

## R12. MALDON–NEWSTEAD-GUILDFORD-FRYERSTOWN-CASTLEMAINE

Difficulty: Moderate

Total distance: 72.6 km

Elevation gain: 847 m

Type: Road

The approximate distance from the start to each point is shown in km as [7.8].

### Brief Description:

An interesting ride through rolling hills to the south of Castlemaine with remnants of the gold mining days. Good coffee, pies, cakes etc. available at Guildford General Store and several cafés in Castlemaine.

### Ride Profile:



### Detailed Route:

From Maldon Post Office on the corner of High and Francis Sts, proceed south along High St onto the Maldon-Newstead Rd (C283), and follow through Welshmans Reef [7.8] to Newstead [13.5]. Turn right onto Lyons St (B180) and follow over Loddon River bridge [13.9] and then left into Newstead-Daylesford Rd (C285) [14.2] which becomes Newstead-Guildford Rd [17.6].

Turn left onto Templeton St/Midland Hwy (A300) [25.9] and proceed into Guildford, where you will find Guildford General Store, the [Ron Barassi statue](#) and [The Big Tree](#), all in Fryers St.

Turn right into Fryers St [26.4], which becomes Kemps Bridge Rd and follow over Loddon River [27.9]. Turn right into Vaughan Springs Rd-Burgoyne St [29.9]. After 1.9 km, cross Fryers Creek Bridge at Vaughan [31.8] (CARE) and proceed onto Greville St [31.9] which becomes Vaughan Springs-Chewton Rd [33.2]. Note the [Red Knob sluice mine site](#) on the left [33.1]. Continue on Vaughan Springs-Chewton Rd/Castlemaine St into [Fryerstown](#) [36.4].

Cross Fryers Creek [36.6] and follow High St which swings left and uphill into Vaughan-Chewton Rd [36.9]. Follow this undulating road for 6.6 km, passing the Duke of Cornwall Engine House on your left [37.5], and the Poverty Gully Aqueduct water race on your right [41.1] before reaching Main Rd (B180), Chewton [43.5].

Turn left and follow B180/Duke St/Forest St into Castlemaine. Turn right at the traffic lights into Barker St [47.5]. After 1.2 km turn left into Parker St [48.7]. Cross the railway line into Walker St, passing [Castlemaine Botanic Gardens](#) on your right and [The Mill](#) on your left. Proceed uphill along Walker St, which swings right into Richards Rd [49.6]. Continue for 1 km passing the KR/Don factory on the left before merging left into Daws Rd/Muckleford-Castlemaine Rd [50.6]. After approx. 6 km, turn right into Muckleford-Walmer Rd [56.8], and follow until Fogartys Gap Rd is reached [63.1].

Turn left and follow for 5.7 km before merging left into Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283) [68.8] (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 Maldon PO again [72.6].



Duke of Cornwall Engine House, Fryerstown.