



Australian Cycling Holidays

Itinerary

Great Southern Getaway Cycle Tour 2D / 2N

Evening 1: Arrive Leongatha.

Route Overview This evening you will stay in Leongatha prior to your cycle tour starting in the morning. You can leave Melbourne after work and take the evening VLine Coach. We will meet you on arrival in Leongatha.

Meet the Australian Cycling Holidays team at the Transport Hub at the old Leongatha Rail way station when you arrive from Melbourne on the VLine Coach. Depending on the time of your arrival, we will fit you with the bikes, go through the maps and transfer you to your accommodation ready for your start in the morning. If you arrive on the later bus we will transfer you to your accommodation and meet you with the bikes in the morning!

Choose your preferred tour:

Option 1: Leongatha to Fish Creek 35km Stay Meeniyan

Option 2: Leongatha to Port Welshpool 72km. Stay Foster or Fish Creek.

Option 3: Leongatha to Port Welshpool return to Foster via Agnes Falls or the Grand Ridge Road. Between 150km to 180km. Stay Foster.



Great Southern Getaway Unwind 1: Leongatha to Fish Creek. 16 k/day, 36 km total.

Route Overview: On Day 1 cycle from Leongatha to Meeniyan - voted the best country town in Gippsland - where you will spend the night. On Day 2 cycle to the unusually arty Fish Creek enjoying the views and the historic Buffalo Emporium along the way.

In the morning you take off on the Great Southern Rail Trail. This wonderful journey on the old railway line, built in 1890, takes you through farmlands, bush and arty country towns – all well away from the roads!

Koonwarra is a lovely spot to stop and explore the shops. It is the home of the slow food movement and a favourite amongst cyclists on the trail. The Koonwarra Memorial Park Farmers Market is on the first Saturday of every month. Then you cycle through the beautiful Black Spur over the trestle bridges. Listen for the frogs.

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There are lots of choices for dinner including the awarded 'Moo's of Meeniyan' and 'Trulli's Woodfired Pizza' a true southern Italian style pizzeria, both situated in beautiful Meeniyan.

In the morning you will cycle through the tee trees, past the lakes and dams and Stony Creek racecourse to Buffalo which has a playground and a nearby Emporium full of local history and an ice-cream! The Buffalo station has a working crane. The Lady of the Lake story comes from this area.

Soon you will cycle over the Tarwin River at Tarwin Lower. The trestle bridge still stands, alongside the path, in original condition. You finish your ride at Fish Creek, home to the Fishy Pub a 1930's Art Deco building, many art galleries and a well-loved playground. Take time to look through Alison Lester's bookshop author of 'Are We There Yet' an Australian childhood favourite. Love the cafes and the coffee.



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Great Southern Getaway Complete: Leongatha to Port Welshpool 72km.

Route Overview Cycle the entire Great Southern Rail Trail, Australia's southernmost mainland rail trail. The surface is compact gravel and the gentle trail is suitable for cyclists with some gentle rises.

In the morning, you set out on the rail trail and cycle towards either Fish Creek or Foster for your next night's stay. Your journey will take you through Koonwarra, a pretty little village known for its fresh produce and sustainable living. Enjoy the cafes and pick up some seasonal produce at the Memorial Park Farmers market held on the first Saturday of every month. Then you cycle through the beautiful Black Spur over the trestle bridges. Listen for the frogs.

Meeniyan has just been named small town of the year with its craft shops, gallery and Cafes. It is a lovely spot for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon cycle through the tee trees, past the lakes and dams and Stony Creek racecourse to Buffalo which has a playground and a nearby Emporium full of local history and an icecream! The Lady of the Lake story comes from this area just near the Tarwin Bridge.

Fish Creek is an artisan hub with an historical art deco hotel with a large mullet on the roof. There are lots of studios and galleries for the curious to explore.

Then it's up the hill and over the Hoddle Range. You will have sweeping views across to Wilsons Promontory and Quiet Corner as you drop down the range to Foster. There are trees and ferns to enjoy along the way.

After Foster you are now onto the flats and the riding is fast especially if you have a tailwind! You quickly reach Toora, a great little town with lots of historic buildings. It is the town that time forgot with fantastic buildings and the Standard Country Pub. It has a park, cafes and is a good spot to stop for lunch or a drink.

After a break you ride across the dairy farms with the space age windmills towering above you on the bald hills. These cows have the best view in the world. Welshpool is a laid back little place and here you start final ride to Port Welshpool. Port Welshpool is home to the Long Jetty, great views to Snake Island, Corner Inlet and Wilsons Prom.

Enjoy the best fish and chips in Gippsland (or so we are told) and we will meet you at Port Welshpool.



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Great Southern Getaway Grand Ridge: Leongatha to Foster; Loop exFoster 130 - 160km

Route Overview This is the challenge option for those who like a hill climbs and stunning views. This route utilises the Rail Trail combined with back roads that take you up to the Strzelecki ranges. The distance is variable as it will depend on which route you choose to use.

In the morning set off on the rail trail and cycle towards Foster for your next night's stay. Your journey will take you through Koonwarra, a pretty little village known for its fresh produce and sustainable living. Then you cycle through the beautiful Black Spur over the trestle bridges. Listen for the frogs.

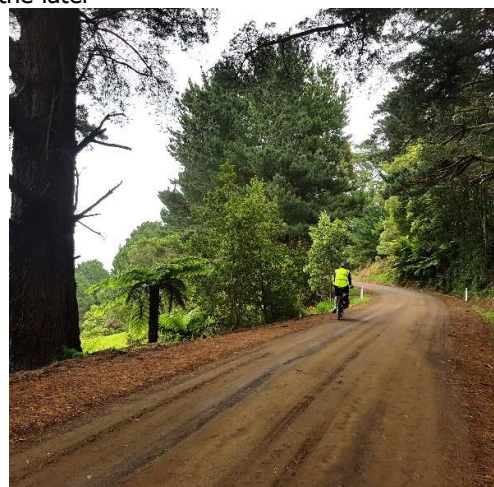
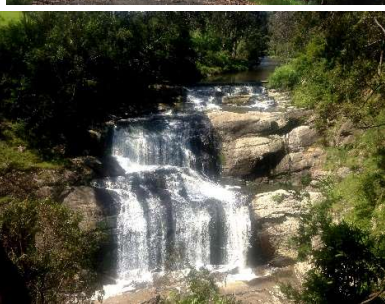
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Fish Creek is an artisan hub with an historical art deco hotel with a large mullet on the roof. There are lots of studios and galleries for the curious to explore. Then you head up the valley of Falls Creek with lots of views and hill climbs. Love the views from the lookout and join Ameys track for just a little more climbing. This ferny road has huge views across the hills and plains to Wilsons Prom and is well worth the climb. Drop down the hill following the views to Foster where you will be ready for a rest. 60km.

On day 2 you can take the hills up to the Grand Ridge Road, our favorite road in Victoria. It is a fern filled road through temperate rain forest with views to the Great Divide and across the valleys. You will need to take your lunch and plenty of water for this remote ride. There's no mobile coverage so its best if you download our Cyclewayz app for directions before you go. Loop back to Foster from Toora along the Rail Trail. 72km.

Alternatively head out from Foster to Toora along the flats with the Windmills looming overhead. From Toora head uphill to Agnes falls and enjoy the views across the green hills to Wilsons Prom. Take water and a snack as there is no food until Welshpool. Then cycle to Port Welshpool and enjoy the best fish and chips in Gippsland (or so we are told). Return to Foster on the Rail Trail. 65km.

Combine the Grand Ridge and Agnes Falls Rides and return to Foster for a 97km full on day! If you choose this route you may prefer to stay an additional night or take the later V Line Coach at 6pm ex Leongatha.



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