

R13. MALDON–YAPEEN-CASTLEMAINE

Difficulty: Medium

Total distance: 55.8 km

Elevation gain: 462 m

Type: Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [10.0].

Brief Description:

From Maldon the ride follows the Maldon-Castlemaine Rd to Muckleford, heads south to Pyrenees Hwy heading for Yapeen. From Yapeen, the ride returns to Maldon Via Campbells Creek, Castlemaine and Walmer.



Detailed Route:

Starting from Maldon Post Office on the corner of High and Francis Street, proceed south on High Street for 700 m and turn left into Maldon-Castlemaine Rd (C282). Follow for approx. 9 km to the crossroads at Muckleford and turn right into Muckleford Walmer Rd [10.0] (CARE). Continue south to the intersection with Pyrenees Hwy (B180) [14.9], turn right (CARE) and follow for 700 m to a left turn into Yapeen-Muckleford Rd [15.6]. From here the road climbs through grazing country for approx. 6 km, before descending steeply (>10%) to Midland Hwy (A300) [22.6]. Turn left, and follow Midland Hwy through Campbells Creek to Castlemaine.

Reach the first traffic lights in Castlemaine [30.5], and continue straight ahead along Barker St for 1.1 km before turning left into Parker St [31.6] which crosses the railway line into Walker St. Pass the [Castlemaine Botanical Gardens](#) on your right and [The Mill](#) on your left. Proceed uphill along Walker St which swings right into Richards Rd [32.5]. Continue for 1 km passing the KR/Don factory on the left before merging left into Daws Rd/Muckleford - Castlemaine Rd [33.5]. After approx. 6 km, turn right into Muckleford - Walmer Rd [39.0], and follow until Fogartys Gap Rd is reached [46.1].

Turn left and follow for 5.7 km before merging left into Bendigo - Maldon Rd (C283) is reached [51.8] (CARE). Follow C283/Morris St/Hornsby St/Reef St for 3.6 km towards Maldon before turning right into Templeton St and then left into Francis St to reach the finishing point [55.8].