

**DAREBIN BUG**  
**Mid-Week Riders' Group**  
**Ride Schedule Jan to March 2023**

1. All rides start at **9.00 am** unless otherwise stated.
2. **Assemble on the south side of South Crescent at corner of Plant St.** 70 m south of Jika.
3. The ride leader set the route and nominates a tail. The leader needs to maintain a ride speed to suit all of the group.

<b>TUES 3 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Ad hoc ride</b>	Group to decide
<b>THURS 5 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Ad hoc ride</b>	Group to decide
<b>TUES 10 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Back Creek, Box Hill &amp; Deakin Uni</b> Down the Anniversary Trail, Back Creek & Wattle Park to Deakin Uni where we go over the big pedestrian bridge, Then to Surrey Park in Box Hill for lunch, through the Box Hill CBD & Gardens and along Bushy & Koonung Creeks to afternoon tea where they have the best milkshakes In Melbourne with good coffee & chocolates too. Approx 50km	<b>JOPIE BODEGRAVEN</b>
<b>THURS 12 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Scotchman's Creek</b> Ride the Gardiners Creek trail to East Malvern. Join the Scotchman's Creek trail, ride to Jells Park. Take the Dandenong Creek/Eastlink paths north to Heatherdale train station. Take the train to Richmond station to return. Morning tea and Lunch along the way. Approx 48 km. (If the weather is hot a bailout at Holmsglen for the Glen Waverly line)	<b>SUE HISCOCK</b>
<b>THURS 19 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Hurstbridge to Westgarth</b> Catch the 9:21 am train from Westgarth to Hurstbridge and ride back to Westgarth via Diamond Creek and Eltham along the Main Yarra Trail.	<b>ED SMART</b>
<b>TUES 24 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Craigieburn</b> Ride to Kensington Station and take the train to Craigieburn returning via the Galada Tamboore Trail/Western Ring Road/Merri Creek trail.	<b>COLIN FINGER</b>
<b>THURS 26 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Eastlink</b> Ride the Koonung Trail to Ringwood, down Eastlink to either Yarraman or Dandenong and train back to Richmond and onto Westgarth. About 60 km.	<b>JAMES BRAITHWAITE</b>

<b>TUES 31 JAN 2023</b>	<b>Elwood canal and St Kilda Botanical Gardens</b> Take the Capital City Trail via City Link to the Docklands then cross to the Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove (MT) . Take the Bay trail south to Elwood canal, ride along both sides of the canal. Take the Bay Trail north to the St Kilda Marina. Cross Marine Parade to Dickens St, to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens.(L). Return via Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray street	<b>NOLA MOULDEN</b>
<b>THURS 2 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Westgate Park</b> Take the Capital City Trail via Dights Falls to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave, Gate A (MT). Continue along the Main Yarra Trail to Southbank, take the Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove. Then continue to Westgate Park (L). Return via Lorimar St or the Sandridge Trail.	<b>ANDREW DUNSTALL</b>
<b>TUES 7 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Five Creeks, No Rivers (abridged)</b> Up Darebin Ck Trail to T.W. Andrews Reserve (MT). West to Edgars Ck via Edwardes Rd, west again via Broadhurst Ave to Merri Creek and heading downstream, then across and down Westbreen Creek (lunch) before hooking on to the Moonee Ponds Creek for the trip home, with afternoon tea at the Dagobah in Union St, Brunswick. We acknowledge George Bailey as the traditional custodian of this ride. 43km	<b>WOLTER KUIPER</b>
<b>THURS 9 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Ad hoc ride</b>	Group to decide
<b>TUES 14 FEB 2023</b>	<b>St Georges Rd to South Morang station</b> Ride up St Georges Rd to Reservoir station and through to Darebin Creek trail – Norris Bank Park (MT). Ride through to South Morang station (L), and Plenty Rd. Return to Westgarth.	<b>RALPH MOULDEN</b>
<b>THURS 16 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Sandridge</b> Take the Capital City trail via the City Link to the Docklands (MT) then down to Beacon Cove, continue on to Sandridge Beach. Return to Westgarth via Southbank /MCG/East Melbourne. About 40 km.	<b>ANDREW DUNSTALL</b>
<b>TUES 21 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Ruffey Lake Park</b> Ride along the Yarra Trail to Possum Park (MT), continue on the MYT to the Ruffey Trail Suspension bridge. Cross to the south side of the Yarra and turn left onto the Ruffey Creek Trail. Continue on the Ruffey Creek trail until Ruffey Lake Park (L). Return via back streets/ Schramms Reserve/Whittens Lane to the Koonung Trail.	<b>COLIN FINGER</b>
<b>THURS 23 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Williamstown</b> A variation on the usual way of getting to Williamstown.	<b>GEORGE BAILEY</b>
<b>TUES 28 FEB 2023</b>	<b>Gardiners Creek trail</b> Take the Capital City Trail via Dights Falls to meet the Gardiners Creek trail. Take the GCT to TH King Oval /Pavillion (MT). Continue on the GCT to meet the Anniversary Trail and continue north to Frog Hollow Reserve(L). Continue on the Anniversary Trail and take the turnoff to Hyde Park/Wilsmere Park. Return to Westgarth via the Darebin Creek trail north or the Main Yarra Trail towards Chandler Highway. See also Hedgeley Dene gardens ride as a side trip. This ride can be reversed.	<b>ED SMART</b>

<p><b>THURS 2 MARCH 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Sandringham and Seaford</b> Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.55am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the train to Sandringham. Ride south along the Bay Trail to Mordialloc and continue along inland to Patterson River and onto <b>Seaford wetlands</b>. Return to Mordialloc station to return by train to Richmond</p>	<p><b>SUE HISCOCK</b></p>
<p><b>TUES 7 MARCH 2023</b></p>	<p><b>O'Keefe Rail Trail</b> including the New Big Bakery. Bikes on cars to meet in Heathcote at the Herriot Street carpark adjacent to the trail shelter. Please arrive for a 10 am start. The drive is about 1 hour 30 minutes, about 110 km. More detailed information will be provided closer to the ride. Ride is to Axedale for lunch and return to Heathcote for afternoon tea at New Heathcote Bakery. The surface is mainly gravel but is very firm even in rain. Approx 55 km. Please contact Ralph if you intend to ride.</p>	<p><b>RALPH MOULDEN</b></p>
<p><b>THURS 9 MARCH 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Jika to Mernda</b> Take the Darebin Creek trail north to Norris Bank Parklands (MT). Continue on the Darebin Creek Trail to the South Morang Rail Trail and South Morang station. Then ride to Hawkestone Park (L) and continue to Mernda on the Mernda Rail Trail. Return by train from Mernda (or ride back to Epping).</p>	<p><b>DAVID MAUNDERS</b></p>
<p><b>TUES 14 MARCH 2023</b></p>	<p><b>La Trobe Link</b> Merri Creek Trail to Broadhurst Ave and Edwardes Lake Park (MT). Back to Broadhurst then north on rail-side path to J.C. Bonath Reserve before going to La Trobe University (L) via new La Trobe Link path. After lunch, heading south to McLeod and down Banyule Shared Path (River Gum Walk) to Warringal Parklands, Ivanhoe Golf Club (AT) and home. 50km</p>	<p><b>WOLTER KUIPER</b></p>
<p><b>THURS 16 MARCH 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Blackburn Lake</b> From Darebin Parklands take the Darebin Creek trail south towards Kew. At Wilsmere Park cross under the freeway to Hyde Park and on to the Outer Circle Rail Trail (Anniversary Trail). Continue south on the Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn left onto the Gardiners Creek (GC) trail. Follow the GC trail to Canterbury Rd, ride north on Middleborough Rd/ Blackburn Rd/ Alandale Rd to Blackburn lake (L). Return via Oliver Ave/Blackburn rail path/ride thru back streets to get to Koonung Trail/Main Yarra trail.</p>	<p><b>COLIN FINGER</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 21 March 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Point Cook &amp; Sanctuary Lakes</b> Approx 54km Mostly a new area except for minor overlaps with Ed's Werribee ride. An essential trip for urban explorers. Ride to North Melbourne, train to Laverton. Then exploring the wilds of Point Cook &amp; Sanctuary Lakes and including Laverton Creek, Skeleton Creek and lots of little lakes and water views. Train back from Altona to North Melbourne and home.</p>	<p><b>Jopie Bodegraven</b></p>

<p><b>Thurs 23 March 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Woodlands Historic Park</b> Ride to Newmarket station to catch the to train to Broadmeadows. Ride west to the Broadmeadows Valley trail and then south towards Jacana Reserve. Turn onto the Moonee Ponds Creek MPC) trail towards West Meadows. Follow MPC trail to Woodlands Historic Park for lunch. Return via MPC trail /Capital City trail back to Westgarth. About 55km.</p>	<p><b>IAN HAMILTON</b></p>
<p><b>Tues 28 March 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Westgarth Town</b> Ride north on the Darebin Creek trail to Norris Bank Parklands (MT). Continue north and turn right onto the Western Ring Road path and ride west crossing Dalton Road &amp; High St. Turn right heading north on the Edgars Creek trail. Lunch Westgarth Town. Return to the Ring Road path via Edgars Creek trail. At the Ring Road path turn west to get onto the Merri Creek trail. Return on the Merri Creek trail back to Westgarth. About 50 km.</p>	<p><b>ANDREW DUNSTALL</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs 30 March 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Cherry Lake</b> Take the Capital City trail via the City Link to Docklands, then the Footscray Rd path to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde St towards Newport and Williamstown and onto the Bay Trail West to Cherry Lake (L). Ride back through Altona Coastal Park and head north alongside Maddox Street. Take the Newport station underpass to travel back to the Bay Trail West. Return via Yarraville and Footscray Rd or Kensington. About 58 km</p>	<p><b>ED SMART</b></p>

Ride program prepared by Ralph, Paul and James.