

GREAT SOUTHERN RIDE

The purpose of this ride experience document is to give the rider an estimation of time, the distance for a return trip.

Ride Five

Leongatha - Koonwarra - Meeniyan - Fish Creek - Hoddle Range lookout - Gurneys - Foster. (Return)

Time: 6.0 hours plus stops
Distance: 110 km

Leongatha

Start your ride from beautiful Horticultural Park, the beginning of the GSRT. Descent down the track past dairy farms & lowland forests

Koonwarra

Cafes for your first coffee stop. Rupert's Giftware Store to look through a fabulously curated selection of homewares, kids' clothes, and something special for yourself or loved ones. The track winds its way through Black Spur and over historic railway bridges. Be awed by the lush fern gullies.

Meeniyan

A lovely community-spirited town. Good coffee and food offerings, interesting shops, Meeniyan Gallery is supported by local artists, and interesting handmade jewelry.

Enjoy lunch at one of the many gourmet cafes. A great suggestion is to buy some fresh rolls and cakes and find a secret place along the GSRT with an amazing vista to enjoy your picnic.

Stony Creek and Buffalo

Continue the ride passing through the historic towns of Stony Creek, taking in the wetlands & Buffalo. Buffalo is a great spot for a stop, the remnants of the old station, and Emporium Shop is worth pausing at admire the detail of the shop frontages

Fish Creek

The Fish Creek Art Deco Pub, great to photograph. The wonderful Alison Lester Shop, the illustrations of Alison's work are beautiful. Our family favorite is Magic Beach. Stroll around this Artisan town with a variety of quirky, interesting shops. The Celia Rosser Art Gallery has beautiful botanical artworks.

Hoddle Range Lookout

The view at Hoddle Range is the jewel of the crown. The spectacular view of Wilsons Prom is simply breathtaking.

Relax at the picnic table and soak in the view. You will meet other cyclists and enjoy conversations with their adventures.

Gurneys Cidery

Head down the trail approx. 3kms. And arrive at the gate of Gurneys Cidery. Enjoy a locally sourced cheese platter and sample the cider tasting paddles.

Foster

A quaint country town, a vista of the windfarms and hills in the distance.
Plenty of cafes to stop at. Recharge before your ride back to Leongatha.

Return to Leongatha