

Castlemaine to Maldon Trail (Alternative Route)

Difficulty: Medium
Distance: 18.1 km
Vertical Distance: 228 m
Type: Gravel road and tracks (47%), paved (53%).

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [0.2].

Detailed Route

The ride departs from the west side of Castlemaine Railway Station. Walk down the underpass, over the Barkers Creek footbridge, through the station carpark and turn right into Gingell Street [0.2]. Follow Gingell Street for 1.2 km. Turn left onto Walker Street and follow the road up the hill, at the top of which the road swings right and becomes Richards Road. Continue past the Don KR smallgoods factory to the intersection of Daws and Richards Roads [2.4]. At this intersection, in the pony club grounds, there is a memorial to the first defeat of an English cricket team in Australia in 1862 (see photograph below).

Turn left along Daws Road to the intersection with Sawmill Rd [4.5]. At this point, you can choose to join the railside trail which is approximately 400 m along Sawmill Road, or continue along Daws Road for another 4.2 km to the Muckleford-Walmer Road [8.7]. If taking the second option, turn left here, and after 400 m, rejoin the railside trail by turning right to Muckleford Railway Station [9.1].

Follow the marked trail back into Maldon, using the same route described in the Maldon to Castlemaine notes, to the starting point in Francis St [18.1].



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