

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule April to June 2024

1. **All rides start at the time of 9.30 am** unless otherwise stated. **Alternate start times and/or 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 2 Apr 2024	Whittlesea Public Gardens via Edgars Creek	Ride to Norris Bank Parklands [MT] next to the Darebin Creek path. Continue north to the Ring Road path and ride west. Turn left at the Edgar’s Creek path turn off and follow the path to Westgarthtown. From there cross Edgar’s Road to Barry Road and ride to Whittlesea Public Gardens for lunch. Return to Westgarth. Approx 50km Note: School Holidays	Andrew
Thursday 4 Apr 2024	Sandringham to Seaford wetlands	Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.57am 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 on the Longbeach trail to Patterson River and onto Seaford wetlands. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Return to Mordialloc station to return by train to Richmond. Approx 45km. Note: School Holidays	Sue
Tuesday 9 Apr 2024	Plenty River	Ride north on the Darebin Creek trail to Norris Bank Parklands (MT), continue north and turn east 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 Note: School Holidays	Ed
Thursday 11 Apr 2024	Half Moon Bay/Black Rock	Ride south on the Bay trail to Half Moon Bay/ Black Rock – morning tea and lunch along the way. Return via the Bay Trail or take the train back. Note: This is usually a Fish&Chips ride but the Kiosk at Half Moon Bay is not always open. Riders who want to take the chance on F&C or buy lunch at the Black Rock shops are welcome to or bring they own lunch as usual. Approx. 60km Note: School Holidays	Ian H
Tuesday 16 Apr 2024	Djerring path/ Rosstown trail	Ride to join the Anniversary Trail. Morning tea at Frogs Hollow. Continue on Anniversary Trail to Hughesdale Station and join the Djerring trail and turn right to the end of the trail at Caulfield. Continue on Rosstown trail with lunch in Elsternwick Park. Ride to Elwood Canal path to St Kilda and ride back to Jika. Approx. 60km	Glenys
Thursday 18 Apr 2024	State of the Union	The shared path that was part of the level-crossing removal project covering Surrey Hills and Mont Albert stations is now fully open. It was touted as a major step in completing the Box Hill to Hawthorn Trail, which still has lots of gaps. Ride out on the Koonung Creek Trail to the Bulleen Park and Ride (MT) and on to Box Hill. Back via a possible route for the Box Hill to Hawthorn Trail with lunch at Canterbury Gardens. Home via Main Yarra Trail. Approx. 38km	Wolter
Tuesday 23 Apr 2024	Laverton, Altona & Kororoit Creek	Meet at Westgarth station to catch the train 8.57am train to Flinders St, where we change to the Werribee train on platform 9 for Laverton. Ride to the 100 Steps (MT), then via Altona, Cherry Lake (L) & Kororoit Creek to Sunshine and home along the rail trail. It will include the new section of Kororoit Creek trail under Geelong Rd & the Westgate Fwy. Approx 48km	Jopie

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Thursday 25 Apr 2024	Blackburn lake	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue south on the Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn left onto the Gardiners Creek trail. Continue to Canterbury Rd, then ride north on Middleborough Rd/ Blackburn Rd/ Alandale Rd to Blackburn lake (L). Return via Box Hill/Ringwood rail path/ride through back streets to get to Koonung Trail/Main Yarra trail. Approx. 55km Note: Public Holiday	Jon
Tuesday 30 Apr 2024	Warburton trail (Wandin Nth to Warburton & return)	Meet at Wandin North - Lilydale/Warburton carpark for 10am ride start. Ride along the Lilydale/Warburton trail towards Warburton. Stop at Carriage Café Seville for morning tea. Continue to Yarra Junction (toilets). Lunch at Warburton. Return to Wandin North carpark. Riders can drive or take the train to Lilydale and meet the group at Wandin North. Contact the leader if you intend to ride. Approx. 56km NOTE CHANGE FOR MORNING TEA STOP. Afternoon tea is optional.	Colin
Thursday 2 May 2024	Steele Creek	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail before turning left onto the Western Ring Road path. After the Calder freeway turn off and ride via back streets to the Steele Creek path. Down the Steele Creek path past the old Niddrie Quarry site before joining the Maribyrnong Trail at the foot of the Afton Street hill. Back to Westgarth via Kensington or Footscray Road. Approx 55km	James
Tuesday 7 May 2024	Royal Botanic Gardens, Melb. & St Kilda Botanic Gardens	Ride to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave, Gate opposite Morrell Bridge (MT). Continue along the Main Yarra Trail to Southbank, take the Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove. 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 Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray street. Approx. 50km	Nola
Thursday 9 May 2024	Point Cook Coastal park	Meet at 9am at Jika Jika to ride to North Melbourne station to catch the Werribee train to Willams Landing. Ride to the Boardwalk Park (MT) in Point Cook. Then onto the Skeleton Creek path south to the new Bay trail extension next to the Cheetham wetlands. Continuing to the Point Cook Coastal Park for lunch (new park facilities). Either on the way or way back riding to the Cheetham Observation tower for a view across the bay to the city. Return via the Bay trail to Newport to catch the train back or ride back. Approx. 50km	Sue
Tuesday 14 May 2024	Jack Roper Reserve	Take the Darebin Creek trail to Norris Bank parklands (MT). Continue on the Darebin Creek trail to the Western Ring Road path. Ride west on the Ring rd path. Cross Sydney rd and after the small lake, take the turn north under the Ring Road to Jack Roper Reserve. (L) Return via the Merri Creek trail or the Upfield trail to Westgarth. Approx 60km	Ian S
Thursday 16 May 2024	Wattle Park	From Darebin Parklands take the Darebin Creek trail south towards Kew. Cross under the freeway to Hyde Park and the Outer Circle Rail Trail (Anniversary Trail). Ride to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn left 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 tram picnic area (L). Return back to the Gardeners Creek trail. Return to Westgarth via the Koonung trail. Approx. 55km	Andrew
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Malcom Creek-Mt Ridley	Ride to Newmarket Station to take the train to Craigieburn. M/T along Malcolm Creek, then over Mt Ridley for views & south on the Galada Tamboree trail to lunch at the Whittlesea City Gardens or nearby if they are still closed. Over the Mad Max bridge and via streets and Merri Creek to return (Optional A/T at the Boot Factory). Approx. 58km	Jopie

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Thursday 23 May 2024	Western Port Bay Trail	<p>Meet at Somerville station (Mornington Peninsula) for 10am ride start. There is parking in the shopping centre Somerville Plaza close by on Eramosa Rd West. Riders can drive or take the train to Frankston then Somerville and meet the group at Somerville station car park.</p> <p>Western Port Bay trail is mainly a rail trail but also passes coastal, bush and beach areas. Starting at Somerville ride down to Tyabb, Hastings, (MT) Stony Point (L) Crib Point and Bittern then return via Hastings (cuppa) path back to Somerville.</p> <p>For those travelling by train, the train arrives at Somerville from Frankston at 9.40am and train returns to Frankston leaving Stony point roughly at 2pm 4pm and 6 pm. Ride could be shorter by catching this train back to Somerville and then Frankston. Fairly flat. Approx 45kms.</p> <p>Contact the leader if you intend to ride. As this is a new ride, don't hesitate to contact the leader if you have any queries.</p>	Jon
Tuesday 28 May 2024	Sporting Tour	A tour of sporting history of Melbourne and suburbs. Approx 45km	Ralph
Thursday 30 May 2024	Williamstown	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown onto the Bay Trail West. Continue on Bay Trail West to Williamstown beach (L). Return via Newport. Approx 50km	Ed
Monday 3 Jun 2024	Ride Planning meeting	Ride planning group meets at Jopie's	
Tuesday 4 Jun 2024	Craigieburn	Ride to Kensington Station and take the train to Craigieburn returning via the Galada Tamboore Trail/Western Ring Road/Merri Creek trail. Approx 40km	Colin
Thursday 6 Jun 2024	Yan Yean	Ride to Merri Station for the train to Mernda. Ride to Yan Yean Reservoir (MT) overlooking the reservoir. Ride through Laurimar and other suburbs (lunch along the way) to return to Jika Jika. Approx. 50km	James
Tuesday 11 Jun 2024	Mordialloc loop	Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.57am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond Station for the train to Mordialloc. Ride will be a loop returning to Mordialloc for a train to Richmond. LOOP: Long Beach Trail - Dandenong Creek Trail - Dandenong South Trail - Dandenong Bypass Trail- Dingley Bypass Tail – Mordialloc Freeway Trail (New) -Mordialloc Creek Trail. Approx. 40km	Ian S
Thursday 13 Jun 2024	Heatherdale/ Dandenong	Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.57am train to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Heatherdale station. Ride to Schwerkolt Cottage (MT). Ride on Eastlink trail east to the Mullum Mullum trail east. Continue to Croydon and ride along the Tarralla Creek trail south to meet the Dandenong Creek Trail and on to Jells Park (L). Continue on the Dandenong Creek trail south to the Lower Dandenong Creek trail to Dandenong station. Return by train to Richmond. Approx. 56km	Ian H
Tuesday 18 Jun 2024	Cherry Lake	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown and around to the Altona Coastal Park and head 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 60km	Glenys

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Thursday 20 Jun 2024	Ferny/Dandy/ Blind creeks	Meet at Westgarth station to catch the 8.57am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the 9.29am train to Upper Ferntree Gully. Ride the Ferny Creek Trail to Wally Tew Reserve (MT) and on to Stud Rd before back streets to Dandenong Creek Trail and Jells Park (L) before taking Blind Creek Trail to the Heathmont-Belgrave Trail and train home. Approx. 40km	Wolter
Tuesday 25 Jun 2024	Ivanhoe & Canterbury	A devious wander through Yarra Bend, Alphington, Ivanhoe, Kew, Balwyn, Canterbury & Hawthorn. Approx 48km	Jopie
Thursday 27 Jun 2024	Federation trail	Meet at Jika Jika at 9am to ride to North Melbourne station for the Werribee train. Ride south from Werribee station on Werribee River trail down to where the Federation Trail starts alongside the Princes Highway. Follow Federation Trail north until it finishes at Millers Road. Then ride back through Footscray, Kensington, and Royal Park. (Ride leader to be careful not to catch a train that goes via Altona) Approx 56km	Ed