

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule April to June 2025

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 1 Apr 2025	Jack Roper Reserve	Ride to the Western Ring Road path (Morning tea along the way). Ride west on the Ring Road path. Cross Sydney Road 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 Jika. <i>Approximately 60 km. Easy to moderate riding</i>	Nola
Thursday 3 Apr 2025	Craigieburn & Broadmeadows Valley trail	Ride to Pascoe Vale station. Morning tea along the way. Catch the train to Craigieburn. Return via the Broadmeadows Valley trail. BRING MYKI. <i>Approximately 50km. Easy to moderate riding</i>	Colin
Tuesday 8 Apr 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>Approximately 40km. Moderate riding with some short steep hills and gravel.</i>	Andrew
Thursday 10 Apr 2025	Mernda and beyond	Later start. Meet at Merri Station for the 9.36am Mernda train, getting off at Middle Gorge about 10.06am. Check out the remodelled Hawkstowe Park picnic area (MT) before heading north through Mernda and then south to Henderson Creek for lunch. Home via Darebin Creek Trail. <i>Approximately 50km. Mainly flat and downhill riding</i>	Wolter
Tuesday 15 Apr 2025	Avondale Heights & Maribyrnong River	Ride to Footscray Park for morning tea. Continue via Jacks Way and Quarry Park overlooking Flemington Racecourse to the western side of the Maribyrnong river (includes a new paved circuit path). Return trip via the Maribyrnong River path & Lily st lookout. (Boathouse Café afternoon tea optional). <i>Approximately 50km. Moderate to steep riding with some hills.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 17 Apr 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 uphill</i>	Gael
Tuesday 22 Apr 2025	Wattle Park	Ride to the Outer Circle Rail Trail/Anniversary Trail. Continue past Alamein (morning tea along the way). Take the turnoff onto the Gardiners Creek trail. Continue on the Gardiners Creek trail until just past Burwood Highway. Turn off to go to Wattle Park picnic area (L). Return back to the Gardeners Creek trail. Return to Jika via the Koonung trail. <i>Approximately 55km. Mainly easy riding with some hills and gravel in the park</i>	Ian S

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Thursday 24 Apr 2025	Plenty River trail	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 Jika. <i>Approximately 50km, moderate riding with some hills and gravel</i>	Ed
Tuesday 29 Apr 2025	Sunshine Kororoit Creek	Ride to Footscray Park (MT) then along the Footscray to Sunshine rail path. At Sunshine station take the Kororoit Creek path south, crossing the Federation trail to continue on the Lower Kororoit Creek Path to Barnes Rd. Ride through the backstreets of Altona North and Newport to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Seddon. <i>Approximately 55km - easy to moderate riding, some ups and downs along the creek</i>	Ian H
Thursday 1 May 2025	Gisborne	Later start. Meet at Roger's place in Gisborne for a 10am start. Address - 13 Turanga Rd, Gisborne (cnr of Fisher St). An autumn ride in Gisborne and environs. Please contact the leader if you are coming. <i>Approximately 40km moderate riding, some hills</i>	Roger
Tuesday 6 May 2025	Western Port Bay trail - bikes on cars/trains	<p>Later start. Meet at the Fred Smith Reserve carpark, close to the Hastings jetty (Mornington Peninsula) for 10am ride start. There is a cafe and parking available there. Riders can drive to Hastings or take the train to Frankston then onto Hastings station. (Note: Some trains are bus replaced during peak hours as they can only run one train at a time on the single track) and then meet the group at the Reserve car park.</p> <p>Western Port Bay trail is mainly a rail trail but also passes coastal, bush and beach areas. Starting at Hastings, ride to Stony Point (MT), Crib Point then to Somers beach for lunch and return via the Bittern path back to Hastings for coffee.</p> <p>For those travelling by train, the train arrives at Hastings at 9.10 am and departs from Frankston at 8.48am and the train returns to Frankston roughly at 2pm 4pm and 6 pm. Riders can shorten their ride by catching one of these trains back to Hastings and then onto Frankston. <i>Approximately 40kms. Easy riding fairly flat. Some gravel and wetlands boardwalks</i></p> <p>Contact the leader if you intend to ride. As this is a newish ride, don't hesitate to contact the leader if you have any queries.</p>	Jon
Thursday 8 May 2025	Royal Botanic Gardens & St.Kilda Botanic Gardens	Take the Capital City Trail via Dights Falls to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave (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. <i>Approximately 50 km easy riding</i>	Colin
Tuesday 13 May 2025	Point Cook Coast Reserve	Early start – 9.00am at Jika. Ride to North Melbourne station to catch the Werribee train to Williams Landing. Ride to the Boardwalk Park (MT) in Point Cook. Then onto the Skeleton Creek path south to the Bay trail extension next to the Cheetham wetlands. Continuing to the Point Cook Coastal Park for lunch. Either on the way or way back riding to the Cheetham Observation tower hopefully for a view across the bay to the city. Return via the Bay trail to Newport to catch the train back or ride back. <i>Approximately 50km. Mainly easy riding with some gravel.</i>	Sue

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Thursday 15 May 2025	Hurstbridge – train then ride return	Early start. 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>Approximately 45km, easy to moderate riding with some gravel sections.</i>	Graham
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Westgarth town	Ride north to the Western Ring Road path and ride west. 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. <i>Approximately 50km. Easy riding</i>	Nola
Thursday 22 May 2025	Explore Hawthorn & Canterbury	Ride to Royal Parade, past the Children's Hospital and side streets to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail & the Docklands. Continue along the Yarra to Bridge Rd. (Morning tea along the way). Head via quiet streets to Central Gardens aka the Rocket Park. Continue to Camberwell for lunch at Canterbury Gardens. Back to the Anniversary Trail and return via Hays Paddock. (Alphington Foodstore for afternoon tea optional). <i>Approximately 42km. Moderate riding with some hills.</i>	James
Tuesday 27 May 2025	Caulfield Park & Racecourse	Morning tea at Riversdale Rd, then via Ferndale Park, Malvern Central Park & Hedgeley Dene Gardens. Either Caulfield Racecourse and Caulfield Park for lunch. North through Malvern, Gardiners Creek and the Yarra Trail. (Frankie Says Café afternoon tea optional). <i>Approximately 45km. Moderate riding with some hills.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 29 May 2025	Mullum Mullum Creek (with train)	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Turn off to Camberwell station – take the train to Heatherdale station, ride to Schwerkholts Cottage (MT) off Deep Creek rd/ Onto the Eastlink trail (west) and then turn right onto the Mullum Mullum trail to continue to the Main Yarra trail. Lunch along the way. Continue on Main Yarra trail to Jika Jika. <i>Approximately 55 km. Easy to moderate riding with some gravel</i>	Sue
Monday 2 Jun 2025	Ride Planning group meeting	Planning meeting at Jopie's	Nola, Jon, James, Sue & Jopie
Tuesday 3 Jun 2025	Warburton trail - (Wandin North to Warburton & return) Bikes on cars/trains	Later start. Meet at Wandin North - Lilydale/Warburton carpark for a 10am ride start. Ride along the Lilydale/Warburton trail towards Warburton. Stop at the Carriage Cafe, Seville for morning tea at the cafe. Continue to Yarra Junction (toilets). Lunch at Warburton. Return to Wandin North carpark. Riders can drive to Wandin North or take the train to Lilydale and meet the group at Wandin North. NOTE CAFE FOR MORNING TEA STOP. Afternoon tea is optional. Contact the leader if you intend to ride. <i>Approximately 56 km, easy to moderate riding mainly gravel</i>	Jon
Thursday 5 Jun 2025	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 Jika or return by train. <i>Approximately 58 km Easy riding, subject to headwinds along the coast</i>	Ian H

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Tuesday 10 Jun 2025	Frankston	Early start Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Frankston. From Frankston station ride along the Kananook Creek path to Carrum (MT). From Patterson River take the Longbeach trail to Mordiallic. Continue on the Bay trail north (lunch along the way) and then onto Westgarth. If a strong northerly wind is forecast, a decision will be made a day or so before to reverse the ride and catch the train back from Frankston instead. Note- this is a relatively flat ride with escape routes by catching the train along the way. <i>Approximately 66km. Mainly easy riding.</i>	Ian S
Thursday 12 Jun 2025	Werribee River & Skeleton Creek	Early start – 9.00am at Jika. Ride to North Melbourne station to take the train to Werribee. Ride along next to the Werribee River and then onto the Federation trail (Morning tea along the way). Stay on the trail and cross over the freeway at Sneydes rd. to join the Skeleton Creek trail until it joins the Bay Trail at Cheetham Wetlands. Lunch at 100 steps (Truganina Park). Ride to Altona then alongside Maddox Rd to Newport and re-join the Bay trail near Spotswood. Ride to Westgarth or return by train. <i>Approximately 65km. Mainly flat moderate riding.</i>	Ed
Tuesday 17 Jun 2025	Djerring trail, East Caulfield, McKinnon, Allnut Park, Elster Creek	Ride the Gardiners Creek trail to East Malvern station. Morning tea along the way. Turn south to the Urban Forest through to the Djerring trail. Turn west towards East Caulfield and ride the trail to turn south on Queens Avenue. Continue on to McKinnon and Allnut Park for lunch. Return via the Elsetr Creek path through to Elwood canal. Return to Jika from the Bay trail. <i>Approximately 55km. Easy riding mainly flat.</i>	Colin
Thursday 19 Jun 2025	Hedgeley Dene	Ride to the Anniversary Trail south. Continue on the Anniversary Trail (morning tea along the way) 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 Westgarth. <i>Approximately 40km. Easy to moderate riding.</i>	Gael
Tuesday 24 Jun 2025	Taylor's Creek, Keilor & Brimbank Park	Ride to North Melbourne station for the train to Watergardens. Ride along treelined Taylor's Creek to Brimbank Park and on to Keilor for lunch. Return via Steele Creek, Lily st lookout & Flemington Racecourse. Afternoon tea at the Boathouse (but negotiable). BRING MYKI. <i>Approximately 47km. Moderate riding with some hills.</i>	Jopie
Thursday 26 Jun 2025	Riders choice	Riders to decide on the ride and the leader	On the day