

## Maldon - Castlemaine Trail

Difficulty:	Medium
Distance:	19.7 km
Vertical Distance:	177 m
Type:	Gravel roads and tracks (92%), paved (8%).

### Detailed Route

Distances from the start are shown in km as [2.7].

From the Post Office follow Francis Street east, turn right at Templeton St, and then hard left into Main Street. This becomes Hornsby Street which is followed to Maldon Railway Station [0.6] where the rail trail is joined. Follow the trail markers and continue on Hornsby Street, crossing Bendigo-Maldon Road (C283) beside the level crossing [2.0]. Ride along Morris Street and straight ahead onto the gravel road [2.6], which sometimes carries vehicles. After about 800 m, the track, which in this section is rocky and uneven, begins to descend steeply for about a kilometre (take care!). The trail from the Sinclair's Lane intersection [6.9] to Muckleford Station [8.9] is for cyclists and walkers only. Muckleford Station was one of the locations for the making of the 2015 film, *The Dressmaker*.

From Muckleford Station, continue on the track beside the railway line and cross the Muckleford-Walmer Road. Follow the marked track for about 4 km before looping under the trestle bridge and turning right onto Sawmill Road [13.1]. After about 800 m turn left again onto the marked trail, which eventually becomes Martin Street [15.9]. Opposite the second house on your right, there is an informal pedestrian crossing over the railway line. Cross here and head back a short distance, turning right into Brown Street. After some 200 m, turn right into Maltby Drive, which after another 200 m meets the B180 Maldon Road [16.2]. Cross this road, and join the cycle path which passes behind housing before turning left into Langslow Street [17.0]. The track then follows the Campbells Creek Track under Elizabeth Street and meanders its way to Forest Street [19.1]. Cross here and turn right, passing under the railway before turning left into Kennedy Street. Castlemaine Railway Station is approximately 500 m on the left [19.7].



K190 in the first cutting out of Maldon.



Trestle bridge over Muckleford Creek.



Muckleford Station

### **Other Transport Modes**

Victorian Goldfields Railway (VGR) runs historical train services on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between Maldon and Castlemaine. See: [www.vgr.com.au](http://www.vgr.com.au)

If you only want to ride one-way, you may be able to use the train for the other leg of your trip.