

R10. MALDON–MALMSBURY RETURN

Difficulty:	Harder
Total distance:	101.6 km
Elevation gain:	1,070 m
Type:	Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [3.7].

Brief Description:

From Maldon the ride follows Fogarty's Gap Rd towards Harcourt, and then the old Calder Hwy through Faraday, Elphinstone and Taradale to Malmsbury. The return to Maldon passes through Chewton and Castlemaine.

Ride Profile:



Detailed Route:

Starting from Maldon Post Office on the corner of High & Francis Sts, proceed east along Francis St, turn right onto Templeton St, and then left onto Main St/Reef St/Hornsby St towards Bendigo. After passing the historic dragline and dredge on your left [3.0], turn right onto Fogarty's Gap Rd [3.7] (CARE), and follow towards Harcourt, through Walmer to a right turn into Leversha Rd [16.2] just before the intersection with Calder Hwy. Follow Leversha Rd parallel to Calder Hwy for 3.8 km, and turn left at the T- intersection with Gaschs Rd [20.0]. After 700 m, turn right into Harmony Way (C794) [20.7] and follow into [Harcourt](#) [21.5].

Continue along Harmony Way, passing beneath Calder Hwy just after the old [Faraday School](#) on your right [28.5]. Stay on Harmony Way (C794), crossing Pyrenees Hwy [34.6] and continue to Taradale [40.1] with its notable [Victorian railway viaduct](#).

Continue uphill out of Taradale on old Calder Hwy (C794) for another 7 km to reach [Malmsbury](#) with its attractive botanical gardens and pub, bakery and cafes [47.4]. Retrace your path back to Faraday on C794 to a left turn into Golden Point Rd [66.2], past [Expedition Pass Reservoir](#) and the Major Mitchell commemorative cairn [67.7]

Continue on Golden Point Rd until Pyrenees Hwy (B180) is reached at Chewton [71.5]. Turn right and follow B180/Duke St/Forest St into Castlemaine and turn right into Barker St at the traffic lights [76.6]. Continue for 1.2 km to a left turn into Parker St [77.8] which crosses the railway line into Walker St., passing [Castlemaine Botanical Gardens](#) on your right and [The Mill](#) on your left. Proceed uphill along Walker St which swings right into Richards Rd [78.8]. Continue for 1 km passing the KR /Don factory on the left before merging left into Daws Rd/Muckleford - Castlemaine Rd [79.7]. After

approx. 6 km, turn right into Muckleford - Walmer Rd [85.9], and follow until Fogartys Gap Rd is reached [92.3].

Turn left and follow for 5.7 km before merging left into Bendigo - Maldon Rd (C283) [98.0] (CARE). Follow C283/Morris St/Hornsby St/Reef St for 3.6 km towards Maldon before turning right into Templeton St and left into Francis St to reach Maldon Post Office [101.6].



Taradale Railway viaduct (1862).