TO ROSEWHITE AND DEDERANG

A day tour through parts of the Kiewa, Happy and Ovens Valleys and past Dederang Hotel, Homestead Estate, Eagle Range Estate and Happy Valley Hotel.

Distance: 84 km loop

Grade: Difficult. A long undulating ride with moderate climbs and descents.

Start at Jubilee Park and ride southeast along the Great Alpine Road for 5 km. Turn left onto Happy Valley Road. Follow it for just under 34 km, then turn left onto the Kiewa Valley Highway and ride north for almost 12 km. Turn left at Dederang Road. After 8 km, turn left onto Tunnel Gap Road. Turn left onto Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road to return to Myrtleford.



HAPPY VALLEY LOOP

MYRTLEFORD TO MUDGEGONGA AND ROSEWHITE

One of those rides that has it all: Mount Buffalo views, great roads, a nice moderate climb, fun descent, and coffee in Myrtleford.

Distance: 36 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Moderate climb and descent.

Start at Jubilee Park on Myrtle Street and ride northwest along the Great Alpine Road for 700 m. Turn right onto Prince Street/ Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road and follow for 14 km. Turn right onto Carrolls Road and climb for 5 km before reaching the descent. At the end, turn right onto Happy Valley Road and follow for 5 km, then turn right onto Great Alpine Road to return to Myrtleford.



BUCKLAND VALLEY

BRIGHT TO BUCKLAND

A scenic ride through vineyards and apple orchards set to a stunning backdrop of Mount Buffalo.

Distance: 38 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Undulating route with no steep climbs.

Start on Gavan Street/Great Alpine Road, Bright, and ride towards Porepunkah. Turn left onto Buckland Valley Road at the roundabout and ride to the end of the sealed road. Return the same way. Beginner riders can attempt a shorter 24 km version of this ride by starting in Porepunkah.



TAWONGA GAP

BRIGHT TO MOUNT BEAUTY

A great climbing route with views of Mount Bogong and the option to stop for coffee in Mount Beauty before the return climb.

Distance: 60 km return

Grade: Difficult. Steep climbs and fast descents.

Start on Gavan Street and ride southwest along the Great Alpine Road for 5 km and turn left onto Tawonga Gap Road. Over the next 14 km you'll climb 537 m to the top of the gap before descending into the Kiewa Valley. At the end of the descent, turn right onto Kiewa Valley Highway. Turn around in Mount Beauty and return the same way, tackling the gap from the other side. Fit intermediate riders may like to ride a shorter 38 km route by turning around at Tawonga Gap Lookout.



WANDILIGONG OUT AND BACK

BRIGHT TO WANDILIGONG

A short but scenic ride through the heritage-listed landscape of Wandiligong.

Distance: 14 km return

Grade: Easy. Short hill sections and no highways.

Start near the clock tower in the centre of Bright and ride south along Ireland Street to the roundabout. Turn left onto Cobden Street. Follow it around the bend, then turn left onto Coronation Avenue. The road becomes Morses Creek Road just past Pioneer Park. Continue to the end of the sealed road then return the same way. For a casual ride, Nightingale Bros. Apple Orchard farm gate store is a nice spot to stop for coffee and enjoy the scenery.



HARRIETVILLE OUT AND BACK

BRIGHT TO HARRIETVILLE

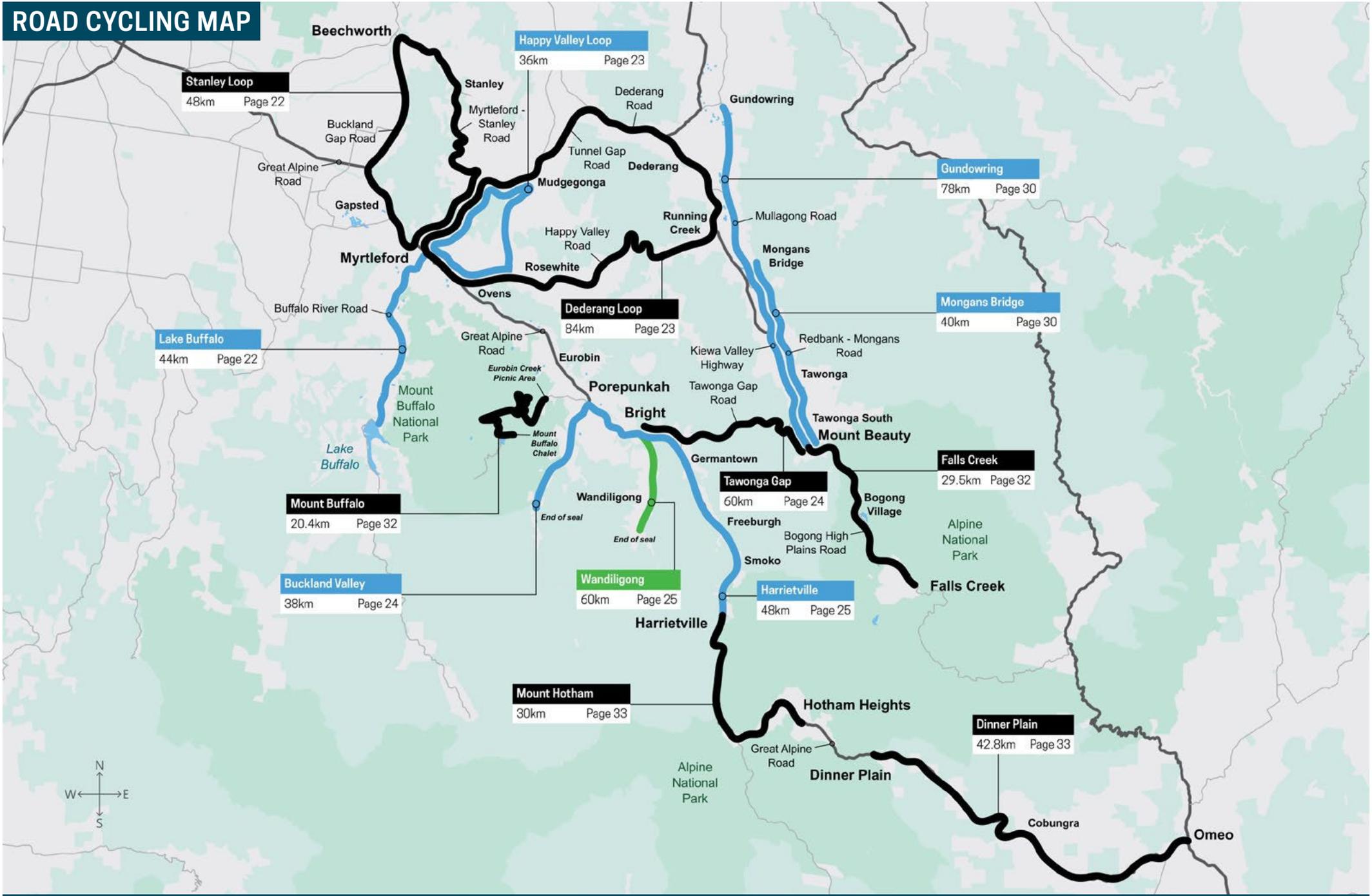
A pleasant valley sprint to historic Harrietville with views of Mount Feathertop and the surrounding ranges.

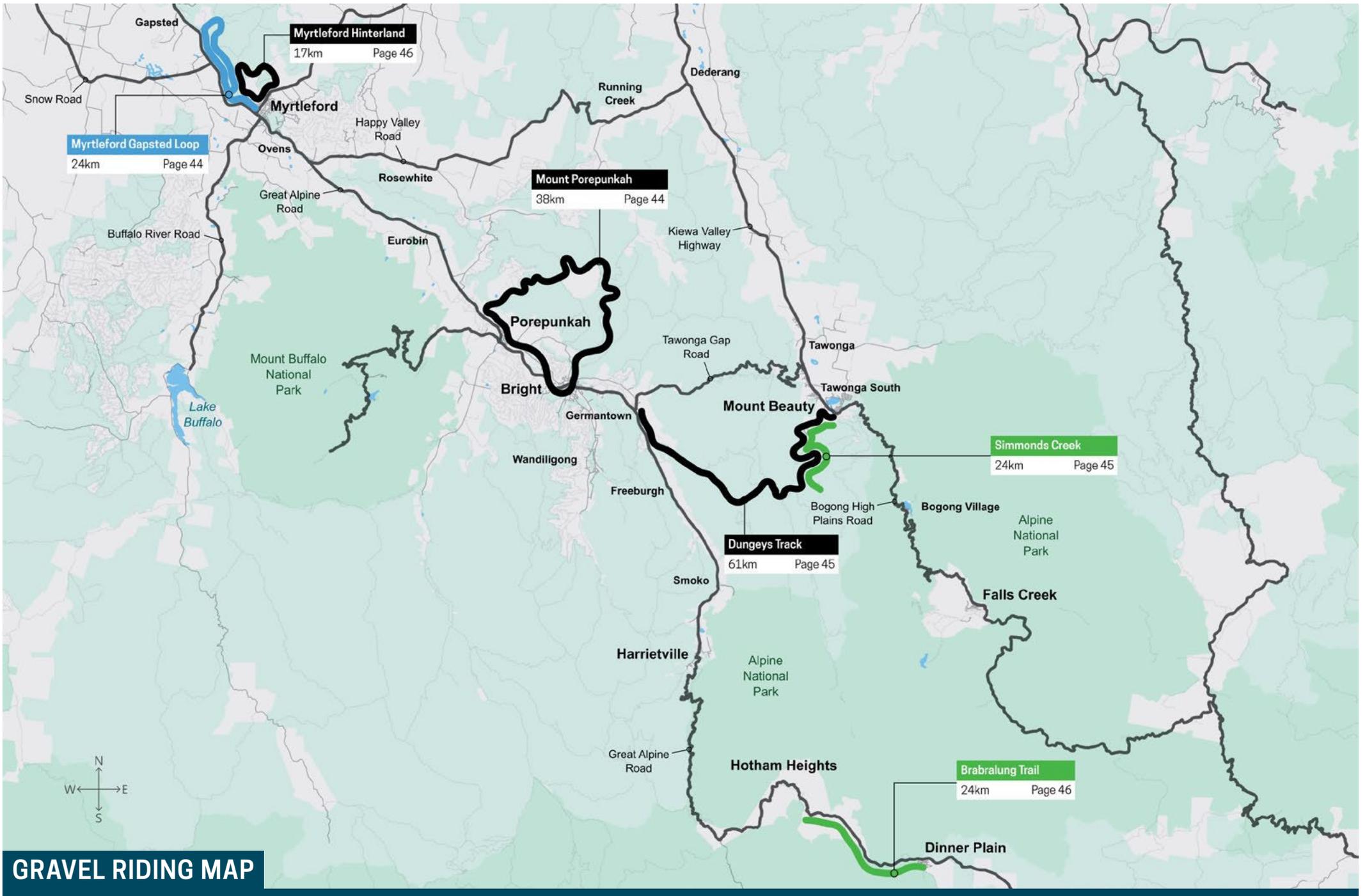
Distance: 48 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Moderate climbing.

Start on Gavan Street, Bright and head toward Harrietville on the Great Alpine Road. It's a gentle climb along the main road toward Harrietville, with one short, steeper climb at Germantown that tops out at a lookout with views of Mount Feathertop. Turn around in Harrietville or stop for a coffee. Return the same way and enjoy the slight drop in elevation as you ride back to Bright.

ROAD CYCLING MAP





GRAVEL RIDING MAP



GUNDOWRING OUT AND BACK

MOUNT BEAUTY TO GUNDOWRING

Cruise through the bucolic Kiewa Valley as you follow the pristine Kiewa River downstream to its lower reaches and back.

Distance: 78 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Undulating with increasing elevation on return.

Start in Mount Beauty's town centre and turn right at the roundabout to head north along the Kiewa Valley Highway. After almost 13 km, turn right onto Redbank-Mongans Road. Continue to Mongans Bridge, where the road changes name to Mullagong Road and then again to Gundowring Road as you near Gundowring. Turn around at Arundel Lane, Gundowring and return the same way.



MONGANS BRIDGE OUT AND BACK

MOUNT BEAUTY TO MONGANS BRIDGE

A beautiful ride up the eastern side of the Kiewa Valley and alongside the Kiewa River.

Distance: 40 km return

Grade: Intermediate. Undulating route with increasing elevation on return. Some highway riding.

Start in Mount Beauty's town centre and turn right at the roundabout to head north along the Kiewa Valley Highway. After almost 13 km, leave the highway and turn right onto Redbank-Mongans Road. It's a pleasant ride through farmland as you continue to Mongans Bridge. Turn around at the caravan park and return the same way.

RIDE THE 7 PEAKS

Test your limits with more than 7,000 m of climbing over seven mountain ascents on Australia's most awe-inspiring and scenic cycling challenge. Tackle the 7 Peaks – Mount Buffalo, Mount Hotham, Falls Creek, Dinner Plain, Mount Buller and Mount Baw Baw – in your own time and at your own pace as you attempt to ascend some of the highest roads in the country.

7 Peaks season runs between October and May, with snow blanketing the higher elevation of these alpine roads during the cooler months. The climbs are generally along narrow and winding roads which are most pleasant to ride in the early morning before vehicle traffic increases. The challenge makes the perfect preparation for the annual Alpine Classic or Peaks Challenge road cycling events (see Page 51).

Bright & Surrounds is home to four of the 7 Peaks. Here's what you need to know.



↑ Mount Buffalo



MOUNT BUFFALO

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

The most popular of all the 7 Peaks, Mount Buffalo tests your stamina with an unrelenting climb of 5% for the entire distance.

Distance: 20.4 km

◆ **Grade:** Difficult. Long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start: Eurobin Creek Picnic Area

Route: Mount Buffalo Road

Finish: The Gorge Day Visitor Area

Elevation gain: 1,015 m

Average grade: 5%

Maximum grade: 11%



FALLS CREEK

MOUNT BEAUTY TO FALLS CREEK

Weave your way up through lush tree ferns and a towering alpine ash forest on a ride that becomes steeper the higher you climb.

Distance: 29.5 km

◆ **Grade:** Difficult. Long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start: Mount Beauty Town Centre

Route: Bogong High Plains Road

Finish: Falls Creek village entrance

Elevation gain: 1,129 m

Average grade: 4%

Maximum grade: 10%



MOUNT HOTHAM

HARRIETVILLE TO MOUNT HOTHAM

The most spectacular and highest of all the climbs, the Mount Hotham ascent should be top of everyone's bucket list.

Distance: 30 km

◆ **Grade:** Difficult. Long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start: Harrietville Bakery

Route: Great Alpine Road

Finish: Mount Hotham village entrance

Elevation gain: 1,321 m

Average grade: 4%

Maximum grade: 18%



DINNER PLAIN

OMELO TO DINNER PLAIN

Don't underestimate this climb. While the 2% average grade might appear easy, at almost 43 km, the climb is long and merciless.

Distance: 42.8 km

◆ **Grade:** Difficult. Long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start: Car Park, Day Ave, Omeo

Route: Great Alpine Road

Finish: Dinner Plain Alpine Village

Elevation gain: 943 m

Average grade: 2%

Maximum grade: 11%

MOUNTAIN BIKE PARKS

Your ride,
your style.

↳ Dinner Plain Mountain Bike Park

From beginners to expert, whether it's cross country, flow, BMX or downhill, it won't take long to figure out why Bright & Surrounds is a magnet for Australia's best mountain bikers.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Warning: Mountain biking involves the risk of serious injury or death. Your knowledge, decisions and actions contribute to your safety and that of others.

1. RIDE OPEN TRAILS ONLY

Never enter a trail that has been closed.

2. PROTECT YOURSELF

Always wear a helmet and suitable protective equipment.

3. CONTROL YOUR BIKE

You are responsible for avoiding objects and people.

4. KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Ride within your ability.

5. INSPECT TRAILS

Conditions change. Check trails and features before you ride them.

6. BE KIND TO THE TRAIL

Ride it, don't slide it. And don't cut new lines.

7. BE VISIBLE

Never stop where you obstruct a trail, feature, or where you can't be seen.

8. LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS

Give way to vehicles. Call out to warn riders when approaching to overtake.

9. LEAVE NO TRACE

Protect our forests and waterways by taking rubbish with you.

10. RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS

Be polite to neighbouring residents and other users.



MYSTIC PARK, BRIGHT

The region's largest bike park presides over the town of Bright with a vertical drop of about 500 m that caters to all styles and abilities.

Mystic's diverse trail network is suited to everyone from beginner to expert. Located within riding distance of the town centre, most trails are conveniently accessed within the lower reaches of the park. A shuttle service is available and provides easy access to the advanced trails at the summit.

Open: All seasons

Trailhead: Coronation Avenue, Bright

Trails: Flow, downhill, XC, pump track, jumps

Cost to ride: Starts from \$15 per day

Entry: Riders must sign-in via the QR code upon entry

Shuttles: Available (Extra fee applies. Booking recommended.)

Toilets: Pioneer Park and Mystic Flight Park

More info: mysticpark.org.au



PURCHASE YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

Scan the QR code for all the information to ride in Mystic Park.

BIG HILL MTB PARK, MOUNT BEAUTY

The steep and technical trails of Big Hill are adored by those who love rugged downhill and classic hand-built singletrack.

As one of the first mountain bike parks in Australia, Big Hill has a grassroots authenticity that can't be replicated. The trails are passionately built and cared for by volunteers at the Team Mount Beauty bike club, which has developed a range of trails to suit all abilities from beginner to expert. The trails are free to ride and donations to the club for maintenance are welcome.

Open: All seasons

Trailhead: Bogong High Plains Road, Mount Beauty

Trails: Classic hand-built downhill, XC

More info: tmb.org.au



TIPS

Drinking water, toilets, showers, change rooms and a picnic shelter are all available at the Big Hill trailhead next to the car park on Bogong High Plains Road.



FALLS CREEK MTB PARK

Set high in the stunning Australian Alps, Falls Creek offers over 40 km of true alpine mountain biking.

Catering to all abilities, the network provides a great selection of cross-country and flow trails, with some technical downhill rides starting from the summit. A great escape on a hot day, Falls Creek is free to ride and entry to Falls Creek Alpine Resort is free outside of the snow season. This park is closed during the snow season when the chair lifts start cranking.

Open: November to May

Trailhead: Bogong High Plains Road, Falls Creek

Trails: Flow, downhill, XC

Shuttles: Weekends and holidays

More info: fallscreek.com.au

DINNER PLAIN MTB PARK

A small but fun-packed bike park with a range of professionally built flow trails that carve through a beautiful alpine snow gum forest.

The trail network predominantly caters to intermediate riders, although there are plenty of rides to keep the whole family entertained with some beginner and advanced trails as well as a large shared-trail network. The park is cleverly designed to finish near a short and easy climbing trail to get you back to the start. The trails are closed during the snow season.

Open: November to May

North Trailhead: End of Scrubbers End Road

South Trailhead: Near Geebung Road

Trails: Flow and XC with climbing trail

More info: visitdinnerplain.com.au

TIPS

Drinking water and toilets are available inside the Falls Creek Resort Management building near the Slalom Trailhead and shuttle area on Bogong High Plains Road.

TIPS

Drinking water and toilets are at Scrubbers End car park near the North Trailhead or at DP Hut near the village entrance. Bikes can be hired from DP Riders via The Stables @ DP on Big Muster Drive.

JUMPS & PUMP TRACKS

For some seriously good fun, check out the pump tracks and jump tracks of Bright & Surrounds.

BRIGHT JUMPS TRACK

MYSTIC TRAILHEAD,
CORONATION
AVENUE, BRIGHT

A 100 m dirt jumps track with A, B and C lines.

BRIGHT PUMP TRACK

MYSTIC TRAILHEAD,
CORONATION
AVENUE, BRIGHT

A true dirt pump track with dual lanes for racing.

MOUNT BEAUTY PUMP TRACK

RESERVE DRIVE,
MOUNT BEAUTY

An awesome sealed pump track near the Skate Park.

↑ Mount Beauty Pump Track

GRAVEL & ADVENTURE

Gravel – we've got miles of it!

Forest roads that lead to alpine tracks, that scale exposed mountain ranges, that descend into river valleys and lead you back to the comforts of town.

ETIQUETTE & SAFETY



Always carry a topographical map into bushland areas.



Plan and research your ride before you set off and be sure to check the weather, which changes dramatically in alpine areas.



Leave no trace. Carry out what you carry in and stay on formed roads and paths.



Always obey signage, don't trespass and never enter a closed road or site.



Ride within your ability. Many gravel roads in the High Country are remote and require strong fitness to complete. They may involve pushing or carrying your bike and fording waterways.



Ensure you are adequately prepared and self-sufficient. Always carry food, water, warm clothing, a bike repair kit and first aid essentials.



Avoid riding alone in remote areas. Phone reception is scarce. Ensure you have told someone of your plans and that you have a means of communication in the event of an emergency, such as satellite services or an emergency beacon.



If toilet facilities aren't available, please bury toilet waste in a hole at least 15 cm deep and 100 m from a waterway.



EXPERT TIP

Match your tyres to your ride. Many of our gravel tracks climb high into the mountains and have long, steep, fast and winding descents on rocky and loose surfaces. These rides are safer and more enjoyable when using the fatter tyres of a mountain bike compared with the typical 25 mm tyres of a gravel bike.



GAPSTED LOOP

MYRTLEFORD & GAPSTED

Explore the bush-clad hills of the State Forest between Gapsted and Myrtleford.

Distance: 24 km

Grade: Intermediate. Gravel road with some rough sections. Short steep sections in parts.

Start at on Standish Street, Myrtleford, where the Murray to Mountains Rail Trails crosses (near the entry to the Standish Street service road). Follow the sealed Murray to Mountains rail trail for 9 km then turn right onto the dirt Stony Creek Road. Climb for 1.9 km, then turn right onto Gapsted Track. Continue along the undulating track for 7.5 km, then turn right onto West End Track. After 500 m, take the right fork onto SEC Track for a steep descent to the Old Ovens Highway. Turn left and follow the old dirt highway south for 2.2 km. Rejoin the rail trail to return to town.



MOUNT POREPUNKAH

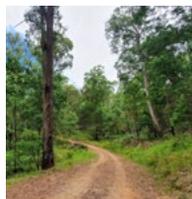
BRIGHT & POREPUNKAH

A beautiful climb gaining 926 m in elevation to reach fabulous views.

Distance: 38 km loop

Grade: Difficult. Good gravel roads with a long, steep climb and fast descent.

Start on Gavan Street and ride northwest along Star Road. Turn right onto Toorak Road for 350 m, then left onto Mount Porepunkah Road. The road turns to gravel at Quinn's Gap. At 15.4 km from the start of Mount Porepunkah Road, a turnoff to your left completes the last 1 km to the summit. Take in the views, then turn around, turning left onto Mount Porepunkah Road. The road joins Sinclair Track, then turns to One Mile Creek Road just before exiting onto the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Take the rail trail back to Bright.



DUNGEYS TRACK

GERMANTOWN & MOUNT BEAUTY

Climb over Simmonds Gap with views to Mount Bogong.

Distance: 61 km return

Grade: Difficult. Good gravel roads with rough sections, steep climbs, fast descents and water crossings.

Start at the corner of Tawonga Gap Road and Back Harrierville Road and take the Great Valley Trail south for 2.7 km. Cross the cycle bridge, then exit left onto a short track leading to Snowy Creek Road. Turn right. The road name changes to Dungey Track at the cattle grid. At 1.5 km past the grid, ford the creek. Keep left on Dungey to climb to Simmonds Gap, then turn right. At the next intersection, turn left onto Pyramid Hill Firetrail and descend to its end. Turn left on Simmonds Creek Road and follow it to Kiewa Valley Highway. Turn right and take the bike path into Mount Beauty. Return the same way.



SIMMONDS CREEK

MOUNT BEAUTY

Venture out alongside Simmonds Creek to the west branch of the Kiewa River.

Distance: 24 km return

Grade: Easy. Good gravel road with moderate climbing.

Start in the town centre and take the bike path north alongside the Kiewa Valley Highway for 800 m. Turn left onto Simmonds Creek Road. The road soon turns to gravel as you ride through natural bushland. Cross Simmonds Creek and continue, making sure to keep right on Simmonds Creek Road where it doglegs at an intersection at the 8.1 km mark. Continue south. The road name changes to West Link Track for the final 500 m to the Kiewa River West Branch crossing. Stop here and return the same way.



MYRTLEFORD HINTERLAND

MYRTLEFORD

Get the heart racing on this loop ride around the outskirts of Myrtleford.

Distance: 18 km return

◆ **Grade:** Difficult. Gravel road with some rough sections. Short steep technical sections.

Head northeast out of Myrtleford on Standish Street and fork left onto O'Donnell Avenue at the round-a-bout. Keep right to stay on O'Donnell Avenue at the intersection, then fork left onto Brigg's Lane. The road turns to gravel on the climb up Brigg's Lane. At the intersection, turn left onto Christmas Gift Track. Ride 200 m, then fork to your left. Follow the dirt track for 3.1 km before rejoining Christmas Gift Track. Turn left. Continue for 3.5 km then join West End Track. After 1.1 km, exit right onto SEC Track and descend to the Old Ovens Highway. Turn left and ride south for 2.2 km then follow the rail trail into town.



BRABRALUNG TRAIL

DINNER PLAIN & MOUNT HOTHAM

Traverse an ancient path through the Alpine National Park.

Distance: 24 km return

● **Grade:** Easy. Purpose built compact gravel shared path with moderate undulations.

Start near the bus stop at the entrance to Dinner Plain Alpine Village and take the signposted Brabralung Trail north. The gravel pathway runs parallel to the Great Alpine Road through the Alpine National Park, passing through snow gum forests and grassland areas such as JB Plain. The trail ends at The General, Mount Hotham, where food, drinks and amenities are available. Return the same way. Please note, this trail falls above the snowline and is generally rideable between November and May. The trail converts to a groomed cross-country ski trail during the snow season.



CYCLING SERVICES

From bike hire to bike mechanics, cycling gear, MTB skills coaches, bike-friendly accommodation, bike transfers, mountain bike shuttles, cycling tours and more; it's all here in Bright & Surrounds. Drop into one of our Visitor Information Centres to find what you're looking for or search for services at visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au.

BIKE SHOPS AND HIRE

BRIGHT

All Terrain Cycles

105 Gavan Street, Bright
allterraincycles.com.au

Bright Electric Bikes

2 Delany Avenue, Bright
brightelectricbikes.com.au

Cyclepath

74 Gavan Street, Bright
cyclepath.com.au

TAWONGA SOUTH

Rocky Valley Bikes & Snow Sports

226 Kiewa Valley Highway,
Tawonga South
rockyvalley.com.au

MYRTLEFORD

Myrtleford Cycle Centre

59A Clyde Street,
Myrtleford
myrtlefordcycle.com



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RIDE GRADING INFORMATION

RAIL TRAIL

● EASY ■ INTERMEDIATE ◆ DIFFICULT

Sealed paths with few road crossings and mostly flat terrain. Distances up to 15 km. Suitable for beginner riders.

Sealed paths with some road crossings on flat to undulating terrain. Distances up to 40 km.

Sealed paths with road crossings on undulating terrain; may include hills over long distances. Good fitness required.

ROAD CYCLING

● EASY ■ INTERMEDIATE ◆ DIFFICULT

Sealed, low-traffic roads with flat to undulating terrain. Distances up to 40 km. Suitable for beginner cyclists.

Sealed roads and highways. Moderate hills with short steep sections. Distances up to 80 km.

Sealed roads and highways. Likely to include steep mountain climbs over long distances. Strong fitness required.

MTB

● EASY ■ INTERMEDIATE ◆ DIFFICULT

Wide singletrack or fire trails with gentle hills and avoidable obstacles. Suitable for beginner mountain bikers.

Singletrack, may be narrow with variable surface, moderate hills and descents and small obstacles.

Narrow singletrack with variable surface, steep terrain, drops and obstacles. Experienced mountain bikers only.

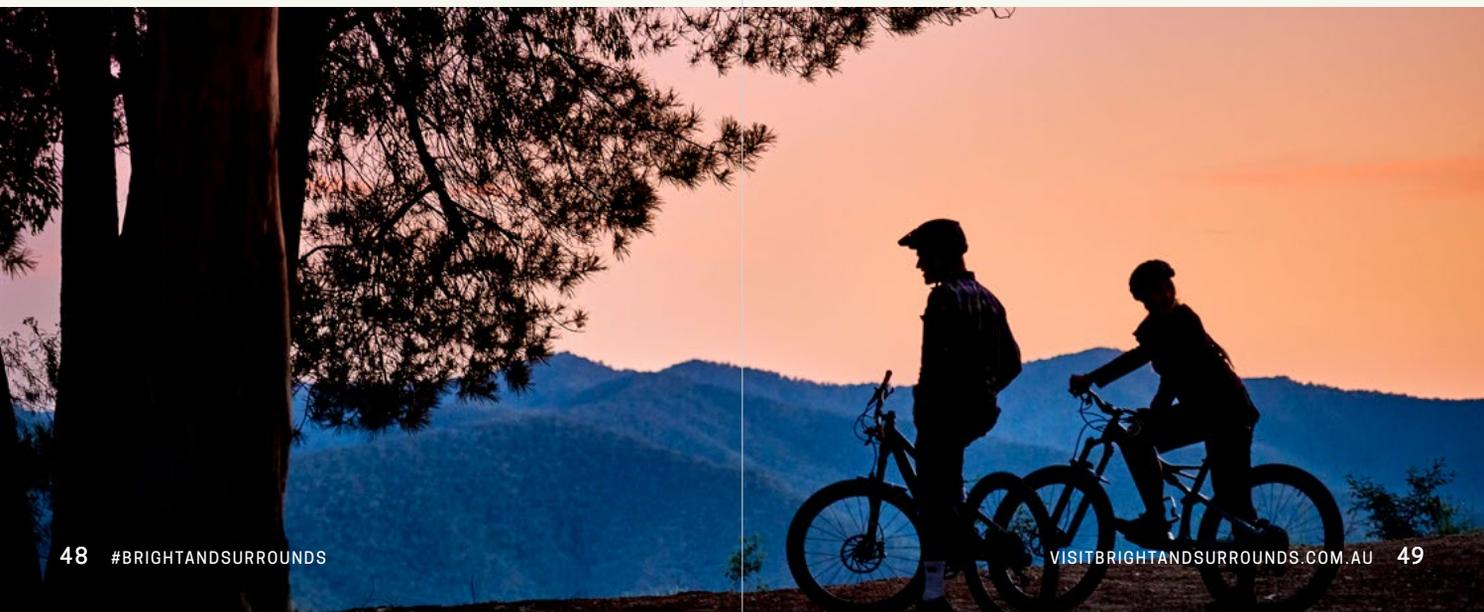
GRAVEL

● EASY ■ INTERMEDIATE ◆ DIFFICULT

Compact gravel roads with gentle hills. Distances up to 30 km. Suitable for beginner gravel and adventure riders.

Gravel roads, may be loose and uneven. Hilly with some steep sections. Distances up to 60 km.

Gravel roads, may be uneven with large loose rocks and obstacles. Steep and mountainous. Strong fitness required.



CYCLING EVENTS

January **VICTORIAN GRAVITY ENDURO**
See the state's best enduro mountain bikers shred the alpine trails of Falls Creek in the first event of the series.

March **PEAKS CHALLENGE**
A 235 km road challenge that loops from Falls Creek over Tawonga Gap, Mount Hotham and back to Falls.

VICTORIAN GRAVITY ENDURO
The action continues as the Gravity Enduro Tour heads to Mystic Park, Bright and Big Hill MTB Park, Mount Beauty.

April **ALPE DE BUFFALO JUNIOR CYCLING TOUR**
A three-day race incorporating criterium, time trial and the gruelling road race on the Mount Buffalo climb.

May **PINEAPPLE EXPRESS**
Just about the craziest MTB festival around. There will be whip-offs, prize money and pineapples on bikes.

December **TOUR OF BRIGHT**
An iconic three-day stage race that is one of the most hotly contested club events on the Victorian Road Series calendar.



← Alpe De Buffalo Junior Cycling Tour



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VICEMERGENCY

For emergency warnings, including bushfires, floods and avalanches, please ensure you have the free VicEmergency app downloaded to your phone and set to monitor the area you're visiting. See emergency.vic.gov.au.

EMERGENCY PLUS

Download the free Emergency Plus app to your phone to assist emergency services in identifying your precise location on a trail. See emergencyplus.com.au. Please note, the app requires mobile phone coverage. When in remote areas, please ensure you have an alternative distress-call option, such as an emergency beacon.

SAFETY CLOSURES

VicRoads, Parks Victoria, DELWP, Alpine Shire Council, the mountain bike parks and their land managers may close roads, trails and sections of forest for safety. Always check their respective websites for updated closure information before heading out and never enter a closed site.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police, Fire, Ambulance:
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SES:
132 500

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical Centres

Bright:
03 5750 1000

Mount Beauty:
03 5754 3400

Myrtleford:
03 5751 9900

HOSPITALS

Bright:
03 5755 0100

Mount Beauty:
03 5754 3500

Myrtleford:
03 5751 9300

INFORMATION

VicRoads road closures:
131 170

VicEmergency Hotline:
1800 226 226

Parks Victoria:
131 963

VISITOR INFORMATION

Maps, guidebooks, gifts and advice are available from the three Visitor Information Centres in Bright & Surrounds.

ALPINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, BRIGHT

119 Gavan Street, Bright
1800 111 885
visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au

MYRTLEFORD VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Great Alpine Road,
Myrtleford
03 5755 0514
visitmyrtlefordvic.com.au

MOUNT BEAUTY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

31 Bogong High Plains Road,
Mount Beauty
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