

## Rail Trail - Self Guided East Gippsland

Choose your own dates

Thursday 18 October, 2018 to Thursday 18 October, 2018

This spectacular self-guided tour includes the essentials but has all the flexibility that you need to go at your own pace with your own people.

[Contact us today](#) to check availability for your chosen dates.

Location	Distance	Date	B	L	D	A
Bairnsdale to Bruthen	30km	Day One	--	--	--	Y
Bruthen to Tostaree	37km	Day Two	--	--	Y	Y
Tostaree to Orbost	34km	Day Three	Y	--	--	Y
Orbost	0km	Day Four	Y	--	--	--
Total distance cycled	101km		2	0	1	3
Average daily distance	34km					

Meal and accom inclusions noted as B, L, D, A (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Accommodation)

### **Bairnsdale to Bruthen — 30km — Day One — - - - A**

The ride suits starting after lunch time (or after the 11am train from Melbourne arrives). Riders from ACT or NSW may prefer to drive to Orbost rather than Bairnsdale. If so, you can be picked up from Orbost and driven to Bairnsdale on the morning of the ride, or alternatively start your ride from the Orbost end.

There are several wineries en route to Bruthen and plenty of options to extend the days ride via local signposted tracks in Bruthen. Your luggage will be transferred to your Bruthen accommodation which is at a lovely country cottage, just a stroll away from the local pub which has good meals 7 nights a week, or if you are here on a Friday or Saturday try the local Boutique Brewery for dinner and an excellent beer.

### **Bruthen to Tostaree — 37km — Day Two — - - D A**

Leaving picturesque Bruthen perched above the river, the trail winds up through the Colquhoun State Forest through stands of stringybark, blue gum and casurinas. A huge trestle bridge and old weir are reminders of the trail's original purpose. Nowa Nowa is a great place for lunch - if you have time, explore the walks around the lake and to the gorge, discover art and treasures in unexpected places, before continuing on the trail to spend the night on a farm at Tostaree, originally a staging post for coaches, then a rail stop, now a welcoming home for cyclists. Your luggage will be transferred here while you ride. A roaring log fire accompanies wonderful 2 course home cooked dinner in the 'Tavern' on the farm. Option to extend ride by 20 km cycling Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail side branch, returning to Rail Trail on quiet forest roads.

### **Tostaree to Orbost — 34km — Day Three — B - - A**

Your luggage will be transferred to Orbost as you cycle your last day of this short self-guided ride. From Tostaree patches of farmland are far between as the trail heads into the forests of East Gippsland, with a wealth of bird, plant and animal life. You might like the option to extend today's ride by 20 km on back roads around the Snowy River - cycle through farmland with stunning views over Lake Corringale, before riding into Orbost along the banks of the Snowy River. You have a lovely homestead B&B accommodation tonight with an optional dinner option by prior arrangement. Dinner can also be enjoyed down at the local pub 7 nights a week.

### **Orbost — 0km — Day Four — B - - -**

Today you may choose to do a morning ride in the Orbost area or just take it easy. Return to Bairnsdale by vehicle today at a pre-arranged time.