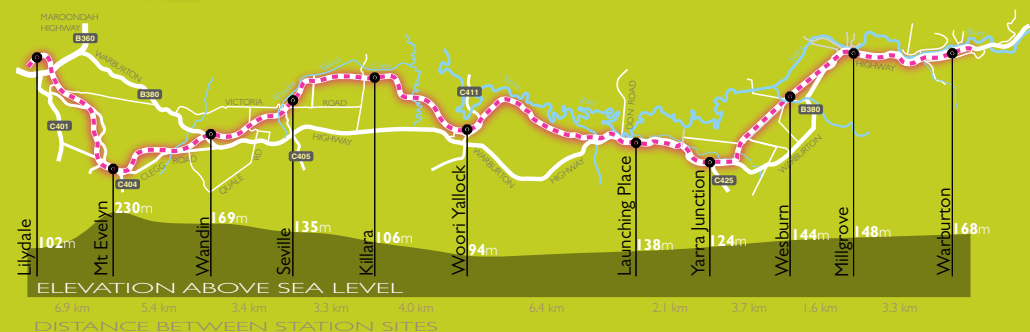


Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail

- **LOCATION** - Yarra Ranges, 40km east of Melbourne
- **STARTS** - Lilydale Station, Maroondah Hwy (Melway 38 E4)
- **FINISHES** - Behind the Warburton Waterwheel, Station Rd (Melway 290 B4)
- **DISTANCE** - 38km one way, 76km return
- **GRADIENT** - Gentle slope up to and down from Mt Evelyn then mostly flat
- **SURFACE** - Mostly hard packed gravel with bridge and road crossings. The last 3km to Warburton is sealed.
- **SUITABLE FOR** - All levels of fitness including families.

The route..



‘One of the great train journeys of the world... minus the train!’

Keith Dunstan OAM
(Author & founder Bicycle Institute of Victoria)

THE ‘Warby Trail’ POCKET GUIDE

The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is one of Australia’s iconic Rail Trails which meanders through the Yarra Valley between the Dandenong Ranges and the Great Dividing Ranges.

The 38km recreation trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders follows the path of the historical railway line which was established in the 1900’s to service the agricultural industry of the time.

Take the time to enjoy the spectacular views of the Yarra Ranges National Park, pass through beautiful bushland, wineries and farmlands.

Located only one hour from Melbourne by car or train, the ‘Warby Trail’ is a great place to visit on a day trip or why not stay overnight in a bed and breakfast. Stop in any of the townships along the way to experience the local produce and discover what the Yarra Valley is all about.



Getting there..

Train

Metro Trains www.metrotrains.com.au
Services run regularly between Melbourne and Lilydale. Visit website for timetables and information about transporting bikes on trains.

Bus

Martyrs Bus Service www.martyrs.com.au
Bus service from Lilydale to Warburton and return. Contact Martyrs about timetable and transporting bikes on bus.

Drive and Park

Drive and park at one of the many trail access points along the length of the trail. Ample parking is available at Lilydale Station, Woori Yallock, Launching Place and Yarra Junction. Further parking and picnic facilities are available at Mt Evelyn, Wandin, Killara, Millgrove and Warburton.

Bike Hire

Bike hire is available at:
Yarra Valley Cycles (03) 9735 1483
108 Main St, Lilydale; opposite Station
COG Bike Cafe (03) 9736 4999
On the trail at 4 Clancy Rd, Mt Evelyn and 42 Station Rd, Warburton



Emergency Info..

Police, Fire, Ambulance
Dial 000 or 112 from mobiles quote the number of the nearest Emergency Marker

Yarra Ranges Council
1300 368 333 (24hr number)

RACV Bike Assist 1800 136 388

Other contacts..

Friends of the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail (03) 5964 3468

A not-for-profit group who work closely with the Warby Trail Committee of Management since its development. The group also holds activities along the trail including revegetation and community education.

Upper Yarra Museum

www.upperyarramuseum.org.au
Located within the original Lilydale station house now situated on the trail in Yarra Junction, provides fantastic interactive displays of the region's history. Open 11-4, Wed, Sun.

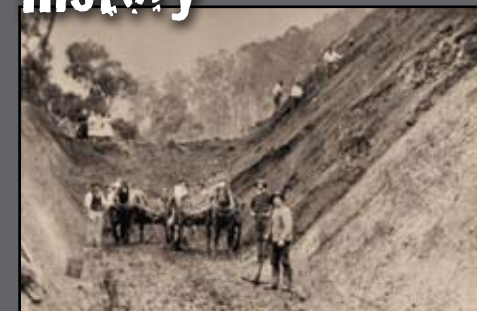
Rail Trails Australia www.railtrails.org.au
A not-for-profit organisation which works for the development and promotion of a rail trail network Australia-wide.

Bicycle Network Victoria www.bicyclenetwork.com.au
A not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting bike riding in Victoria.



Secure bike parking facility at Lilydale Station, for information: www.parkiteer.com.au or 1300 546 526

History



Constructed by pick and shovel in an astonishing 18 months, the Warburton Railway was completed in 1901 to carry fruit and vegetables from the Wandin farmlands in the foothills of the Dandenong’s to Melbourne. Trains also took timber from the forests of Warburton and Powelltown. It used to be claimed that Yarra Junction was second only to Seattle, USA, in the volume of timber passing along it’s tracks.



The 1960’s & 1970’s, due to the increased use of automobiles and low passenger numbers, saw the end of the railway and it was closed down and dismantled. For some time the land where the railway once stood was left vacant. During the 1980’s a group of residents identified this land would make the perfect location for a Rail Trail.

After spending some time lobbying with Local and State governments a Committee of Management was formed and construction began in 1996. With great excitement the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail was officially opened in 1998 as a shared use recreational trail.

Over the years the ‘Warby Rail Trail’ as it is affectionately known, has further developed with the Yarra Ranges Council now the Committee of Management. In 2011 the ‘missing link’, being the connecting bridge over the Maroondah Highway in Lilydale, was constructed and officially opened with a large community event.

For more, visit the Upper Yarra Museum, located on the trail at Yarra Junction.



THE ‘Warby Trail’

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PO Box 105, Lilydale 3140



Code of Conduct

For your safety and enjoyment whilst using the trail please observe the following:

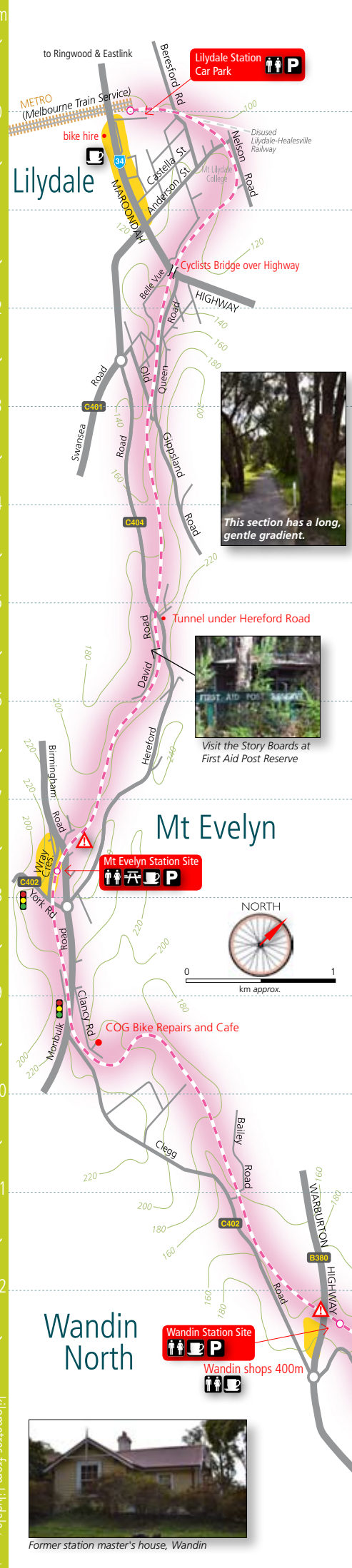
- Keep left
- This is a shared use trail for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, please respect each other
- Notify others of your approach when on a bicycle or horse
- Give way – cyclists give way to walkers & horses, walkers give way to horses on bridges & squeeze points
- Respect private property & other trail users
- Help farmers by leaving the gates as you find them & give way to stock crossing
- Do not disturb neighbours or their stock
- Do not climb bridge handrails
- Respect the environment, take your rubbish home & do not damage / remove vegetation
- No motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles are allowed on the trail
- Dogs must be on lead & under control at all times
- Please pick up after your dog
- Cross roads with care

CAUTION
The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is 38km in total length **ONEWAY**.
• Cycling this distance takes 4 hours ONEWAY for a person of good fitness.
• Only attempt distances within your capabilities.
• Always carry water and avoid hot periods of the day.
• Dress for the weather. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for your chosen activity.
• Don't forget your helmet if riding.



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Lilydale - Mount Evelyn 6.9km
The trail begins at the rear of the Lilydale Railway Station car park, with ample all day parking available. Enter the Recreation Reserve to the right and cross the Olinda Creek Bridge to start your journey. Follow the trail past the original Turn Table and around Mt Lilydale Mercy College. Cross the impressive Maroondah Highway Overpass to make your way up into delightful bushland surroundings.



After crossing Birmingham Road, the trail zig-zag's its way up the hill, and continues through

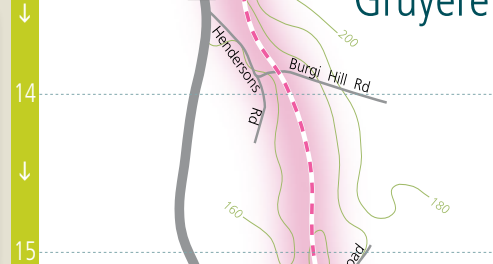
the tunnel under Hereford Road. Catch your breath take the time to enjoy the historic First Aid Post Reserve before continuing on your journey up into Mount Evelyn. The restored Station House is now home to the local library and the station grounds provide public toilets, a barbecue, picnic rotunda and bike rack. Nearby the Mount Evelyn Aqueduct Trail links to the Dandenong Ranges National Park.



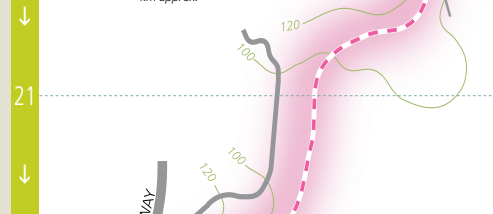
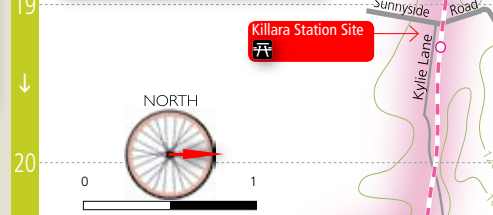
Mount Evelyn - Wandin 5.4km
From Mount Evelyn the trail heads downhill to Wandin, crossing the busy Monbulk Road where thousands of people once stood to wave the Queen on her journey in the Royal carriage to Warburton back in 1956. At Bailey Road and Stringybark Creek you will cross the first of many restored rail bridges. Cross the Warburton Highway with care and enter the Wandin Station grounds. The entrance gates and the platform have been restored and the Rotary interpretation shelter provides interesting information on the trail. There is ample car parking with picnic areas. The Wandin Township shops, cafes and toilets are just a short diversion up the highway for you to refuel your energy stocks.



Wandin North
The trail continues to offer views out over Wandin North whilst skirting the hilly country as it crosses Sebire Avenue, Burg Hill Road and Victoria Road. This section travels through large agricultural areas. An interesting side trip will have you divert from the trail to the Seville Township, following the Wandin Yallock Creek. Take a break at the unique Seville Water Play Park which offers toilets, parking, barbeque and picnic facilities. Stop to admire the old railway carriage which has been beautifully restored as the Carriage Cafe. Back on the main trail, cross Victoria Road to find Seville Station on the left with the original platform supports still remaining and a small car park.



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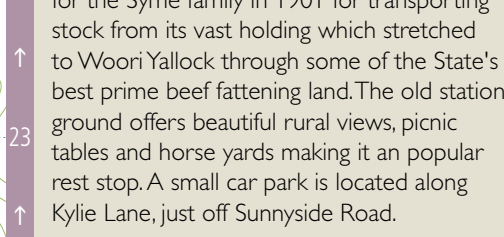
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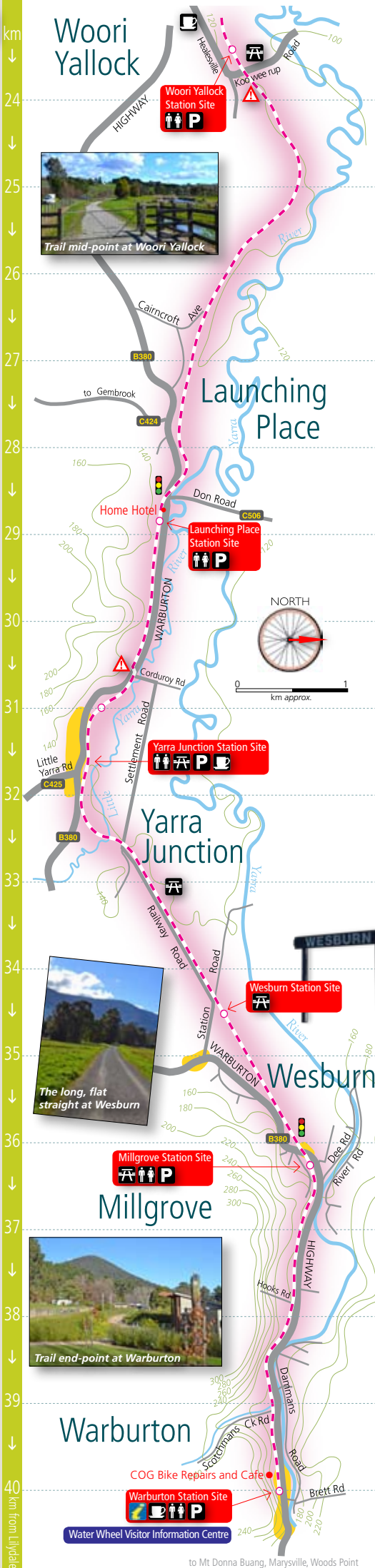
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Seville - Killara 3.3km
Cruise through beautiful bushland down onto open pastures to Killara Station. Here the landscape changes from intensive horticulture to vines and grazing country. Killara Station was built for the Syme family in 1901 for transporting stock from its vast holding which stretched to Woori Yallock through some of the State's best prime beef fattening land. The old station ground offers beautiful rural views, picnic tables and horse yards making it a popular rest stop. A small car park is located along Kylie Lane, just off Sunnyside Road.

Woori Yallock - Launching Place 6.4km
Cross the Koo Wee Rup-Healesville Road and swing past rural areas along the banks of the Yarra River in an area known as The Don Valley. Once over Hoddles Creek, the trail hugs the valley wall, passes through a cutting and over the busy Warburton Highway (cross with care) to enter Launching Place. A large car park sits next to the Home Hotel and in front of the remaining station platform



Killara - Woori Yallock 4km
From Killara the trail continues its slow descent to the Yarra River Valley floodplain. Enjoy vistas across grazing country, to the central highlands of Mounts Riddell and Donna Buang. Cross over the Woori Yallock Creek on the old restored 175m long bridge and follow the trail to the right. The Woori Yallock Station is a popular starting point for equestrian riders and those not wanting to complete the whole trail. This station can be accessed by Symes Road and provides picnic areas, a playground across the road and ample room for horse-float parking. The Woori Yallock Township is 500m up the hill providing amenities and refreshments.

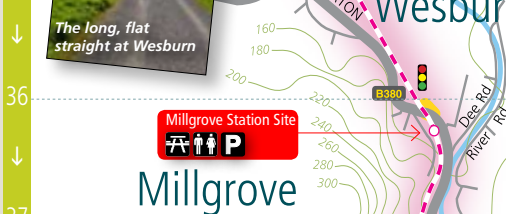
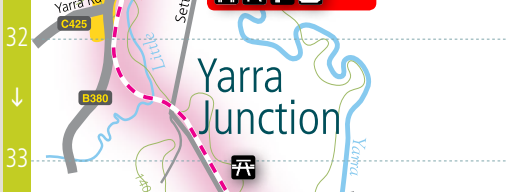


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Launching Place - Yarra Junction 2.1km
The trail then hugs the southern side of the valley, crosses Warburton Highway at Corduroy Road and heads into Yarra Junction. This part of the trail is also known as the Centenary Trail and was one of the first sections of the 'Rail Trail' to be opened. Within Yarra Junction the trail leads past the Upper Yarra Museum, which is housed in the original Lilydale Station House. Continuing through the township the trail travels between the Little Yarra River and a large recreation precinct with parking and public toilets. Just above the trail you'll find community markets, eateries and accommodation.

Yarra Junction - Millgrove 5.2km
After crossing several bridges over the Little Yarra River and the trail then travels into the floodplain with magnificent views of the Yarra Ranges National Park. The trail then leads past the Wesburn wetlands which attract a variety of water birds. Further along, the trail reaches Millgrove Station which sits close to parking, picnic facilities, public toilets and the Warburton Highway crossing.

Millgrove - Warburton 3.3km
The last leg of the journey takes you through densely vegetated native forests along side the Little Yarra River. This stretch of trail is sealed and follows a gentle gradient up into the riverside township of Warburton. Your journey will conclude at the station site which sits behind the Warburton Water Wheel Visitor Information Centre and near the COG Cafe. Close-by are many trails including the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail. The picturesque township has plenty of cafes, accommodation, parking and a public bus service.



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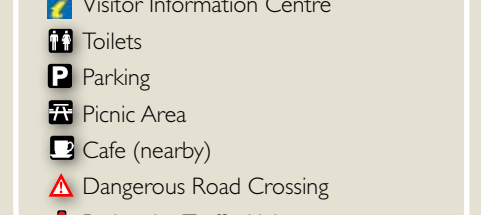
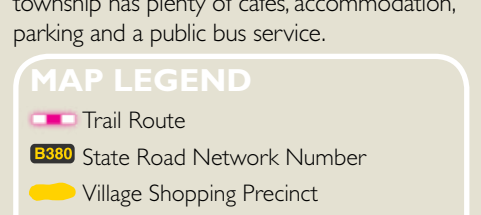
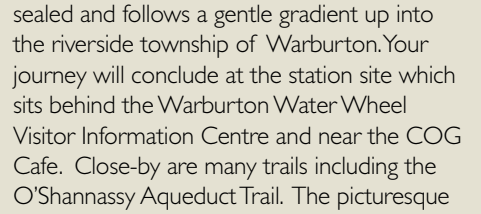
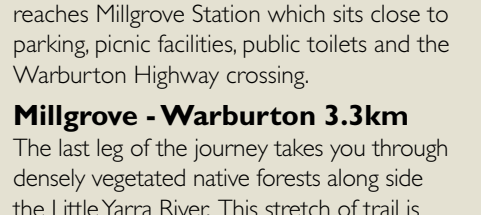
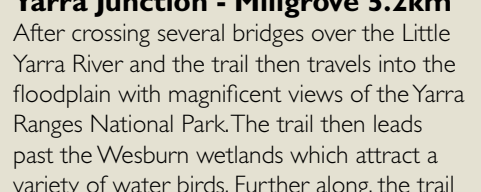


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- MAP LEGEND**
- Trail Route
 - State Road Network Number
 - Village Shopping Precinct
 - Visitor Information Centre
 - Toilets
 - Parking
 - Picnic Area
 - Cafe (nearby)
 - Dangerous Road Crossing
 - Pedestrian Traffic Lights