



G8. MALDON - NEWSTEAD AND RETURN

Difficulty	Harder
Distance	37 km
Elevation Gain	393 m
Type	Gravel (87% unpaved)

This is a harder ride of 37 km, following a slightly meandering route, mostly on bush tracks, from Maldon to Newstead. It is suitable for mountain bikes, gravel bikes or hybrids. The return climbs through Muckleford Nature Conservation Reserve and passes the Red, White and Blue Mine.

Elevation Profile



Detailed Route

The distance from the start is shown in km as [1.6] and is approximate.

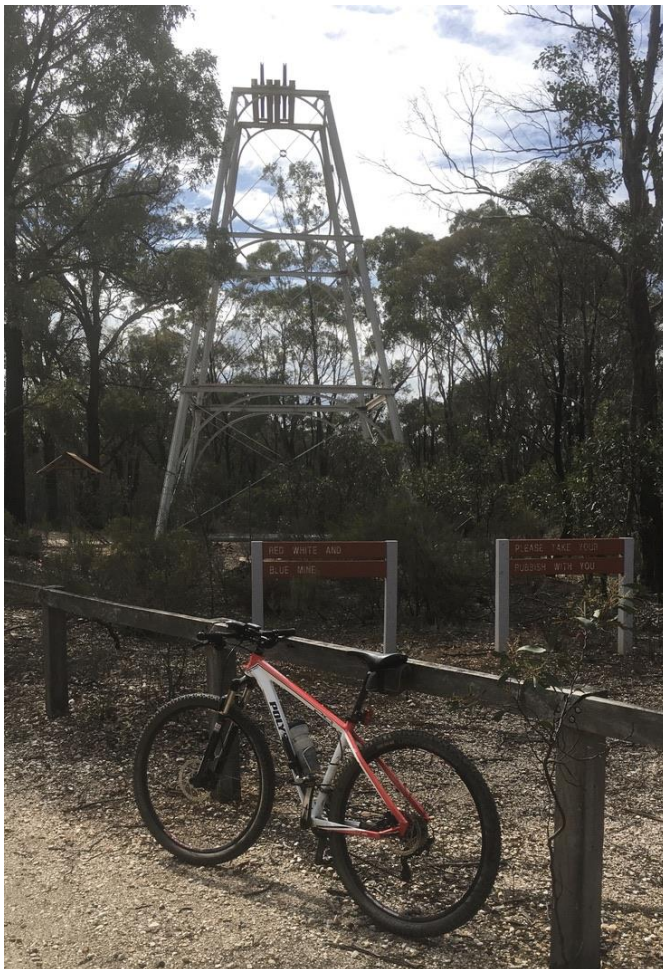
From Maldon Post Office ride down High St and take C283 Newstead Rd south out of Maldon to Popeks Rd on the left [1.6]. Follow Popeks Rd/Barham Rd to a ford across Sandy Creek [4.1] on the left [usually dry], and after 200 m, turn right onto Sandy Creek Rd. Continue south for a short distance and take the left fork onto Mia Mia Tk [4.7]. Follow Mia Mia Tk, crossing Pullans Rd [6.1] to Sullivans Tk on the right [11.5]. After 500 m, take the left fork into Spring Hill Tk [12.0]. After 1.1 km, reach C283 and turn left towards Newstead. Enjoy the downhill run into Newstead and some well-earned refreshments at a café or milk bar in Lyons Street [15.2].

Returning from Newstead, proceed along Lyons St/Pyrenees Hwy (B180) for 800 m and turn left into Clyde St [16.0], and left again into Cameron Rd [16.2]. Turn right into MacLaren Rd [16.3] which climbs steeply and becomes Bruces Tk [16.9]. Follow Bruces Tk, over Fence Tk [17.2] until Mia Mia Tk is reached [18.5]. Turn left into Mia Mia Tk and follow for about 1.8 km turning right into South German Tk [20.4]. After 1.7 km a dam is reached on the left and South German Tk splits. Take the right fork and follow until a right turn into Bells Lane Tk [22.5], which is followed to Red White and Blue Mine [24.9].

After exploring the mine area, head in a northerly direction along Red White and Blue Tk until Pullans Rd is reached [28.1]. Cross Pullans Rd into Nevilles Tk and continue across Castlemaine-Maldon Rd (C282) [29.9] onto Smiths Reef Tk which is followed to Tatt Town Tk (also signposted as Tait Town Tk) on the left [31.0]. Continue for about 3 km to the intersection with Railway Tk [34.0], also signed as Castlemaine-Maldon trail. Merge left and continue until the track joins Maldon Tip Rd [35.5]. Continue across Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283) [CARE], onto Hornsby St. Continue to follow Castlemaine-Maldon trail markers past the railway station back into Maldon.



One of the interesting sights in Newstead



Red, White and Blue Mine