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BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

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<http://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/bwv-membership-card-benefits/bwv-membership-card-benefits>

Note: RRP = Regular Retail Price-does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear

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Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

Presbyterian Church Hall, 35- 41 Forest Street

Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp.

Web address: <http://gobush.org.au/>

The BBOC is affiliated with



Membership

Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members. Payable each financial year.

A Membership Form can be found on the website at www.gobush.org.au.

Remember you must sign the Acknowledgment of Risk at the bottom of the membership application otherwise you are not covered by the Club insurance.

You are welcome to try a trip or two at the nominal cost of \$2 per trip.

Wanted

Trip Leaders: Have you found a wonderful place to visit and would like to share it with others? Is there a place you would like to go and want company? Organise a trip! We have many leaders who are eager to assist you.

Club Night Events: Is there something you would like to see at a club night? Learn to navigate? Camping food? Perhaps you want to tell us about one of your trips or know someone who can give a talk. Let us know.

Deadlines

Submissions to the newsletter deadline are the third Tuesday of the month. Mail to bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com

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Reading

Bushwalk Australia Magazine <http://www.bushwalk.com/forum/> Latest magazine is linked on the page
Bushwalking Victoria News <https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/newsletter-archive>
Echuca Moama Bushwalkers News <https://tinyurl.com/y7lwzm8n>
Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter <http://benallabushwalkingclub.org.au/newsletters.html>

Monthly Meeting Activity

To be announced via Email

Other Club Trips

Goulburn River Paddle, Sat 12th May 2018

Come and paddle on one of Victoria's nicest rivers as part of the Goulburn Classic, Australia's oldest canoe race. It's not a race for us though, just come along for a leisurely 10km paddle with a cuppa and cake at the finish.

An invitation from the Bendigo Canoe Club. Garry Brannan 04 5087 9917

Upcoming Trips

Here is your opportunity to tell everyone about your trip. Send me a paragraph with the highlights and a rough trip plan so that members can get excited and flood you with messages wanting to go.

Rheola Range Sunday May 6

Day Walk Grade **Medium** Distance **13 Km**

The walking club has had many walks over the years in granite laden Mt Kooyoora State Park and further to the south have climbed Mt Moliagul on occasions. This walk (with a car shuffle) combines the two by following south the interesting line of hills and gullies that combine the two feature mountains. Although lower in height (i before e except after c) (& h) than the two mountains, the hills have many features. The walk will culminate via an ascent of Moliagul from the northern end following in part a steep 4WD track. Rated Easy (except for the 500 m ascent - rated medium).

Leaving from the clubrooms in Forest St at **8.15am**. Ring **Buzza 0438437680**

Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin Sunday (Federation Walks 2015) 13th May

Day Walk Grade: **Medium/Hard** Distance: **14km** Daylesford: Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin (Federation Walks 2015) Afternoon tea/coffee in Castlemaine before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At **9:00am** at the Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street. Fuel Share: **Zone 2 \$20**

Worth a look - <http://hikingfiasco.com/2017/12/22/tarlita-creek-upper-loddon-state-forest>

David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604

Rail Trails / Bike Riding Friday 18th – Sunday 20th May

Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail (Lilydale – Warburton) (40km) + O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail (36km) – Bike Ride Grade: **Medium**

Type: Base Camp at Warburton Caravan Park Distance: 2 day Bike Ride: 41km + 36km = 77km

Friday: Drive from Bendigo to Warburton

Saturday: Ride the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail from Caravan Park in Warburton to Lilydale passing through the Yarra Valley, maybe a coffee and winery stop along the way.

Sunday: Starting from Cement Creek Road (East Warburton) ride to the end of the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail at OShannassy Weir (8km), then reversing direction ride the entire length of the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail to finish riding at McMahons Road (28km).

Costs: 1. **Fuel Share: Zone 4 \$40 + \$10 for car shuffles** 2. Accommodation costs for camping or shared cabin at Warburton Caravan Park. Info: www.railtrails.org.au

Contact: **David Crocker ph 0409 425 604**

Daylesford: Chocolate Walk Sunday 3rd June

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 16.5 km

Daylesford: Chocolate Walk (Federation Walks 2015) **David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604**

Milmed Track

" Proposed walk in the desert. 21kms walking on Milmed track from the last farm, to Round Swamp. distance about 21 kms. Return same way say 3 days." Long W.E in June. No navigation required.

If anyone is interested , please contact me, then I will spend the time making a formal proposal."

Bill Clark 0408 545 256

Trip Reports

Old Beech Rail Trail & Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail – Bike Ride

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th April

I think that this was the first BBOC bike riding trip along these two Rail Trails in Western Victoria. It was certainly a challenge to try and fit over 100km of riding plus the travel time taken to travel between the two Rail Trails.

With varying departure times from Bendigo by Friday evening we ended up with 6 people, 6 bikes & 3 cars at the caravan park in Gellibrand at the base of the Otways Ranges. This was a change to the original plan to stay at Colac on Friday and Saturday nights and meant that Saturday's riding was broken into riding two separate sections of the Old Beechy Rail Trail. On Saturday morning we headed to Colac Railway Station which marks the official start of the Rail Trail where the long closed (in 1962) narrow gauge railway line left to head South into the Otways Ranges reaching its terminus at Crowes a distance of 44 miles (71km) from Colac. The Old Beechy Rail Trail covers the first 49km of the line and finishes at Ferguson, just past the town of Beech Forest.

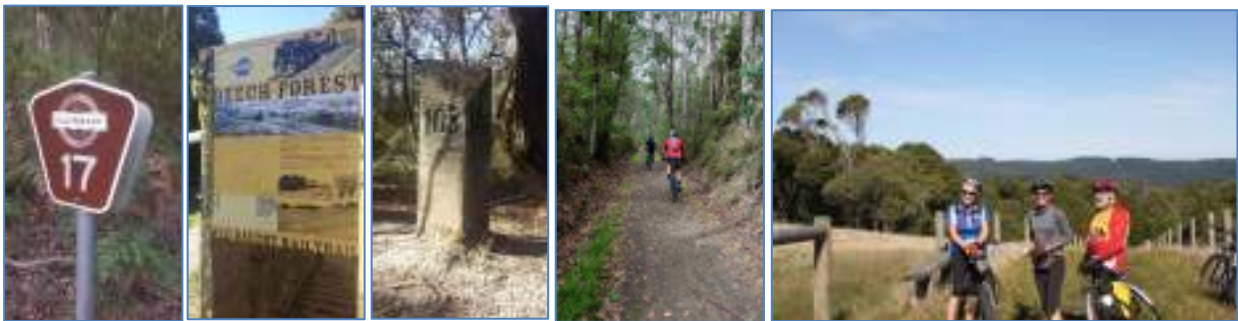


Beautiful steel sculptures at Colac (above), Gellibrand and Beech Forest clearly show the profile of the railway line like they would have appeared in old Railway Grades book of the Victorian Railways

Because of development over the many years since the railway line closed the original alignment of the railway has disappeared into housing, Colac Secondary College and many farm properties so the first 12km of the Rail Trail actually follows some quiet town and country roads. The railway alignment is re-joined once the farmland changes to forest.



The forest sections of the Rail Trail are a delight to ride through the magnificent Otway temperate forests and many sections would make nice bushwalks. We had pedalled 26km when we arrived back into Gellibrand for a lunch break at the cabin in at the caravan park. Extra time was needed to retrieve the two cars we had left at Colac and then we needed to load the bikes back onto the two cars, so we could head high up to Ferguson in the Otway Ranges to start the afternoon ride back down to Gellibrand. This planning meant that the afternoon ride of 23km had some serious sections of downhill riding through lovely forests.



Again in this section of the Rail Trail there are some parts of the original railway alignment have been lost to private ownership which now means some riding is more difficult and undulates far more than a railway would ever do. There was one long section of 14km from Dinmont back to Gellibrand which was a constant fairly steep descent, all in wonderful forest. It must have been a real challenge to the train crews who drove the steam locos up this very steep hill to Beech Forest. Signboards along the Rail Trail show local maps and describe and picture the location from the days when the trains steamed by.



We encountered one problem on the way down when the derailleurs gears on one bike failed which meant it was not rideable. Fortunately, at this point the railway line was next to the Old Beech Forest Road so after short time the rider and bike were collected when the car shuffle was completed at the end of the day.

Saturday was a great day of bike riding on a Rail Trail that is largely forested, but on future visits I think it would be tempting not to repeat the riding the Rail Trail end-to-end but skip riding some of the sections which are not on the former Railway Line.

We packed up early on Sunday morning for the drive to Skipton at the end of the Ballarat where one car was left as headed further on to Ballarat. We started Sunday's ride (10:30am) where the Ballarat Skipton Rail Trail crosses the old Western Highway a couple kilometres west of the Arch. This left us with a ride of 52km to Skipton. The weather was fine, sunny and windy (from behind) with a predicted temperature of 28 °C as we set off.



This railway line and hence the now completed Rail Trail traverses undulating farmland with no steep sections, this is completely different to the Beechy Rail trail the day before. Today the Trail was a firm solid gravel surface which made the riding much easier than the 'forest floor' surface we had ridden on Saturday. By the time we had a stop for lunch after 23km near the Nimons bridge our average speed for the morning was 21.5km/hr.

After lunch the Rail Trail starts to head West towards Skipton and enters a section which is well forested but of course quite different to what we had seen on Saturday. The Rail Trail passes through a number of small villages Smythesdale, Scarsdale and Linton on its way to Skipton. By this time it was getting quite warm for riding and the wind was no longer from behind but now head-on, so the riding became more difficult.

We reached Skipton by 3:00pm where three bikes were loaded onto the car and with four people headed back to the where the other two cars were left in the morning. The car shuffling continued when one car returned to Skipton to collect two people and three bikes before heading back home to Bendigo.

Trips of this nature mean that a considerable time over the course of the weekend has to be devoted to car shuffling so that riding the Rail Trail only in one direction can be achieved.

Riders: David, Rechelle, Shawn, Roland, Lawrie & Judy.

Trip Leader: David Crocker

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
May				
May 6	Rheola Range	Med	Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
May 13	Daylesford	Med/Hard	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 18-20	Rail Trails / Bike Riding	Med	Overnight CP Based Bike Rides	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 22	General Meeting			
June				
June 3	Daylesford	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
June 25	General Meeting			