

Myrtleford To Bright Trail Description

Trail Stages

- Myrtleford to Ovens - 5 kilometres
- Ovens to Eurobin - 9 kilometres
- Eurobin to Porepunkah - 8 kilometres
- Porepunkah to Bright - 7 kilometres

Myrtleford to Ovens – 5 kilometres Top

Trail Description

A relatively short ride from Myrtleford this section of trail was one of the earliest sections opened and is well used. Shortly after leaving Myrtleford users will be required to cross the Great Alpine Road and once across the ride is very pleasant. Mt Buffalo makes an excellent backdrop and users will be impressed with the embankments and bridges that were constructed to keep the train at the high water mark, when the Ovens River and Happy Valley Creek are in flood. Tobacco farms, kilns and vineyards can be admired on the landscape along with the pine plantations, which are also impressive.

Going

Easy

Status

Complete

Amenities

There are presently no public toilets in Ovens. Users requiring services or refreshments should visit the roadhouse or Happy Valley Hotel, remembering again people who ask get something, demand get nothing and customers everything.

Other Attractions

Happy Valley and Mt Beauty

A detour along the Happy Valley could be a nice detour for the adventurous. Rosewhite Winery, farm produce and rose gardens are on offer, and perhaps for the more able-bodied users - an extended trip to Mt Beauty could also appeal to those who want to fully explore the region. A detailed map appreciation is recommended

Ovens to Eurobin – 9 kilometres Top

Trail Description

Another splendid section of the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail, users will travel up the beautiful Ovens Valley in unique manner previously reserved only for rail travellers. Again, Mt Buffalo presents itself brilliantly at different intervals, and Mt Feathertop and the Alpine High Country can now be seen. The trail winds itself through the Rostrevor Hops Gardens, which are quite spectacular during February and March of each year. Vineyards, orchards and berry farms are also in close proximity.

Going

Easy

Status

Complete

Amenities

A Rail Trail toilet and shelter has been constructed at Eurobin as a joint project between the State Government, the councils involved and carpentry apprentices from the Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE. Mobile phone coverage is quite good in most areas along the Great Alpine Road.

Other Attractions

Rostrevor Hops Gardens

The largest hop producer in Victoria is Rostrevor Hop Gardens with 130 Ha. Yields vary from 2,000 to 3,000 kilograms/hectare, with approximately 0.75 kilograms of hops required for the production of 1000 litres of beer. The main use for hops is as a flavouring for beer; the main flavour being bitterness. (Crop -November to March of each year)

Deer and Emu Farm

A 4 kilometre slightly uphill ride from the Rail Trail is the Deer and Emu Farm (Wobonga Lane). Tours are available at cost, and worthy a trip to take in the exceptional view of the valley, whilst taking a coffee break.

Eurobin to Porepunkah – 8 kilometres Top

Trail Description

A relatively easy ride along the Ovens Valley through flat open farmlands. Ride takes in many views of the district. Whilst the railway went along the Porepunkah back road to Bright, the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail has been extended into the township along a stunning Ovens River Reserve, containing BBQ, shelters, playground and toilets. This section crosses under the road bridge and a number of affordable caravan parks are located nearby.

Going

Easy

Status

Complete. Users need to be aware the trail continues along Service Street to the Golf Course and NOT along the Great Alpine Road

Amenities

Public Toilets are located in Porepunkah along with Information at Roadhouse. (See Map)

Other Attractions

In season visits to Rose, Berry and Nut Farms; in addition a well-established winery open for tastings on most days en route.

Porepukah to Bright – 7 kilometres Top

Trail Description

This section of trail is a shared footpath and has been in place for 10 years or so and is where the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail Project was borne. A very easy, picturesque journey, users will pass the Bright Golf Course, which will prove very inviting to golfers, cross an historic railway bridge, prior to getting to Bright. Local service clubs have done significant tree plantings (Japanese Sapphire Dragons) and developed the reserves. Hundreds of people each day now ride and walk through this beautiful part of Bright. Trail ends at the Railway Station, which is now a Museum and it is a relatively short trip to the CBD and Information Centre.

Going

Easy

Status

Complete

Amenities

No toilets en route, however there are many public amenities in Bright (see Map).

Other Attractions

Bright as a tourist town has something to offer everyone, a café, an ice cream, information about other adventure activities and bicycle repairs.

The tourist information centre in Bright is located in Gavan Street (See map) and is open seven days a week between 9am and 5pm. Phone 1800 500 117.

Bicycle repairs and services are located in Bright's CBD. Information about these is available in yellow pages, or from Bright Visitor Information Centre. Phone 1800 500 117.