

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule July to September 2023

1. All rides start at 9.30 am unless otherwise stated. **Early starts and alternate meeting places are marked**
2. Meet at the **Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote (corner of Plant and Union Sts)** unless otherwise stated below
3. The ride leader sets the route and nominates a tail. (The leader needs to maintain a ride speed to suit all the group)

DATE	RIDE NAME	DESCRIPTION & APPROX km	LEADER
Tuesday 4 Jul 2023	Ruffey Creek Trail	Ride along the Yarra Trail to Possum Park (MT), continue on the Main Yarra Trail 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 the Koonung Trail. <i>Approx. 40km Note: School Holidays</i>	Wolter
Thursday 6 Jul 2023	Plenty River	Ride north on the Darebin Trail to Norris Bank Park (MT), continue north and turn along the Western Ring Road path to Kalparrin Gardens Lake Greensborough(L). Then along the Plenty and Main Yarra Trails to return to Westgarth, Approx. 50km	David
Tuesday 11 Jul 2023	Ivanhoe, Balwyn & Hawthorn	An exploration of the City of Boroondara with Yarra Bend, Alphington & Ivanhoe thrown in for good measure. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Approx. 49km	Jopie
Thursday 13 Jul 2023	Blackburn Lake via Box Hill (clockwise)	Ride to the Koonung trail (MT), take the backstreets of Box Hill to Blackburn Lake (L). Return via the Gardiners Creek and Anniversary trails. Approx. 50km	Sue
Tuesday 18 Jul 2023	Westmeadows	Ride north on the Moonee Ponds Creek trail to Boeing Reserve (MT) continue onto Westmeadows (L). Return via Pascoe Vale to the Merri Creek trail. (Alternatively ride north on the Merri Creek trail, then west on the Ring Road path to Jacana station to join up with the Moonee Ponds Creek trail). Approx. 50km	Nola
Thursday 20 Jul 2023	Ferny/Dandy/Blind Creeks	EARLY START - WESTGARTH STATION - 8.57AM Plat 1 Take the train from Westgarth to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the 9.29am Belgrave train to Upper Ferntree Gully. Ride the Ferny Creek Trail (MT) to Stud Road, back streets to Dandenong Creek Trail and Jells Park (L) before taking Blind Creek to Belgrave Rail Trail heading north to Boronia or Bayswater for return trip by train. Approx. 40km	Wolter
Tuesday 25 Jul 2023	Brimbank Park	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail to Boeing Reserve (MT). Ride via Mascoma St to meet the Western Ring Rd trail and continue to Brimbank Park (L). Return via the Maribyrnong Trail and back to Westgarth via Kensington. Approx. 55km	Ian H
Thursday 27 Jul 2023	Two Lakes and a River	Ride along the Darebin Creek trail, turn off to Edwards Lake Park (MT). Ride to Montgomery Park in Essendon (L). Ride to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail then on the Maribyrnong River path to Kensington (AT). Return to Westgarth. Approx. 50km	George

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Tuesday 1 Aug 2023	Cherry Lake	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Williamstown and around to the Altona Coastal Park and west to Cherry Lake (L) Return via Maddox Rd to Newport and re-join the Bay trail near Spotswood. Ride to Westgarth or return by train Approx. 58km	Glenys
Thursday 3 Aug 2023	Two Botanic Gardens – Royal Botanic Gdns, Melb & St Kilda Botanical Gdns	Ride 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 take the Bay Trail south to the St Kilda Marina. Cross Marine Parade to Dickens st, to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via the Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray Street. Approx 50km	Andrew
Tuesday 8 Aug 2023	Greenvale & Attwood Creek	Ride to Newmarket station for the train to Roxburgh Park. Then via Greenvale, the Eastern edge of Woodlands Park and down Attwood Creek to Westmeadows. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Return via Moonee Ponds Creek trail. Boot Factory, Coburg for (AT) before returning to Westgarth. Approx. 53 km	Jopie
Thursday 10 Aug 2023	Bundoora & Springthorpe	Ride north up St George’s Road and Northern Pipe track to Reservoir station (MT). Continue up Cheddar Rd to Dole Avenue, turn right and ride down quiet streets to Darebin Creek Trail. Turn north up to Western Ring Rd rail and turn left towards Murchison Way to McKimmies Road. Turning east ride to Plenty Rd to Telfer Reserve Bundoora (L). Ride back through Gresswell Forest, Springthorpe and Latrobe University to the Darebin Creek trail. Approx 40km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	David
Tuesday 15 Aug 2023	Eastlink trail – south to north	EARLY START - WESTGARTH STATION - 8.57AM Plat1 Catch the 8.57 am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Yarraman station. Join the Eastlink path riding north (MT). Continue to Jells Park (L). Back on the Eastlink trail ride to Ringwood. Turn off to the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail west. Riders can catch a train to return or continue on the backstreets to get to the Koonung Creek trail / Main Yarra Trail. This ride may be reversed if strong winds are expected. Approx. 55 km	Sue
Thursday 17 Aug 2023	Woodlands Historic Park	Ride to Newmarket station to catch the train to Jacana. Ride west towards Jacana Reserve. Turn onto the Moonee Ponds Creek trail towards West Meadows. Follow trail to Woodlands Historic Park for lunch. Return via the Moonee Ponds Creek trail (either via Pascoe Vale or Jacana to Ring Rd) Approx. 55km	Ed

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Tuesday 22 Aug 2023	Inner Urban Delights	Loops of the Melbourne General Cemetery and Royal Park, through the Flemington Racecourse, Walter St Reserve Lakes, down the Maribyrnong River to Docklands. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Return via Station Pier and Albert Park, Fawkner Park with Fitzroy Gardens (AT). Approx. 50km	Jopie
Thursday 24 Aug 2023	Adhoc ride	Any riders that want to meet at the Jika Jika Community Centre to decide on the ride and the leader	Group to decide
Tuesday 29 Aug 2023	Hurstbridge – Train to/ Ride return	EARLY START - WESTGARTH STATION 9.07am Plat 2 Catch the train from Westgarth to Hurstbridge. Ride via Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek (MT). Continue to Eltham and then onto the Main Yarra Trail to Westerfolds Park or Finns Reserve (L). Return to Westgarth via the Main Yarra Trail. (Note: Leader will catch the train from Watsonia station to meet the group at Hurstbridge) Approx 45km	Ralph
Thursday 31 Aug 2023	Heatherdale to Dandenong - Tarralla creek and Dandenong Creek trails – Train to / Train return	EARLY START - WESTGARTH STATION - 8.57AM Plat 1 Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Heatherdale station. Ride to Schwerkolt Cottage (MT). Ride on the Eastlink trail east to the Mullum Mullum trail east. Continue to Croydon and ride along the Tarralla Creek trail to meet the Dandenong Creek Trail and on to Jells Park (L). Then Dandenong Creek trail south to the Lower Dandenong Creek trail to Dandenong for the train back to Richmond. Approx 56km	Ian H
Mon 4 Sept 2023	Ride Planning	Ride Planning group meeting (Details on the Summary)	James
Tuesday 5 Sept 2023	Aitken Creek	Ride north on Moonee Ponds Creek Trail to Boeing Reserve (MT) before heading from West Meadows to Attwood Creek, Greenvale Drive Linear Trail, Melbourne Water Pipe Track and Yuroke Creek (L). After lunch, head towards Craigieburn Station via Aitken Creek and train home Approx. 58km	Wolter
Thursday 7 Sept 2023	Westerfolds Park via Macleod	Ride through backstreets of Ivanhoe, Heidelberg Heights & Macleod (MT). Take the River Gum Trail/Main Yarra Trail to Westerfolds Park (L) return via the Main Yarra Trail Approx. 45km	Sue
Tuesday 12 Sept 2023	Mystery ride	Turn up at the Jika Jika Community Centre on the day to join a mystery ride nominated by the ride leader	Ralph
Thursday 14 Sept 2023	Mystery ride	Turn up at the Jika Jika Community Centre on the day to join a mystery ride nominated by the ride leader	Ed

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Tuesday 19 Sept 2023	Sunshine and Kororoit Creek	Ride to Footscray Park (MT) then along the Footscray to Sunshine path. At Sunshine station take the Kororoit Creek path south to the Federation Trail. Cross to Altona North via a footbridge over the West Gate Freeway and ride on backstreets and the Lower Kororoit Creek Path to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Seddon. Approx. 55km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ian H
Thursday 21 Sept 2023	Brighton Beach	Ride to the Bay Trail and ride south (morning tea along the way) to Brighton Beach Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail/Albert Park/Moray St or an alternate route. Approx 55km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Jon
Tuesday 26 Sept 2023	Wattle Park	Ride to the Anniversary Trail, then south on the Anniversary Trail (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn onto the Gardiners Creek trail. Continue on the Gardiners Creek trail until just past Burwood Highway. Turn at Cadorna St and cross Elgar Rd to enter Wattle Park. Ride through the park to the picnic area (L). Return back to the Gardiners Creek trail. Then to Westgarth via the Koonung trail. Approx 55km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ian S
Thursday 28 Sept 2023	Maranoa Gardens, Balwyn	Ride to the Royal Botanic Gardens (MT). Continue east on the Main Yarra trail to Gardiners Creek trail, Ferndale trail then north onto the Anniversary Trail. Turn off to Canterbury and Balwyn to ride to Maranoa Gardens/Beckett Park (L). Return to Westgarth via Kew and Hays Paddock to the Main Yarra Trail Approx. 45km MAP <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Andrew