



G7. RED, WHITE AND BLUE MINE

Difficulty:	Medium
Distance:	27.8 km
Vertical Metres:	286 m
Type:	Gravel (90% unpaved)

Short Description:

This ride follows gravel tracks through Maldon Historic Reserve and Muckleford Nature Conservation Reserve to the remains of the Red, White and Blue Mine, which operated until 1960. The return ride, which includes a short bitumen section, passes the Dunn's Reef mine site and Maldon State Battery on the outskirts of Maldon.

Elevation Profile:



Detailed Route:

The distance from the start is shown in km as [0.6] and is approximate.

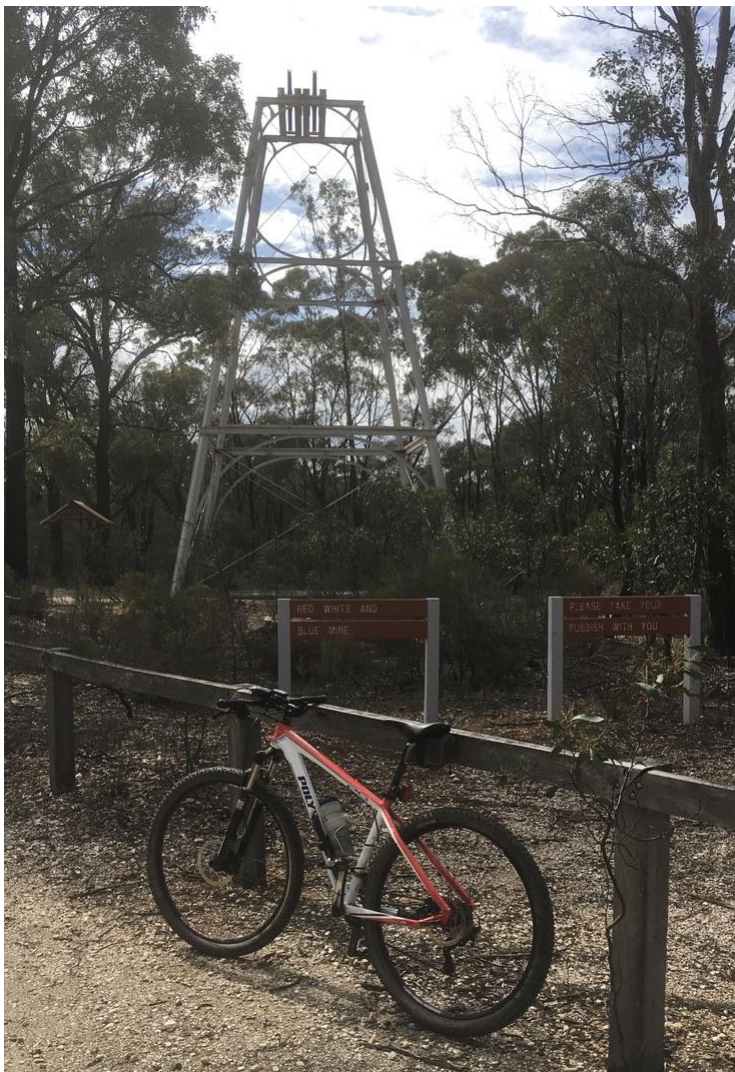
From the PO, cross High St to Francis St, turn right into Templeton St, and hard left into Main Street, which becomes Reef Street. Continue to Maldon Railway Station [0.6] to join the Castlemaine Maldon Trail. The trail turns down Hornsby Street and crosses Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283) beside the level crossing [2.0]. Continue along Morris St and straight ahead onto the gravel road [2.6] until Tatt Town Tk forks to the right [3.1]. Follow Tatt Town Track, crossing Pipeline Track [4.3] to the T-intersection with Smiths Reef Tk [6.1]. Turn right here and proceed to Castlemaine-Maldon Rd [7.2]. Cross (CARE) into Nevilles Tk and follow for 1.7 km to the junction with Pullans Rd [8.9]. Cross over, taking the fork to the left (Red White and Blue Tk) which is followed to [Red, White and Blue Mine](#), at the intersection with Bells Lane Track [12.0].

After exploring the mine area, retrace your path along Red, White and Blue Track for 1.0 km and turn right into Dunns Reef Tk [13.1]. About 600 m along this track there is a side track that leads to the [old mine workings](#) which you could investigate. Dunns Reef Tk is followed eastwards for a further 600 m to a left turn into Talbot Tk [14.3]. Continue along Talbot Tk and turn left onto the Castlemaine-Maldon Rd (C282) [15.6]. Follow the main road for 700 m and turn right onto Gowar Rd [16.3] past the remains of the [Gowar School building](#). From here, the track climbs steadily for 4 km before descending to join the Castlemaine Maldon Trail (Railway Tk) [20.5].

Turn left, and follow this track for 800 m, taking the left fork into James Tk [21.3]. Follow James Tk for 1.2 km and turn right into Tatt Town Tk [22.5]. Stay on this track for 1.8 km to the point where it re-joins the Castlemaine Maldon Trail (Railway Tk) [24.3]. Turn left and continue until it rejoins the

made road (Morris St) [24.8]. Stay on Morris St, and cross Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283), into Hornsby St [25.3]. From here follow the Castlemaine Maldon trail markers back into Maldon.

Alternatively, continue on Hornsby Street for 500 m and turn right into Woodlocks Rd [25.8]. After 200 m turn left onto a dirt track (Adair St East continuation) and follow this track, crossing Tailings Rd, for a further 900 m, reaching Maldon State Battery on the left [26.7]. To return to Maldon take the gravel track on the left past the crushing battery and the site of the Alliance mine towards Maldon railway station. Turn right along the railway access track to the north of the railway line and sheds [27.0] and follow for 100 m to a left turn into Reef Street, which leads back into Maldon.



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