

R6. MALDON TOWNSHIP RIDE

Level of difficulty:	Relatively easy (with a few hills)
Distance:	8.6 km
Altitude gain:	97 m
Type:	Sealed roads, with a short gravel section

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [0.6].

Detailed Route:

From Maldon Post Office at the corner of Francis and High Sts take Francis St east to the T-intersection at the 'Rego' sign. Turn left into Templeton St (not signposted) and head north for 600 m, passing several old stores on the RHS. Turn left onto Adair St at the former corner store with the 'Bushells' signs [0.6].

Cross over High St [CARE] and go uphill for one block. You will see Maldon Hospital on your left-hand side [0.9].

Return on Adair St passing the corner shop on your right (at Templeton St) to Reef St, where a gravel road – Adair St East, continues straight ahead. Ride or walk for 200 m along Adair St East [1.7].

You will see the original Maldon State Battery on your right-hand side. Retrace your steps back to the bitumen and head south along Reef St towards the township. At the traffic island [2.2] turn left onto Maldon-Bendigo Rd. Travel a few hundred metres and the historic railway station is on your left [2.6]. Just past the railway station turn right into Boundary Rd. Follow it down the hill. You will get a good view of the Beehive chimney and Mount Tarrengower, in the distance, on the right.

Where Boundary Rd becomes a gravel road [3.5], turn hard right onto Phoenix St towards town. You will see the South German mine site on your left.

Turn left at Forsyth St [4.0] and proceed to the T-intersection [4.4]. Turn right into Union St and continue to the junction of Castlemaine-Maldon Rd [4.9]. Carefully cross the intersection and head left towards Newstead. Shortly after joining Newstead Rd, you will reach the intersection of Parkins Reef Road [4.9].

Turn right onto Parkins Reef Rd [CARE] and continue until you see the North British Mine ruins on your left and Carmans Tunnel (now closed) a little further, on your right [6.2].

Turn around at this point and re-trace your route back to where Parkins Reef Rd joins Maldon-Newstead Rd. Turn left and follow this road, which becomes High St, passing the Caledonian Kilns on your right, before reaching the town centre [8.6].



Old stores – dating from 1854 on Templeton St



Maldon State Battery



Kilns at North British Mine