

BERNIE'S BIKE RIDE - Outer Circle



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When: Saturday 3rd February, 2007

Start/Finish: Kooyong Station 10.00 a.m.

Distance: Total 32.5 Km

Terrain: Almost all on bike track but with some busy roads to cross, a little on the hilly side

Grade: Easy but with a few hills including one from Chandler highway to the top of the boulevard

Bailout points: Numerous up to 12 km, Collingwood station at 25 km

If the day is forecast to be over 30 degrees, postponement may be necessary

Things to Bring

1. Bike that works
2. Full Water Bottle (s)
3. Sunscreen if it is sunny
4. Comfortable clothes - Lycra not necessary, it's not a race
5. Bike Helmet
6. Bike Pump if available
7. Lunch (BYO) that doesn't require refrigeration
8. Something to snack on - fruit is ideal

Route: Leave Kooyong Station at 10.00 a.m. and follow the trail along Gardiners Creek to a little past Gardiner Station. Follow the trail through a series of linear parks in Glen Iris through to the Anniversary trail at Ashburton.

From Ashburton, follow the Alamein rail line to East Camberwell and follow the Old outer Circle rail line through Canterbury, Balwyn and Kew stopping at the Harp Road Junction in Kew for some lunch.

After lunch, continue following the outer circle rail trail through Kew down to the Chandler Highway. Follow the boulevard up to the top of the rise (500m climb) and back down to the Yarra again, crossing the old pipe bridge to the Fairfield boathouse.

From the boathouse, we follow the Merri Creek to where it meets the Yarra River, past Dights Falls, to Collingwood. After 25 km, this is a tranquil spot to stop for refreshments whilst we consider whether to continue or to take the train home from Collingwood station.

For those continuing we follow the Yarra through Richmond and Hawthorn to the Monash Freeway where the Gardiners Creek path begins. We follow the Gardiners Creek path back to Kooyong Station.

Train Schedule

As we don't really know what the weather will be like, I will be catching a train from Flinders street at 9.00 to arrive at Kooyong at 9.19.

Saturday trains from Flinders street leave at 9.00, 9.20 and 9.40 and arrive at Kooyong station at 9.19, 9.39, and 9.59 respectively.

For anyone one coming from Glen Waverley, trains leave Glen Waverley at 8.50, 9.10 and 9.20 and arrive at Kooyong at 9.11, 9.31 and 9.51 respectively.