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Trail Sections. The trail has four sections, each, which take about two hours riding time. Each offers something different and has their own unique appeal and degree of difficulty. So why not 'Cycle and Indulge' yourself, 'Cycle into the Past', or simply 'Cycle and See'?

Wangaratta to Everton: A flat 26 km ride through rural farmland to Everton Village. Experienced riders can explore and indulge themselves further by completing short rides off the trail along good country roads to Eldorado, Tarrawingee Village or the renowned Milawa Gourmet Region. See rail trail map and brochure for details of road connections.

Everton to Myrtleford: A 27 km undulating ride through farmlands and into the Ovens Valley. A 4.5 km ride uphill to Taylor's Gap; with the reward being a downhill ride to Myrtleford. This section gives you a bit of everything, easy and hard riding and also something to look at.

Where can I hire a bicycle or get service? Bicycle hire and service is available at each major town along the trail. We recommend that people carry a spare tube and a good pump in the event of a puncture, fix the tube when you have finished your journey. Carrying a mobile phone is also a good idea.

Wangaratta: Dean Woods Cycles 03 57 222 033
Rock & Road Cycles 03 57 214 744

Myrtleford: Myrtleford Cycle Centre 03 57 521 511

Everton to Beechworth: A 16km uphill ride to historic Beechworth is considered one of the best rides on the trail. It is just you, your bicycle and the bush. Enjoy the ambiance and marvel at the engineering that developed this trail in the late 1800's. The ride from Beechworth is a great downhill beginner ride and is considered one of the most seductive rides in Victoria.

Myrtleford to Bright: A 30km flat gentle ride along the Ovens Valley floor with plenty of places to stop and explore. Mt Buffalo provides a majestic backdrop for most of the ride and there are many farm gates to stop and taste the regional produce of offer.

Beechworth: Beechworth Cycles & Saws 03 57 281 402

Bright: Cyclepath Australia 03 57 501 422

Where can we park our car? We suggest you park at any of the five Rail Trail Heads, refurbished Stations or Station Sites, or leave your car with your accommodation provider.

Wangaratta: Apex Park (Located adjacent Ovens River on north side of CBD)- toilets, all day parking, free showers, information signage and water.

Everton: Everton Railway Station Site (Located at Everton Upper 3 kilometres from Everton Village on White Post Road) – toilets, all day parking and water.

Bright: Bright Railway Station (located in Railway Avenue 500m from Bright CBD or at the entrance to Bright at the Rotary Pavillion. All day parking, water, toilets located in CBD and at Bright Visitor Info Centre.

Beechworth: Beechworth Railway Station (Located corner of Railway Parade and Albert Street) – toilets, all day parking, information signage and water.

Myrtleford: Jones Reserve (Located on the Bright side of Myrtleford opposite Mitre 10). Toilets are located 500m away at Jubilee Park Opp Post Office and Visitor Information Centre, all day parking and water.

Other Locations: Porepunkah River Park, Eurobin, Ovens (Hotel), Gapsted Winery, Tarrawingee (all have toilets). Where you are staying.

What amenities are available on route?

Toilets, shelter and water. Toilets, shelter and water are located at all towns along the trail. Distinctive rail trail shelters have also been established at Tarrawingee, Everton and Eurobin Stations. Water points have been established halfway between Everton Station and Beechworth, and at Taylor's Gap between Bowman and Gapsted Station Sites. Water could also be requested from businesses along the trail i.e. wineries.

Food and Drinks. Food and drinks are available from businesses in Wangaratta, Everton Village (3km from Station and 500m from the trail – easy to miss – turn at Diffey Road), Beechworth, Myrtleford, Ovens, Porepunkah and Bright. Riders and users of the trail are encouraged to carry energy food, especially between Wangaratta and Everton, Everton to Beechworth, and Everton to Myrtleford.

Telephones. Public telephones are located at Wangaratta, Everton Village, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Ovens, Porepunkah and Bright. Mobile coverage is quite good apart from the Beechworth Spur and users should move 500m in either direction to gain a signal, downhill is best. Key telephone numbers are detailed below and throughout this sheet.

Transport: There are a few transport options to assist you with your ride. These could be used to: return you to your original departure point, to return members of your group to collect cars, pre-position group for a ride back to your accommodation, or in the event of breakdown

V-Line Buses. Operate a twice-daily service between trailheads from Mon to Fri and one service on weekends. Carriage of bicycles is at driver's discretion based on room available. Ring V-Line on 136 196 or Wangaratta Coachlines 03 57 221 843 for details of the service and pick up points.

Bus - a- bike. Located in Myrtleford this is a bicycle and rider pick up and delivery service. Operating 7 days. (03) 57 522 974

Regional Taxis: Wangaratta 03 57 218 888 Beechworth 03 57 281 485 Myrtleford 0419 512 886 Bright 0408 587 370

Moving luggage. Ask your accommodation provider for help. A parcel delivery system operates six days across the region for \$5.00 per item.

Accommodation: There are many accommodation options along the trail and region. We suggest you contact the Regional Visitor Information Centres on the numbers listed below for assistance or visit the rail trail website. It should be noted that during holiday periods and long weekends, some operators do not offer single night accommodation. Caravan parks and camping may be the best option in these situations.

Helpful Telephone Numbers: In all emergencies ring '000'

Wangaratta Visitor Centre: 1800 801 065
Alpine Visitor Centre (Myrtleford): 1800 991 044

Beechworth Visitor Centre: 1300 366 321
Bright Visitor Centre: 03 57 552 275