

# CASTLEMAINE TO MALDON TRAIL



# TRAIL MALDON TO CASTLEMAINE

## Trail information

- » The distance is 17.7 kilometres
- » It takes around two hours to ride one-way
- » The trail is a shared user path for cyclists and walkers
- » Dogs must be under control at all times
- » Toilet facilities are located in town centres

The trail is closed on days of Total Fire Ban

## Explore the area

Located between Melbourne and Bendigo, this welcoming community values creativity, innovation, the land and local produce. With a unique natural beauty and any number of authentic experiences, it's an area well worth visiting. It's always good to speak to a local and get the inside knowledge!

**Castlemaine Visitor Information Centre**  
Historic Market Building  
44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine 3450  
03 5471 1795 or 1800 171 888  
visitors@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

**Maldon Visitor Information Centre**  
93 High Street, Maldon 3463  
03 5475 2569  
maldonvic@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

Both centres are open every day  
9am - 5pm (except Christmas Day)  
[www.maldoncastlemaine.com.au](http://www.maldoncastlemaine.com.au)



## Race the train or your mates

Race the Train is a mountain bike race against the historic Victorian Goldfields Railway steam train between Castlemaine and Maldon. Held annually in spring, the event starts at the Old Castlemaine Gaol overlooking the Castlemaine train station and finishes in Maldon 17 kilometres down the line. The race provides competitive cyclists an opportunity to race the train, while the ride is a non-competitive, family-friendly scenic trail ride alongside the historic train line. If cycling is not your forte then you can buy a ticket to travel on the train and watch the action unfold from the comfort of the carriages.



## Emergency information

The Castlemaine to Maldon Trail is registered with ESTA to be able to pin point exact locations during an emergency in hard to define spaces. Markers are situated every 1 kilometre on the trail. Emergency markers look like a street signs with white text on a green background. Each has a unique alphanumeric code made up of three letters and three numbers. This code is linked to ESTA's CAD system. It specifies the location, GPS coordinates, road access route or navigational data. This information helps with the dispatch of emergency services.

To protect public safety, Mount Alexander Shire Council declares walking and cycling trails in the network closed on days of Total Fire Ban. Users should avoid using the trail during these periods.

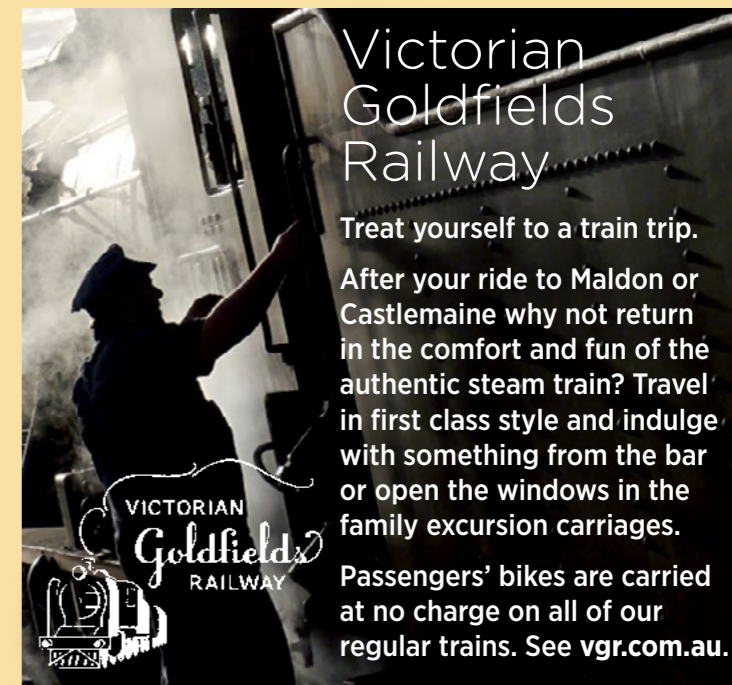


## Maldon Beehive

Beehive Reef in Maldon was opened in 1854 and was mined until 1918. The Beehive Company Gold Mine brick chimney stack was constructed in 1861. This stack provided draught for the steam boilers of the 60 horse-power engines which powered the mining operations. Chimney stacks were once a common sight on mid-to-late 19th century quartz mines. The Beehive stack today is the only one of its age and size still standing in Victoria.



The historic Muckleford Railway Station is the only intermediate station on the Maldon-Castlemaine train line. This is the half way point for the trail and offers seating for a well earned rest. It is located about 3 kilometres north of the farming settlement of Muckleford. The station opened in 1884 and closed to passenger services in 1941. The station was restored by the volunteers of the Castlemaine & Maldon Railway Preservation Society in 1996 and it now handles more passengers than it ever did before.

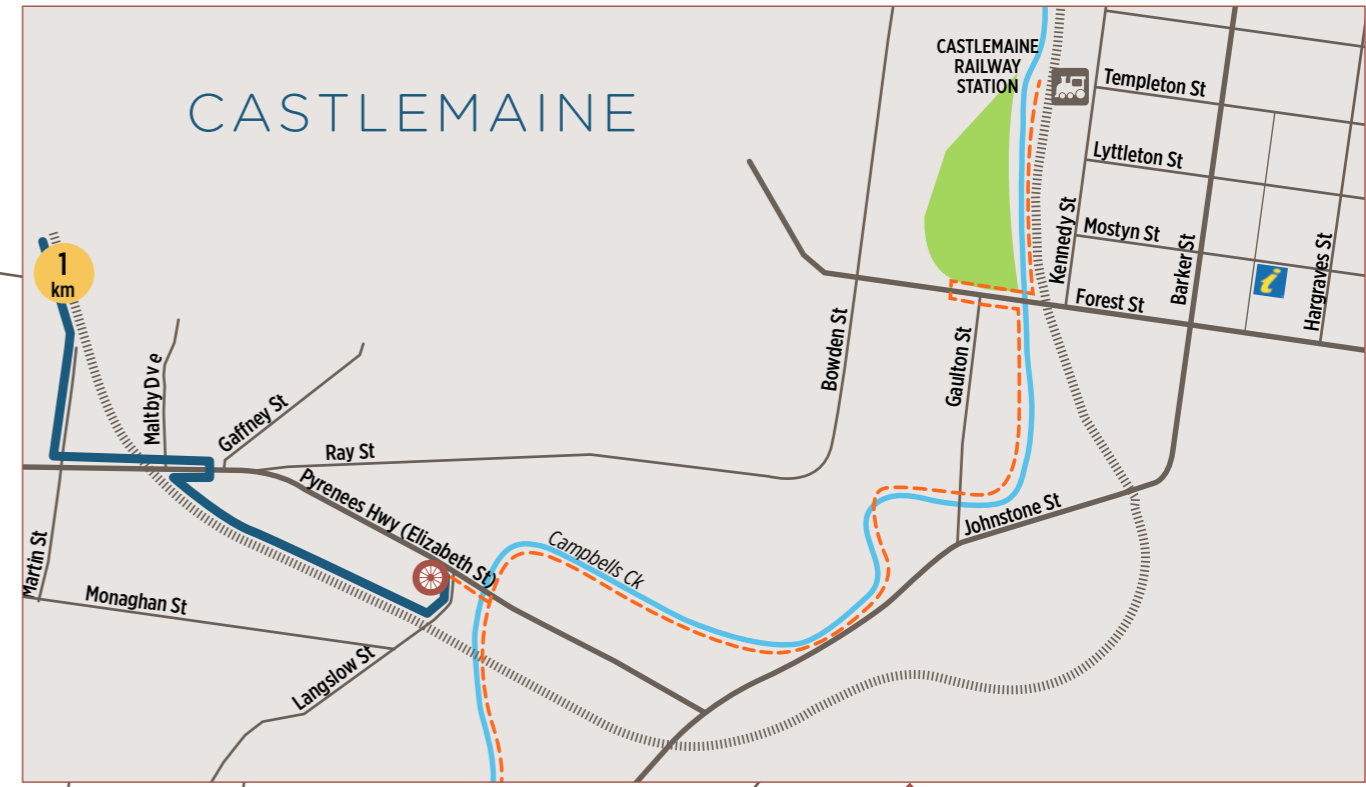
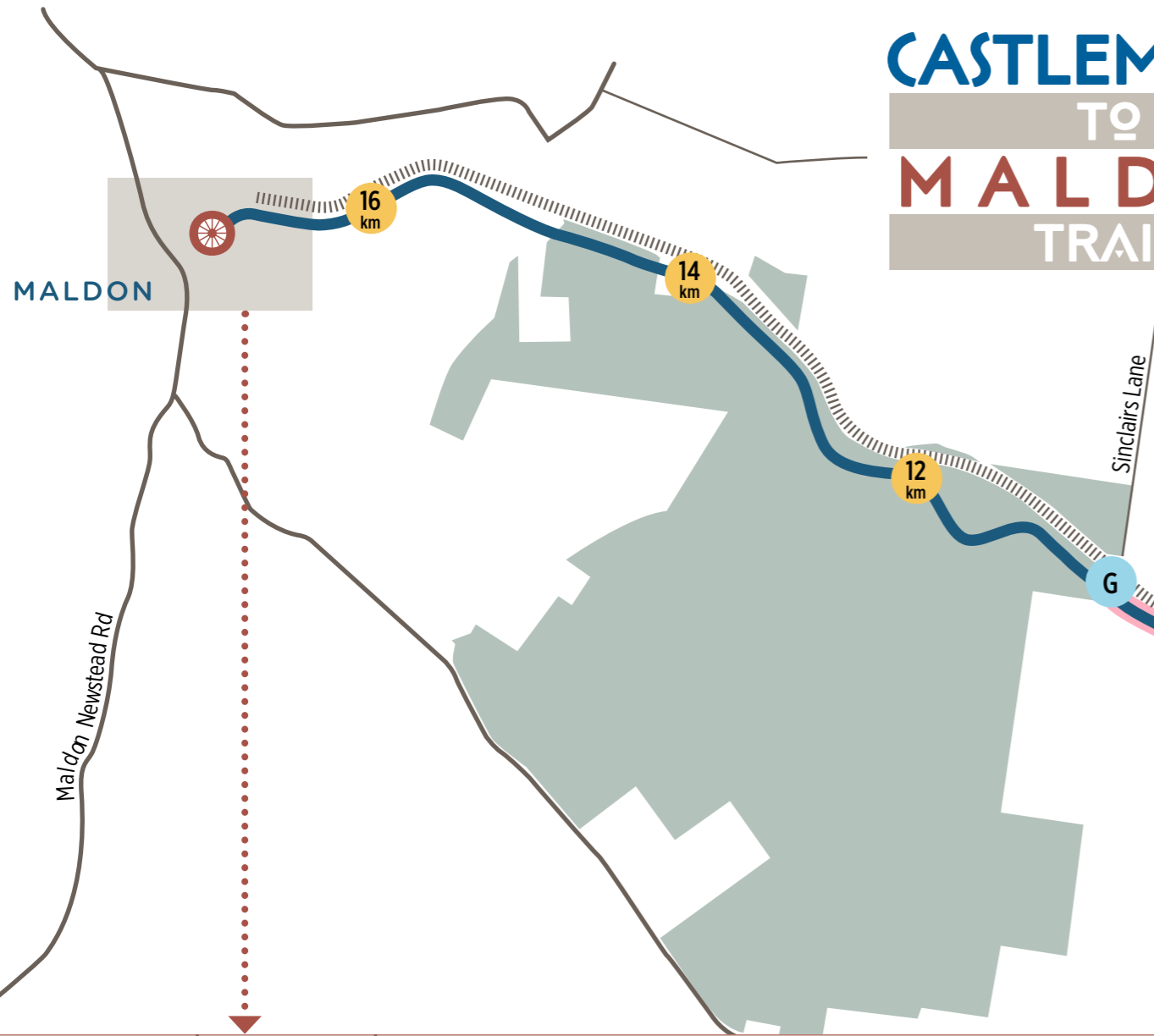


## Victorian Goldfields Railway

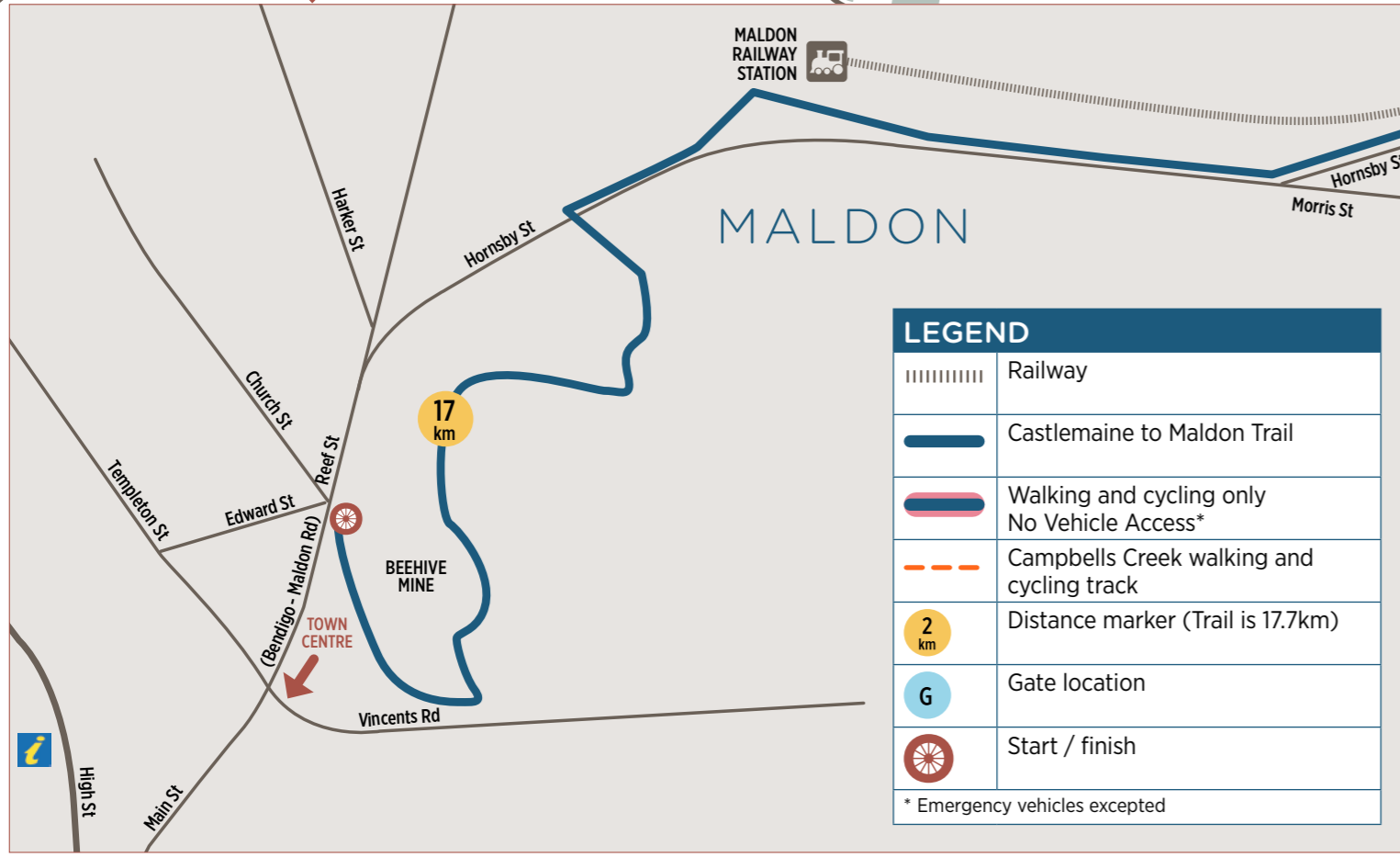
Treat yourself to a train trip. After your ride to Maldon or Castlemaine why not return in the comfort and fun of the authentic steam train? Travel in first class style and indulge with something from the bar or open the windows in the family excursion carriages. Passengers' bikes are carried at no charge on all of our regular trains. See [vgr.com.au](http://vgr.com.au).

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MALDON



MUCKLEFORD  
RAILWAY  
STATION



LEGEND	
	Railway
	Castlemaine to Maldon Trail
	Walking and cycling only No Vehicle Access*
	Campbells Creek walking and cycling track
	Distance marker (Trail is 17.7km)
	Gate location
	Start / finish
* Emergency vehicles excepted	