

MALDON – MARYBOROUGH RETURN (LONGER VARIANT)

Difficulty:	Moderate
Total distance:	81.2 km
Elevation gain:	671 m
Type:	Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [2.8].

Detailed Route:

Starting from Maldon Post Office on the corner of High and Francis Sts, head NW up High St. Ignore the sign to Bendigo and follow C282 in the direction of Bridgewater and Cairn Curran. This takes you past Tarrengower Prison on your right [2.8] followed by a left turn onto Baringhup Rd [5.3].

Proceed along Baringhup Rd, crossing the Loddon River [10.6], Loddon House Holiday Park on your left [10.8], and Frogmore Swamp Nature Reserve [15.6] to the intersection with Pyrenees Highway (B180) at Carisbrook [27.2].

Turn right onto B180/Simson St and after 4.3 km [31.5] you can continue on B180 or take the bike path on the RHS of the road (marked as Carisbrook Settlers Trail) to the outskirts of Maryborough.

Continue on B180 which becomes Tuaggra St under the railway viaduct [34.6] before turning left at Clarendon St [35.3]. Ride along Clarendon St for 200 m, then turn left into Nolan St [35.5] followed by a left turn into High St [35.6] which brings you into the central business area of Maryborough.

To return to Maldon, ride NE along High St and turn right into Tuaggra St [35.7], which becomes Pyrenees Hwy (B180). Continue to Carisbrook, either on the road or the bike trail on the LHS of the road [42.3].

Follow B180/Simson St through Carisbrook, passing over Tullaroop Creek, before turning left into Baringhup Rd [44.5]. Proceed towards Baringhup, and continue for 4.8 km before turning left into Carisbrook-Baringhup Rd [49.3]. Continue along this road for 6 km and turn right into Baringhup-Havelock Rd [55.3] for another 1.6 km before turning left into Kays Rd [56.9].

After 3.5 km proceed right onto Baringhup West Rd [59.4] and follow for 3 km, turning left onto Baringhup West-Eastville Rd [62.4].

Follow that road and it will wind its way across the Loddon River at Hamiltons Crossing Crown Land Reserve [65.1]. After 900 m turn right onto Baringhup-Eddington Rd [66.0]. Continue for 3 km and turn left onto Bishops Hill Rd [69.1].

At the end of Bishops Hill Rd, you will meet Bridgewater-Maldon Rd/C282 at a Stop sign, where you will turn right [70.7] (CARE). Although it is Bridgewater-Maldon Rd it is signposted as Eddington-Maldon Rd.

Continue along Bridgewater-Maldon Rd back uphill into Maldon [81.2].