

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule January to March 2025

1. All rides start at the **earlier time of 9.00 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
Thursday 2 Jan 2025	Riders choice	Riders to decide on the ride and the leader	Group to decide
Tuesday 7 Jan 2025	Cemetery, Royal & Albert Parks	A nice easy ride with a romp around the Cemetery & parts of Royal Park (M/T), via the Saleyards, Maribyrnong River & Docklands to Albert Park for lunch. Then through Fawkner Park & past the MCG & back to Jika. (Fitzroy Gardens cafe afternoon tea optional). <i>Approx 45km, easy to moderate riding, mostly flat.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 9 Jan 2025	Hurstbridge- Train then ride return	Meet at Westgarth Station Plat 2 for the 9.07am train 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 via the Main Yarra Trail. BRING MYKI <i>Approx 45km, easy to moderate riding with some gravel sections.</i>	Andrew
Tuesday 14 Jan 2025	Jells Park via Ringwood & Bayswater	Meet at Westgarth Station Plat 1 for 9.04am train to Jolimont. Ride to Platform 9, Richmond Station, for 9.31am limited express to Ringwood. Ride Ringwood-Belgrave Trail, Dandenong Creek Trail (MT) and Eastlink Trail to Jells Park for lunch. Then Eastlink Trail, Blind Creek and Ringwood-Belgrave Trail to Bayswater Station for train back to Richmond and pedal home. BRING MYKI <i>Approx. 40km, moderate riding with some hills.</i>	Wolter
Thursday 16 Jan 2025	Sunshine – Kororoit Creek Trails Loop	Ride to Newells Paddock, Footscray for morning tea. Head out through West Footscray to Sunshine and to Altona North via the brand-new section of Kororoit Creek path. Amble back through Yarraville and North Melbourne to Westgarth. <i>Approx 50km, some hills, easy to moderate, mostly flat.</i>	Gael
Tuesday 21 Jan 2025	Steele Creek trail	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail before turning at Boeing Reserve and joining 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. <i>Approx 55km. Moderate to steep riding.</i>	Colin

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Thursday 23 Jan 2025	Bundoora Park and Macleod/River Gum trail	Ride north up the Merri Creek trail to Coburg Lake (MT). Continue to Broadhurst Avenue turn off. Ride east to the Darebin Creek trail and into Bundoora Park for lunch (lots of picnic tables & shelters). Return via Plenty Road to Main Road, Cherry Street and over railway line at Macleod RS. Ride up Erskine, Ferguson, Finlayson and Silk Streets. At Lower Plenty Road, take footbridge and left to the footpath onto the River Gum trail to Main Yarra Trail and back to Westgarth. <i>Approx 40km. Moderate to steep riding.</i>	Jon
Tuesday 28 Jan 2025	Blackburn Lake	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue south to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Then to the Gardiners Creek trail. At Canterbury Rd, ride north on Middleborough Rd/ Blackburn Rd/ Alandale Rd to Blackburn lake (L). Return through back streets to the Koonung Trail/Main Yarra trail. <i>Approx. 55km. Mainly easy riding, with some hills.</i>	Ed
Thursday 30 Jan 2025	Half Moon Bay (Fish & Chip ride)	Ride south on the Bay trail to Half Moon Bay/ Black Rock – morning tea and lunch along the way. Return via the Bay Trail. Riders that want to shorten the ride can take the train back from Sandringham or Brighton. Note: There is a kiosk at Half Moon Bay where riders can buy fish and chips etc for lunch. <i>Approx. 60km. Easy riding mainly flat, however being coastal can be subject to strong winds.</i>	James
Tuesday 4 Feb 2025	Royal Botanic Gardens & St.Kilda Botanic Gardens	Ride to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave, Gate opposite Morrell Bridge (MT). Afterwards continue to the Sandridge Trail and Beacon Cove. Take the Bay Trail south to the St Kilda Marina. Turn off to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray street. <i>Approx 50km. Easy riding mainly flat.</i>	Nola
Thursday 6 Feb 2025	Maranoa Gardens Meander	Ride via Wellington Rd to Botanic Gardens (MT), Main Yarra Trail to Gardiners Creek Trail, Ferndale Trail and Anniversary Trail. Canterbury and Balwyn to Maranoa Gardens (L). Return via Anniversary Trail to Jika. <i>Approx. 45km. Moderate to steep riding.</i>	Wolter
Tuesday 11 Feb 2025	Scotchmans Creek, Valley Reserve & the Waverley trail	Ride to East Malvern on the Gardiners Creek trail to the start of the Scotchmans Creek trail (MT along the way). Ride along the Scotchmans Creek trail to Valley Reserve (L). Return via the Waverley Rail and Anniversary trails. <i>Approximately 50km, easy to moderate riding, some gradual uphills.</i>	Sue
Thursday 13 Feb 2025	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). <i>Approx. 40km. Moderate riding with some short steep hills and gravel.</i>	Andrew
Tuesday 18 Feb 2025	Laurimar Lakes, Mill Park & Darebin Creek	Meet at Merri station to catch the 8.56am train to Mernda, then ride via the Laurimar Lakes (M/T) and South Morang Lakes to Redleap Lake (lunch) in Mill Park. Direct south to the Ring Road and down Darebin Creek trail and back to Jika (Artiga cafe afternoon tea optional). BRING MYKI. <i>A generally pretty flat and scenic ride. Approx 46km</i>	Jopie

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Thursday 20 Feb 2025	Riders choice	Riders to decide on the ride and the leader	Group to decide
Tuesday 25 Feb 2025	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) BRING MYKI . <i>Approx. 55km. Moderate riding with gravel paths including sometimes loose gravel in the park.</i>	Colin
Thursday 27 Feb 2025	Anniversary & Gardeners Creek trails	Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow (MT) then meet the Gardiners Creek trail to ride back towards Burnley and the Main Yarra trail . Or vice-versa. <i>Approx. 40km Easy riding some gradual uphill but mainly flat</i>	Ed
Monday 3 Mar 2025	Ride Planning meeting		TBC Jon or Jopie’s
Tuesday 4 Mar 2025	Sandridge Beach – Pancake Day	Mystery ride to arrive at Sandridge beach Port Melbourne before midday. There are BBQs, a shelter and toilets close by. We will provide shaker maker pancakes and you will need to supply your toppings of lemon, jam, sugar, honey, maple syrup etc. Plate etc. it’s usually a gold coin needed to cover the cost of the pancake mixes. <i>Approx. 40km or less. Easy riding, mainly flat.</i>	Nola
Thursday 6 Mar 2025	Findon Creek, Edgars Creek & Galada Tamboore	Meet at Merri station to catch the 8.56am Hawkstowe train. From Hawkstowe station ride along the Henderson Drain path (MT) along the way. Continue onto the Darebin Creek & Findon Creek paths northwards. Includes the Edgars Creek path coming out onto the Galada Tamboore path southwards. Lunch along the way. Return via the Ring road and Merri Creek trails. <i>Approx. 50 km. BRING MYKI Easy riding mainly flat, some up and downs on paths along the creeks.</i>	Sue
Tuesday 11 Mar 2025	Rosstown Trail with Elwood Canal	Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow (MT) and Hughesdale. Rosstown Rail Trail for lunch at EE Gunn Reserve and on to Elwood Canal, Albert Park and home. <i>Approx. 51km. Easy riding mainly flat with some gradual uphill</i>	Wolter
Thursday 13 Mar 2025	100 Steps to Federation, Altona	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown and around to the Altona foreshore, to Laverton Creek to the “100 steps” (L). Return via backstreets to Jika Jika. <i>Approx. 66km. Easy riding almost flat, however being coastal can be subject to strong winds. Riders wanting a shorter ride can catch trains back at Altona or Newport.</i>	Ian H

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Tuesday 18 Mar 2025	Newport Lakes	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport. Take the Bay Trail West through Williamstown and Jawbone Reserve and wetlands. At Maddox Rd turn north continue to Mason St. Turn left to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Mason st Newport Railway Station. Take the station underpass to travel back to the Bay Trail West. Return via Yarraville and Footscray Rd or Kensington. <i>Approx. 50km. Easy riding almost flat.</i>	Jon
Thursday 20 Mar 2025	Cairnlea – train return	Ride to the Maribyrnong River for morning tea across from the racecourse. Next ride along the Footscray to Sunshine rail line path to Sunshine station. Join the Kororoit Creek trail going upstream to Ardeer and follow Jones Creek to the Kevin Flint Reserve in Cairnlea for lunch. Continue west through Cairnlea until we rejoin Jones Creek. Return via train from St Albans station to North Melbourne station and then ride to Jika. Or riders can stay on the train to go home. Options for riders to shorten the ride in the morning at Footscray or Sunshine Station. BRING MYKI. <i>Approx. 45km. Easy riding, nearly all flat except for some short hills alongside the creeks.</i>	James
Tuesday 25 Mar 2025	Carnegie laneways & gardens	Turn up on the day at Jika Jika to join a mystery ride south to Carnegie to see a neighbourhood where the community of gardeners came together to brighten up their local laneways.	Paul S
Thursday 27 Mar 2025	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. <i>Approx. 55km, moderate to steep riding and with some loose gravel in parts along the river trail.</i>	Ian H