

R11. MALDON – HARCOURT - GOLDEN POINT - CASTLEMAINE LOOP

Difficulty: Medium

Total distance: 64.1 km

Elevation gain: 675 m

Type: Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [3.0].

Brief Description:

The ride is a truncated version of the Maldon-Malmsbury ride. It follows Fogarty's Gap Rd towards Harcourt, and then Harmony Way through Faraday before returning to Maldon via Golden Point, Expedition Pass Reservoir, Chewton and Castlemaine.



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 Fogartys 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. Turn right into Golden Point Rd [28.5], and follow past [Expedition Pass Reservoir](#) and the Major Mitchell commemorative cairn [30.1]

Continue on Golden Point Rd until Pyrenees Hwy (B180) is reached at Chewton [33.8]. Turn right and follow B180/Duke St/Forest St into Castlemaine and turn right into Barker St at the traffic lights [38.9). Continue for 1.2 km to a left turn into Parker St [40.1] 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 [41.0]. Continue for 1 km passing the KR /Don factory on the left before merging left into Daws Rd/Muckleford - Castlemaine Rd [42.0]. After 6.3 km, turn right into Muckleford-Walmer Rd [48.3], and follow until Fogartys Gap Rd is reached [54.5].

Turn left and follow for 5.8 km before merging left into Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283) [60.3] (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 [64.1].