

DAREBIN BUG - Rides July to September 2026

Midweek rides start at 9.30am from Jika Jika Community Centre, cnr Plant & Union streets, Northcote, unless otherwise stated

Saturday rides start at 9.30am from Rushall Station, Falconer St, Fitzroy North, with same destination/about 30km each week except for monthly mystery ride

Ride leader sets the route and nominates a tail. The leader needs to maintain a speed that suits the whole group, normally not more than 18km/h.

DATE	RIDE NAME	LEADER	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
Thu 2 July	100 Steps of Federation at Truganina Park	Wolter	65	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde St towards Newport, then Williamstown and around to Altona foreshore, Laverton Creek and 100 Steps (L). Return via back streets to Jika Jika. <i>Easy riding, almost flat, but subject to strong wind. Riders wanting a shorter version can catch train home at Altona or Newport. Note: School holidays</i>
Fri 3 July	Jika beginners social ride	Various	10	Relaxed, short coffee run led by DBUG members starting at 10.30am
Sat 5 July	Saturday Surprise	David D.	30	Relaxed outing with mystery destination. Contact ride leader for details. Note: School holidays
Tue 7 July	Bundoora Park and Macleod	Bob	40	Ride north up Merri Creek Trail to Coburg Lake (MT). Continue to Broadhurst Ave. Ride east via Crookston Rd to Darebin Creek Trail and into Bundoora Park (L). Return via Plenty Rd to Main Rd, Cherry St and over railway line at Macleod Station. Ride up Erskine, Ferguson, Finlayson and Silk streets. At Lower Plenty Rd, take footbridge and turn left to reach River Gum Trail to Main Yarra Trail and back to Westgarth. Note: School holidays
Thu 9 July	Cranbourne Gardens	Franca & Bruce	40	9AM START, MYKI. Meet at Jika Jika to ride to Parkville Station (Platform 2) for the 9.19am or 9.40am train to Cranbourne. It is a short ride from there to Stringybark picnic ground in Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne (MT). Ride through bushland section to Woodland picnic area (L). It is then a short ride to visitor centre where some time will be available to walk around the 15 hectare Australian gardens. Return to Cranbourne Station to catch train back to Parkville. <i>Mainly easy riding.</i> Note: School holidays
Tue 14 July	Laurimar Lakes and Mill Park	Jopie	52	MYKI Meet at Merri Station for 9.02 train to Mernda. Laurimar Lakes, Morang Wetlands (some rough gravel sections), Binnak Park (L), La Trobe Uni, Artiga for coffee & home via Gooch and Rathmines streets. Some moderate hills and other gravel bits. <i>Early exit at Watsonia Station after 35km</i>
Thur 16 July	Blackburn Lake via Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail	Ed Smart	55	Ride to Anniversary Trail. Continue south, with MT along way. Then on to Gardiners Creek Trail. At Canterbury Rd, ride north on Middleborough Rd/Blackburn Rd/Alandale Rd to Blackburn Lake (L). Return via back streets, Koonung and Main Yarra trails. <i>Approx. 55km. Mainly easy riding, with some hills. Can run in reverse</i>

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Tue 21 July	Brimbank Park via Maribyrnong River	Ian H	55	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail to Boeing Reserve (MT). Ride via Mascoma St to meet Western Ring Rd (M80) Trail and continue to Brimbank Park (L). Return via Maribyrnong River Trail and back to Westgarth via Kensington. Moderate to steep riding and with some loose gravel along the river trail.
Thu 23 July	Capital City Trail – Como and Burnley Gardens	Steve M	30	Capital City Trail via City Link to Docklands (MT). Ride through Southbank and around the Melbourne Botanic Gardens then follow Main Yarra Trail alongside Alexandra Ave and walk around Como Gardens. Back on trail to Kevin Bartlett Reserve (L) before walk around Burnley Gardens. Continue on Capital City Trail and Merri Creek Trail to return to Westgarth. <i>Easy riding</i>
Tue 28 July	Anniversary, Gardiners Creek and Main Yarra Trails	Mary & Mick	40	From Darebin Parklands, take Darebin Creek Trail south towards Kew. At Willsmere Park cross under the freeway to Hyde Park and Outer Circle/Anniversary Trail. Continue south on Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn right onto Gardiners Creek Trail west to T.H. King Oval/Pavillion (L). Continue to Main Yarra Trail and turn right then via Dights Falls back to Westgarth.
Thu 30 Jul	Pettys Orchard Café, Templestowe, for lunch	Jon	50	Ride along Main Yarra Trail to Possum Hollow, Warringal Parklands (MT). Continue on MYT to Pettey's Orchard Café, just off the trail, for lunch (can purchase at café or eat your own outside). Return via MYT. <i>Moderate riding with some gravel.</i>
Sat 1 Aug	Saturday Surprise	David D	30	Relaxed outing with mystery destination. Contact ride leader for details.
Tue 4 Aug	Newport Lakes	Colin	50	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde St towards Newport. Take Bay Trail West through Williamstown and Jawbone Reserve and wetlands. At Maddox Rd, turn north and continue to Mason St. Turn left to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Mason St to Newport Station. Take the underpass to travel back to Bay Trail West. Return via Yarraville and Footscray Rd or Kensington. <i>Easy riding almost flat.</i>
Thu 6 Aug	Mullum Mullum Creek Trail (with train)	Bruce & Franca	55	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Turn off to Camberwell Station for train to Heatherdale, ride to Schwerkolts Cottage (MT) off Deep Creek Rd. On to EastLink trail (west) and turn right onto the Mullum Mullum Creek Trail to continue to the Main Yarra Trail. Lunch along the way. Continue on Main Yarra trail to Jika Jika. <i>Easy to moderate riding with some gravel</i>
Tue 11 Aug	Malcolm Creek and Mt Ridley	Jopie	53	MYKI Ride to Newmarket for train to Craigieburn. Red gums along Malcolm Creek, then a steady climb to Mt Ridley Summit for city views. Galada Tamboree Trail to Whittlesea Gardens (L). Over Ned Kelly Bridge, down west side of Merri Ck, through industrial area to Ring Road and finally Merri Creek Trail. <i>Easy to moderate riding except for Mt Ridley but a great whizz down.</i>

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Thu 13 Aug	Plenty River Trail	Gael	50	Ride north on the Darebin Creek Trail to Norris Bank Park (MT), continue north and turn along Western Ring Road path to Kalparrin Gardens Lake, Greensborough (L). Along Plenty River and Main Yarra Trails to return to Jika. <i>Moderate to hard riding with some hills and gravel. Some rough sections of poorly maintained asphalt along Plenty River Trail.</i>
Tue 18 Aug	Brighton Beach Gardens	Nola	55	Ride to Bay Trail (MT along way). Continue on Bay Trail south to Brighton Beach Gardens/Green Point (L). Return via the Bay Trail/Albert Park/Moray St. Approx. 55km. Mainly easy riding, but can be subject to strong wind. Riders wanting out can catch train at Brighton Beach, a short ride further south from lunch.
Thu 20 Aug	Djerring Trail to Yarraman and Dandenong Creek Trail to Carrum (ride/train)	Graham	55	MYKI Ride Anniversary Trail, turn left at Hughesdale Station on Djerring Trail and continue to Yarraman Station. Turn south onto Eastlink and Dandenong trails, then Patterson River to Carrum Station. Return by train. <i>Easy to moderate riding – mainly flat but subject to headwind</i>
Tue 25 Aug	Sandridge Beach	James	40	Take the Capital City Trail via City Link to Docklands (MT) then down to Port Melbourne, continue on to Sandridge Beach (L). Return to Westgarth via Southbank/MCG/East Melbourne
Thu 27 Aug	Maranoa Gardens	Ian H	45	Ride to the Gardiners Creek Trail, Ferndale Trail and Anniversary Trail (Morning tea along the way). Canterbury and Balwyn to Maranoa Gardens (L). Return via Anniversary Trail to Jika. <i>Moderate to steep riding.</i>
Tue 1 Sep	Craigieburn and Broadmeadows Valley Trail	Jon	50	Ride to Pascoe Vale Station with morning tea along way. Catch train to Craigieburn. Return via the Broadmeadows Valley Trail with lunch at Adelaide Boulevard Playground, Gowanbrae. BRING MYKI. Easy to moderate riding
Thu 3 Sep	Sandringham to Seaford	Franca & Bruce	45	MYKI Meet at Westgarth Station to catch 8.55am train to Jolimont and ride to Richmond Station for the train to Sandringham. Ride south along Bay Trail to Mordialloc and continue inland on the Longbeach Trail to Patterson River and Seaford wetlands. Return to Mordialloc Station for train to
Sat 5 Sep	Saturday Surprise	David D	30	Relaxed outing with mystery destination. Contact ride leader for details.
Tue 8 Sep	Geelong river and rail trails (train/ride/train)	Wolter	40	EARLY START, MYKI Meet at Westgarth Station for the 9.04am train to Southern Cross and 9.30am V/Line to Geelong North or catch an earlier V/Line train to ensure your spot on this trip of a lifetime. Ride the Fyransford Rail Trail (MT), Barwon River Trail and part of Bellarine Rail Trail (L at Leopold) before heading to South Geelong Station for train home. <i>Mainly flat and sealed. Early exit possible to South Geelong Station after 23km</i>

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Thu 10 Sep	Kororoit Creek Trail	Gael	50	Ride to Footscray for morning tea. Head out through West Footscray to Sunshine and Altona North via the Kororoit Creek Trail. Amble back through Yarraville and North Melbourne to Westgarth. <i>Some hills, easy to moderate, mostly flat.</i>
Tue 15 Sep	Botanic Gardens Melbourne and St Kilda	Kathleen	50	Ride via Dights Falls to Royal Botanic Gardens (MT), with possible pilgrimage to Guilfoyles Volcano. Continue along Main Yarra Trail to Southbank, take Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove. Take Bay Trail south to St Kilda Marina. Cross Marine Pde to Dickens St for St Kilda Botanical Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray St. Approx 50km <i>Easy riding.</i>
Thu 17 Sep	Aqueduct Trail to Diamond Creek from Jika (train back)	Graham	45	MYKI Ride along Main Yarra Trail to Possum Hollow (MT), continue on Yarra Trail then Diamond Creek Trail to Eltham. Follow Research Trail to Old Maroondah Aqueduct with lunch on way, then rejoin Diamond Creek Trail for ride to Hurstbridge for train home.
Tue 22 Sept	Frankston to Jika (train/ride)	Ed Smart	65	EARLY START, MYKI. Meet at Westgarth Station for the 8.57am to Jolimont then ride to Richmond Station for train to Frankston. From Frankston station ride along the Kananook Creek path to Carrum (MT). From Patterson River take the Longbeach trail to Mordialloc. Continue on the Bay Trail north (lunch along the way) and then on to Westgarth. Note- this is a relatively flat ride with escape routes by catching the train along the way. Easy to moderate riding.(Note: School holidays)V
Thu, 24 Sept	Findon Creek, Edgars Creek & Galada Tamboore	Sue	50	MYKI Meet at Merri Station to catch the 9.36am train to Hawkstowe Station. From Hawkstowe, ride along Henderson Drain path (MT along way). Continue onto Darebin Creek & Findon Creek paths northwards. Includes Edgars Creek path coming out onto Galada Tamboore path southwards (L along way). Return via the M80 Ring Road and Merri Creek trails. <i>Easy riding mainly flat, some up and downs on paths along the creeks.</i> (Note: School holidays)
Tue 29 Sept	Upfield Shared Path extension	Wolter	40	North on the East Brunswick Shimmy (MT on way), then via Gowrie and brand new Upfield Trail extension to M80 Ring Road. Lunch at Jack Roper Reserve and back via Darebin Creek Trail to Area 52 (AT)