

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule October to December 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)
4. Hot weather riding –
 - Up to 30c - The programmed ride will go ahead
 - Between 30c to 35c - The programmed ride may go ahead but may be altered
 - Over 35c - There will be no “official” ride but any riders still wishing to ride can turn up at the starting point to meet up with like-minded riders

DATE	RIDE NAME	DESCRIPTION & APPROX km	LEADER
Tuesday 1 Oct 2024	Caribbean Gardens & Scotchmans Creek	Catch the 8.57am train from Northcote to Jolimont and ride to Richmond station for the Belgrave train to Upper Ferntree Gully. Ride via Ferny Creek Trail, Rowville Lakes, the new Stamford Park Wetlands, the amazing Caribbean Gardens Business Park Circuit, Jells Park (probably lunch), Dandenong Creek trail (Shepherds Bush), Scotchmans Creek & Anniversary Trail. Optional afternoon stop in Burwood. Approx 57km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Jopie
Thursday 3 Oct 2024	Rosstown trail	Ride along the Anniversary Trail. (MT along the way). Continue on the Anniversary Trail to Hughesdale Station and join the Djerring trail, turning right towards Carnegie. Continue through back streets to travel part of where the Rosstown rail used to be to EE Gunn reserve (L). Ride to the Elwood Canal path to St Kilda and back returning to Northcote. Approx 55km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Sue
Tuesday 8 Oct 2024	Bundoora Park & Coburg Lake Seniors Week Ride	Meet members of Darebin BUG and ride with the group to Bundoora Park Café. A free morning tea (coffee or tea and a muffin) will be provided. Riders can either return to Jika (30km) or continue to Coburg Lake (BYO lunch) and then return to Jika (40km). Ride north on the Darebin Creek trail and turn off to Bundoora Park. Rejoin the Darebin Creek trail, ride south to McMahons Rd to ride west to the Merri Creek path and on to Coburg Lake (BYO lunch). Return to Jika via the Merri Creek path	Wolter (James for earlier return)
Thursday 10 Oct 2024	Diamond Creek (train return from Eltham)	Ride along the Main Yarra Trail to Warringal Parklands (MT). Continue on the Main Yarra trail to the Diamond Creek trail. Follow the trail through Eltham to Diamond Creek (Lunch along the way). Ride back to Eltham and take the train back to Westgarth station. Approx 45km	Jon

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Tuesday 15 Oct 2024	Federation trail	Early start from Jika Jika. 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. Riders can return on the train from Footscray if required. Approx 56km	Ed
Thursday 17 Oct 2024	Maranoa Gardens	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 (L). Return to Northcote via Kew. Approx. 45km	Ian H
Tuesday 22 Oct 2024	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. (via either Church Rd or Schramms Reserve/Whittens Lane). Approx. 40km. Some hills.	Colin
Thursday 24 Oct 2024	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	James
Tuesday 29 Oct 2024	Brighton Beach	Take the Capital City Trail via the City Link to the Docklands. Then down the Sandridge Rail Trail to Port Melbourne (MT) and the Bay Trail south to Brighton Beach Gardens (L). Return to Northcote via Bay Trail/Albert Park/Moray St. Approx 55km	Nola
Thursday 31 Oct 2024	Mullum Mullum Creek trail	Ride along the Koonung trail and then to the Eastlink trail (MT along the way). Turn off to the Mullum Mullum trail (lunch at Mullum Mullum Reserve) and follow to the Main Yarra trail. Approx 57km. Some hills.	Andrew
Tuesday 5 Nov 2024	Riders choice	Public Holiday – Cup day. Riders on the day decide on a ride and leader.	On the day
Thursday 7 Nov 2024	Ferny/Dandy/ Blind Creeks	Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth station to Jolimont station 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

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Tuesday 12 Nov 2024	Roxburgh Park, Woodlands & Gowanbrae	Ride to Newmarket station for the train to Roxburgh Park. M/T at RP Homestead. Greenvale Reserve, Mt Gellibrand, Aitken Creek, Westmeadows (probable lunch), the high route to Gowanbrae, then down Westbreen Creek. Return via Merri Creek trail. Optional afternoon stop at the Boot Factory in Coburg. Approx. 52km	Jopie
Thursday 14 Nov 2024	Hedgeley Dene Gardens	Ride to Darebin Parklands and take the Darebin Creek trail south towards Kew. Cross under the Freeway to Hyde Park and the Outer Circle Rail Trail. Take the Anniversary Trail south to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue on the Anniversary Trail and take the Gardiners Creek trail west. Cross over Malvern Rd to Hedgeley Dene Gardens (L) or ride back to Gardiners Creek trail to TH King Oval /Pavillion (L). Continue on the Gardiners Creek trail until the Capital City Trail to Northcote. Approx 40km	Colin
Tuesday 19 Nov 2024	Craigieburn	Ride to Pascoe Vale station for the train to Craigieburn. Return via the west side - a bit of a mystery ride. (Morning tea and lunch along the way). Approx. 50km	Glenys
Thursday 21 Nov 2024	Woodlands Historic Park	Ride to Newmarket station to catch the train to Jacana. Ride west to the Broadmeadows Valley trail and then south towards Jacana Reserve. Turn onto the Moonee Ponds Creek trail towards West Meadows. Follow the trail to Woodlands Historic Park for lunch. Return to Northcote. Approx. 55km	Ian H
Tuesday 26 Nov 2024	Williamstown Beach	Take the Capital City trail via the City Link then the Footscray Rd path 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	Nola
Thursday 28 Nov 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 opening hours of the Kiosk at Half Moon Bay can be inconsistent. 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	Andrew
Monday 2 Dec 2024	Ride Planning meeting	At Nola’s 7.30pm	Nola, Jopie, James & Sue
Tuesday 3 Dec 2024	Sporting History	A tour of sporting and other history of Melbourne and suburbs. Approx 45km	Ralph
Thursday 5 Dec 2024	Brimbank Park	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail to Boeing Reserve (MT). Then ride via Mascoma St to meet the Western Ring Rd trail and continue to Brimbank Park (L). Return via backstreets and trails to Northcote. Some hills. Approx 55km	Wolter

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Tuesday 10 Dec 2024	Morning ride and Christmas lunch	Lunch at Four Beans Café, 22 High st, Northcote 12.15 pm for 12.30pm Preceded by a ride led by Glenys. Event details will be sent prior to the lunch. Please let Nola know numbers for lunch the week prior and if lunching whether you intend to ride or not.	Glenys
Thursday 12 Dec 2024	Melton Trails Exploratory	Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth station to Southern Cross station to catch the 9.36am VLine for the 39 minute trip to Melton. Alternatively meet in the Melton Station carpark to meet the train arriving at 10.15am. Melton has lots of interesting bike paths along Toolern & other creek valleys plus some lakes, a botanic gardens and a historic homestead making for a great and possibly once only ride Please contact Jopie by text if you are meeting the group along the way or at Melton. Approx 47km plus getting home from Southern Cross if you choose to ride	Jopie
Tuesday 17 Dec 2024	Capital City trail – Como and Burnley Gardens	Ride to the Como Gardens (MT). Continue onto the Burnley Gardens (lunch along the way). Return to Northcote via the Capital City trail. Approx 30km	Ed
Thursday 19 Dec 2024	Blackburn Lake (Reversed)	Ride to the Koonung Creek trail and then through backstreets to Box Hill (MT along the way). On the Box Hill to Ringwood path ride to Blackburn Lake (L). Return to Northcote on the Gardiners Creek and the Anniversary Trails. Approx. 55km	Sue