

R8. MALDON – DUNOLLY – MARYBOROUGH LOOP

Difficulty: Moderate

Total distance: 95.9 km

Elevation gain: 638 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 the C282 in the direction of Bridgewater and Cairn Curran. This takes you past Tarrengower Prison on your right [2.8] and Baringhup-Maryborough Rd on your left [5.3]. Continue until you reach the left turn to Eddington [17.4] and follow for 5.9 km until the Bendigo-Maryborough Rd (C277) intersection is reached [23.3].

Turn left into C277 (CARE) and follow for 2.5 km, crossing the Loddon River [24.1]. Turn right onto Dunolly-Eddington Rd (C276) [25.8] and follow until you reach the town of Dunolly [36.3]. Turn right at Broadway, into the town centre [37.4]. There are several cafés and a bakery in Dunolly.

Retrace your path back along Broadway, and turn right into Thompson St [38.0] which after 400 m becomes Dunolly-Avooca Rd. Follow for 1.2 km, turn left into Dunolly-Timor Rd [39.2] and continue for 17.8 km before turning right into Pekin Rd [57.0].

Proceed along Pekin Rd for 2 km, crossing Gladstone St (traffic lights) into Inkerman St [59.0] and then left into Napier St [60.3]. After 500 m, turn right into Tuaggra St [60.8], and follow onto Pyrenees Hwy (B180) [61.1] to Carisbrook, either on the road or the bike trail on the LHS of the road [67.4].

Follow B180 / Simson St through Carisbrook, passing over Tullaroop Creek, before turning left into Baringhup Rd [68.7]. Proceed to Baringhup [85.0] and continue until Bridgewater-Maldon Rd is reached [90.6]. Turn right here (CARE) and ride back into Maldon [95.9].