GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

CYCLE, WALK, RIDE 130KMS NYORA TO YARRAM



We acknowledge the Bunurong and Gunaikurnai People as the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture, and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.



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EXPERIENCES ON AND NEAR THE TRAIL



- Sip and sample your way along the Trail where your tastebuds will be treated to local produce, fine wines, craft ales, cider, and spirits.
- Take your time and enjoy the towns and villages the Great Southern Rail Trail passes through. Each have their own flavour and experiences to explore.
- Feast your eyes on the beautiful murals in Loch, Korumburra, and Leongatha.
- Catch your breath with a stop at Hilda Falls (between Loch and Korumburra).



- Step back in time at Coal Creek — a 27-hectare site showcasing South Gippsland's heritage.
- Stroll over the suspension bridge crossing the leafy gully at Loch Memorial Reserve.
- Take a break at the Hoddle Range Lookout and soak in the amazing views over Corner Inlet towards Wilsons Promontory.
- Enjoy the serenity at Korumburra Botanic Park.



- Experience the creative industries that make our region special. See if you can spot the ArtCubes, or weave into towns that brim with galleries and vibrant, toe-tapping music.
- Do a spot of bird watching at the Meeniyan Bird Hide, an oasis for water birds among the revegetated wetlands.
- Stop by the statue of Lennie Gwyther and his pony Ginger Mick in Leongatha and learn about their incredible journey.
- Discover Pearl Park in Foster, a leafy oasis with its charming bridge crossing Stockyard Creek.



- Keep an eye out for the sculpture garden, giant fish and mullet when visiting Fish Creek.
- Check out the Foster Flora Reserve – a great place to enjoy a number of short walks.
- Stock up on farm-fresh produce or handmade wares from one of the many local markets.
- Take in the streetscape on the Toora Heritage Walk, dotted with interpretation boards that celebrate the town's history.



- Soak in the timeless maritime air with a stroll along the Port Welshpool and Port Albert jetties.
- Take a break from the bike seat in Port Albert and hit the Christopher Robinson Walk / Old Port Trail (6km one-way). Hugging the coastline, the walk takes in salt marshes, stands of mangroves and coastal banksia in the Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park.
- Experience the work of world-renowned street artist Heesco Khosnaran. You can find over 20 murals on buildings, laneways, shop fronts and even a water tower in Yarram.











MAKE TIME TO EXPLORE

The Great Southern Rail Trail spans two regions of Gippsland, South Gippsland and Wellington – The Middle of Everywhere.

To find out more about what is on offer, scan the QR codes below:

South Gippsland

Wellington – The Middle of Everywhere



ENJOY A JOURNEY ALONG THE RAIL TRAIL

The Great Southern Rail Trail is a gem for those seeking a blend of natural beauty, outdoor adventure and a taste of local culture. Spanning 130 kilometres from Nyora to Yarram with side trails to Port Welshpool and Port Albert, what was once Australia's most southern mainland railway line, is now a scenic escape to the southern part of Gippsland's stunning countryside. Whether you're an avid cyclist, a casual walker or a nature lover, you won't be disappointed exploring the Great Southern Rail Trail.



NYORA TO KORUMBURRA

Start your adventure in Nyora and enjoy a gentle, flat journey towards Loch.

Village vibes are a Loch specialty, enjoy the inviting cafes, stumble across cellar doors or shop for collectables, art, homewares and gifts.

Between Loch and Jeetho, enjoy a challenge like many trains did when the line was operating.

You will find this section of the Trail is dotted with scenic spots, including Hilda Falls and the tiny town of Bena, which is a great spot to stop if you are travelling with children who may enjoy a break on the playground.

Finishing this section in Korumburra, make sure you check out the public art and interpretive signs in the Railway Precinct and the murals in town.



KORUMBURRA TO MEENIYAN

This leg of the journey continues to guide you through the rolling hills of South Gippsland.

Leongatha, home to many eateries to fuel up at before you take on the journey towards Meeniyan.

The Trail to Koonwarra travels through farmland, showcasing a variety of meandering cattle from paddock to paddock.

Continuing towards Meeniyan the Trail yo-yos back and forth across the highway through a series of sealed underpasses and tunnels. Stretch your legs and discover the interactive signs displaying information on local indigenous flora and fauna, as well as the Koonwarra Fossil Bed.

As you cross the bridge over the Tarwin River, you'll be delighted to see Meeniyan, a town that celebrates community and kinship.



MEENIYAN TO FOSTER

The journey from Meeniyan to Foster is mapped out with a handful of quaint country towns. Take a breather at the Meeniyan Bird Hide, accessed from the Rail Tail, to discover an oasis of water birds among the revegetated wetlands.

Travelling between Stony Creek and Buffalo, keep your eyes peeled for wallabies, echidnas and wedge-tailed eagles. Abstract sculptures constructed from wood and metal indicate your arrival into Fish Creek. A great spot to browse the speciality stores, grab a bite to eat and re-energise as you head towards one of the highest points of the Trail.

Once you reach the top, follow the sign to the Hoddle Range Lookout where you will enjoy majestic views across Corner Inlet. It's then a relaxing descent as you approach Foster. The town centre is 1.5km from the Trail.



FOSTER TO WELSHPOOL

Leaving Foster, the Trail offers a leisurely journey with an ever-changing view towards Toora. Dairy farms, gumtree glades, sparkling rivers and rolling hills are just some of the natural wonders to be seen along the way.

If you've travelled by horseback, make the most of the pony parking facilities at Sagasser Park, Toora, where you can hitch your horse.

Leaving Toora, the Trail crosses over the Agnes River and weaves through historic gardens towards Welshpool.

A 5km detour, and you will be welcomed by the shimmering waters of Port Welshpool. Take a stroll along the historic 800m Long Jetty before heading back to Welshpool.



WELSHPOOL TO YARRAM

Travel past low-lying farmland, tea tree scrub and the foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges on this section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

As you approach your final destination, you'll pass through the quiet country town of Alberton. From here, you can head north to explore the neighbouring town of Yarram, or venture south to the coastal town of Port Albert.

In Yarram stretch your legs and wander through the landscaped gardens of the Tarra Trail Reserve or keep on riding and discover the murals scattered throughout the town, by world-renowned street artist, Heesco.

If you prefer to venture on to the coastal town of Port Albert, reward yourself with fish and chips by the waterfront or step back in time and explore the Maritime Museum.













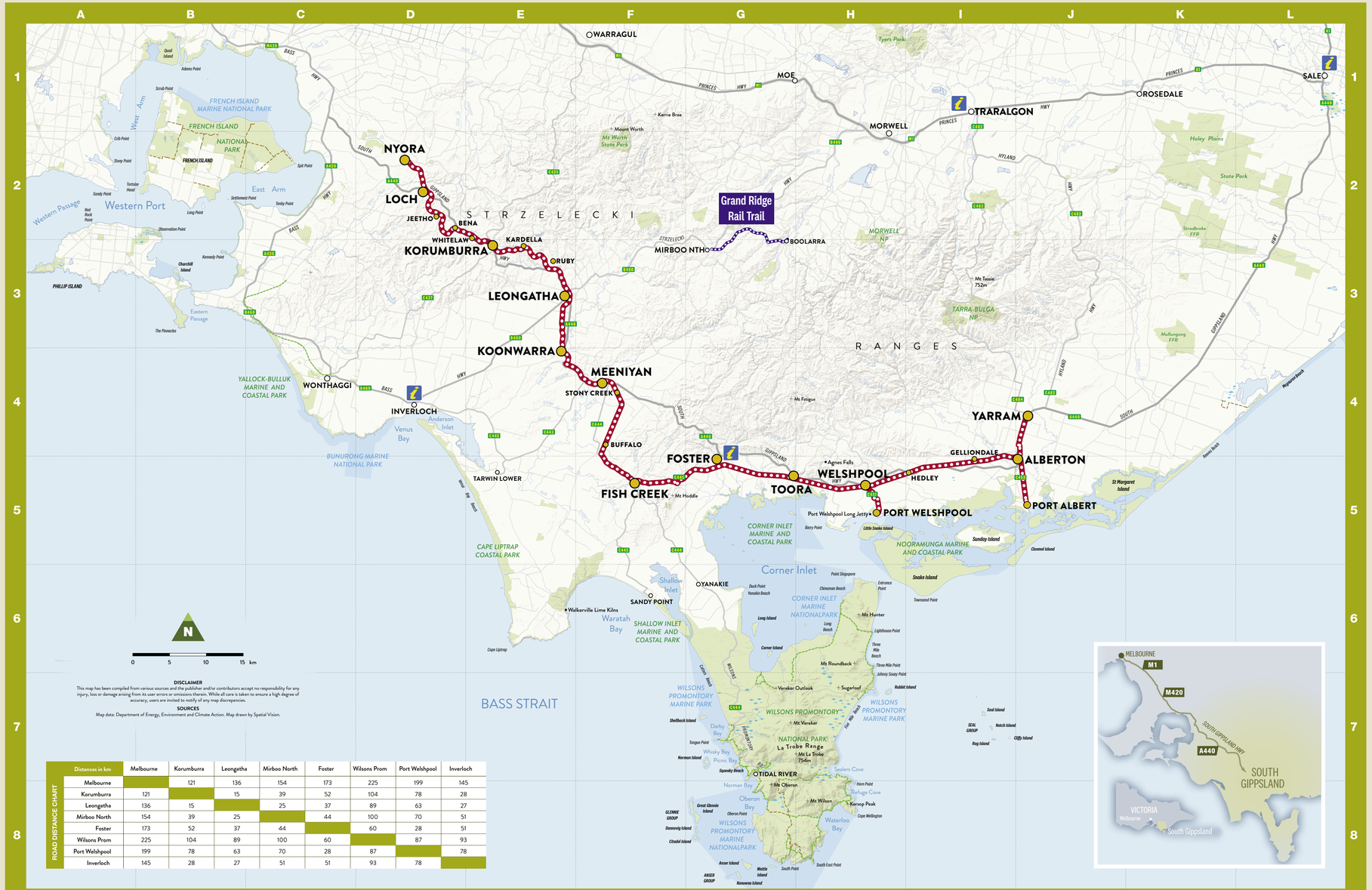
SECTIONS OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

The Great Southern Rail Trail is perfect for people of all abilities and fitness levels.

Each section of our magnificent trail has its own ticket—a look back to the days when the train used to travel to Melbourne.

To find out further information on amenities such as parking and toilets, or where you can eat, drink, park & stay along the rail trail, visit **gsrt.com.au**

- NYORA to LOCH — 5KM
- LOCH to KORUMBURRA — 13KM
- KORUMBURRA to LEONGATHA — 14KM
- LEONGATHA to KOONWARRA — 7KM
- KOONWARRA to MEENIYAN — 8KM
- MEENIYAN to FISH CREEK — 13KM
- FISH CREEK to FOSTER — 12KM
- FOSTER to TOORA — 10KM
- TOORA to WELSHPOOL — 10KM
- WELSHPOOL to PORT WELSHPOOL — 5KM
- WELSHPOOL to ALBERTON — 20KM
- ALBERTON to PORT ALBERT — 6KM
- ALBERTON to YARRAM — 5KM



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ROAD DISTANCE CHART

Distances in km	Melbourne	Korumburra	Leongatta	Mirboo North	Foster	Wilsons Prom	Port Welshpool	Inverloch
Melbourne		121	136	154	173	225	199	145
Korumburra	121		15	39	52	104	78	28
Leongatta	136	15		25	37	89	63	27
Mirboo North	154	39	25		44	100	70	51
Foster	173	52	37	44		60	28	51
Wilsons Prom	225	104	89	100	60		87	93
Port Welshpool	199	78	63	70	28	87		78
Inverloch	145	28	27	51	51	93	78	



TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PREPARE FOR VARIED WEATHER
Our region is known for experiencing four seasons in one day, so pack layers and be prepared for all weather conditions.

BIKE MAINTENANCE
Ensure your bike is in good working order before setting out. Carry a repair kit.

HYDRATION AND SNACKS
Bring water and snacks to keep your energy up throughout your journey. You will have an opportunity to purchase supplies and refill your water bottle throughout your journey.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS
Make time to explore local attractions and enjoy the unique charm of each town along the Trail.

SAY G'DAY
Follow the Great Southern Rail Trail guidelines and be courteous to other users.



