



HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL

 
80km Wodonga-Shelley

Another great ride only a short drive from the Upper Murray. The High Country Rail Trail currently covers 80km from Wodonga to Shelley. Plans are underway to extend the trail a further 40km into Corryong. Much of the trail hugs the shoreline of the majestic Lake Hume, providing for some stunning views. If leaving from Wodonga, you will cross Lake Hume enroute to Tallangatta via the spectacular 600m Sandy Creek Bridge, along the way passing through the Ebden, Ludlow's and Huon reserves. There's plenty of opportunities to take a refreshing dip while you simply soak up the sweet serenity. Continuing from Tallangatta you will travel past the site of Old Tallangatta before opting whether to make the ascent to Shelley through stunning farmland, state forests and national parks. The trail is undulating to Bullioh with some moderate gradients. Bullioh to Shelley is all uphill at the steepest gradient trains that passed through the area could manage. Plan your trip with this in mind. For more details of the High Country Rail Trail and a downloadable map visit www.ridehighcountry.com.au



TUMBARUMBA TO ROSEWOOD RAIL TRAIL

42km return

Another great ride only a short drive from the Upper Murray. Officially opened in 2020, the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail is an absolute must-do when visiting the Snowy Valleys. With the Trailheads at Figures Street Tumbarumba and at McEachern Lane in Rosewood, there is over 21 kilometres of sealed trail with gentle gradients and sweeping curves. Make sure you have time to enjoy Wolter Cottages at the beginning of the Rail Line, with two heritage listed buildings from the 1870s housing historical displays. The Rail Trail itself has many historical points of interest including four restored timber trestle bridges. These have been preserved in the reconstruction and refurbishment process. Mannus Creek Bridge is a seven span tall bridge which also features an inbuilt curve, a masterpiece of bridge building of its time. Note: No horses or dogs are allowed on the trail.



TALLANGATTA TO OLD TALLANGATTA 13km return

Another great ride only a short drive from the Upper Murray. A segment of the High Country Rail Trail, this 6.5km section between Tallangatta and Old Tallangatta lookout is sealed and offers an easy ride. The trail takes in magnificent lake and mountain views, with railway and immigration history along the way via interpretive signage. The lookout at Old Tallangatta takes you on a trip back in time, to when the original township of Tallangatta was relocated to make way for the expansion of Lake Hume. In 1956, hotels, shops, businesses, churches and residents, along with all the usual public amenities of a country town, were moved west prior to the township being flooded. An off-road shelter at the lookout nestled among attractive gardens provides the perfect place to stop and enjoy a drink and a snack. Interpretive signage provides further insights into the story of *the town that moved*. When the Hume Dam is at a low ebb, some of the original roadways and viaduct can be spotted.

There is nothing quite like cycling around the Upper Murray. Whether it be gravel or sealed roads, the Upper Murray and surrounding region has so much to offer in terms of beautiful scenery and quiet roads.

There are also excellent cycling facilities, including a bike tool station and pump located at Attree Park in Corryong and The Triangles at Tallangatta.

Before embarking on your ride, be sure to call into the Corryong Visitors Centre, where staff and volunteers have a wealth of knowledge around the local cycling routes and can supply maps and brochures as needed.

 Easy  More challenging

For more advanced rides, grab a copy of the Towong Shire Gravel Rides Map or Towong Shire Road Rides Map from the Corryong Visitor Information Centre. Alternatively, the maps can be downloaded from the Upper Murray section of ridehighcountry.com.au.

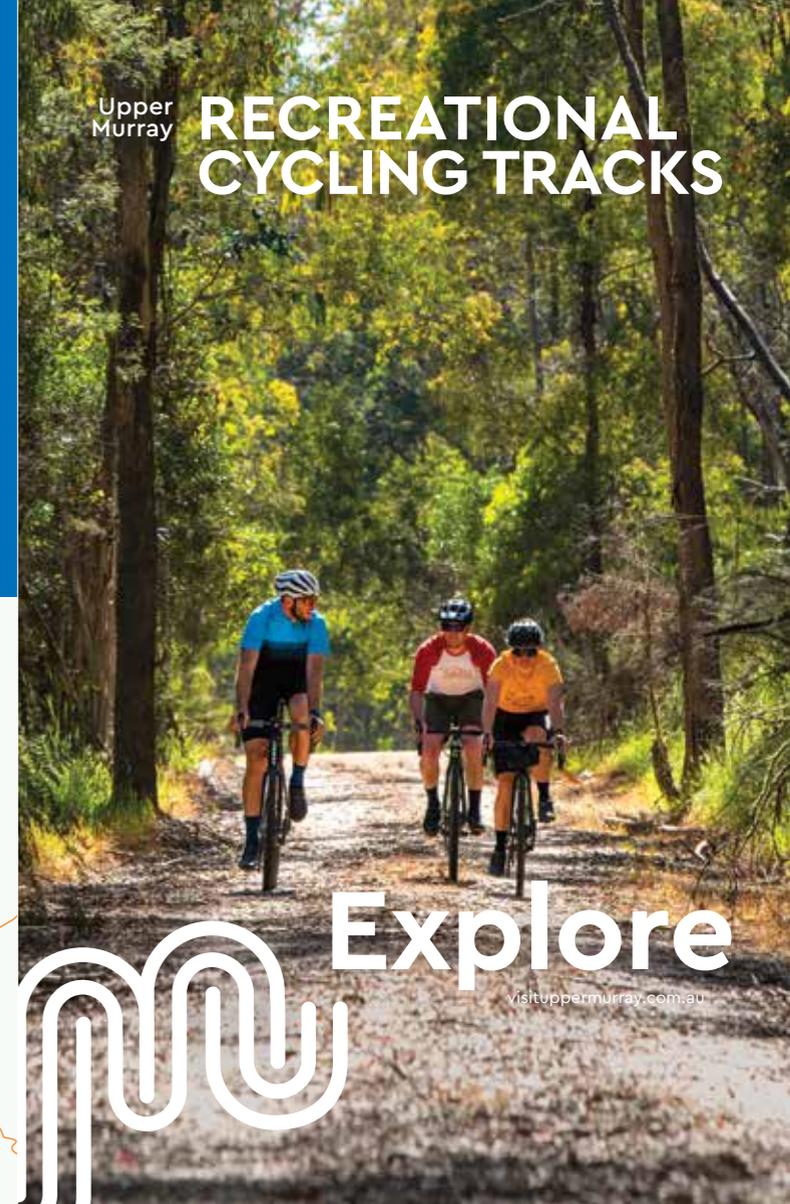
At the time of printing, the Mitta Mountain Bike Park was under development. Further information on the progress of the Park can also be obtained from the Corryong Visitor Information Centre.

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EXPLORE CUDGEWA

4km return 

Discover the historic town of Cudgewa by bike. Depart from the eastern end of Main Street and travel the 2km trail to the Cudgewa Football Grounds at the western end of town. Plenty of parking is available at either end of the trail. Cudgewa offered the last train station stop on the Cudgewa railway line (much of which is now the High Country Rail Trail), connecting the township to Wodonga. The station was completed and officially opened in May 1921 and closed in 1981. Cudgewa, being the railhead for materials, played a vital role in the construction of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme. The railway also transported butter, wood and cattle out of the Upper Murray.

The heritage-listed Cudgewa railway trestle bridge is a must-see when visiting the area. Cudgewa is also a great base for visiting the Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park, home to the beautiful Cudgewa-Bluff Falls which are spectacular to see following rainfall.



CUDGEWA TO TINTALDRA



Pick your distance, up to 30km return

Test your limits or just take it easy! This flat and lightly undulating route will take you through beautiful farmland with minimal traffic. If you are feeling energetic, ride the full 15km each way along the peaceful and scenic Cudgewa Valley Road. Alternatively, turn around when you've absorbed as much of the serenity as your legs can handle. Tintaldra was settled in 1837 and is said to be the first pioneer settlement in the Upper Murray. Steeped in history and oozing with genuine country hospitality, Tintaldra offers a glimpse into our pioneering history. Tintaldra is located on the banks of the mighty Murray River and provides excellent access to the river via a reserve with a boat ramp.

The Murray River is fast flowing in this area, so swimming is not recommended. Tintaldra Hotel is adjacent the banks of the River and a meal here is highly recommended by the locals. Public toilets are available at the local hall.



CORRYONG TO COLAC COLAC CARAVAN PARK

12km return 

This shared pathway extends 6km one way and is perfect for riders of all levels of fitness. The half sealed, half gravel, three-metre-wide trail weaves through peaceful farming land, following the route of the Murray Valley Highway. A wide girth between the highway and track ensures riding is peaceful and safe. Parking and picnic facilities are available at the Corryong end of the trail, while at the Colac Colac end, riders can refresh and unwind on the banks of the crystal-clear Nariel Creek. Along the way, enjoy the majesty of Mt Mittamatite, splendid in her glory all-year round. If staying overnight, the Colac Colac Caravan Park or Mt Mittamatite Caravan Park in Corryong are great options, residing at either ends of the trail.

BENAMBRA-CORRYONG RD, COLAC COLAC



Pick your distance, up to 64km return

This is a flat to lightly undulating ride through peaceful rural farmland. Travelling beside the beautiful Nariel Creek, you can ride a few kilometres or as far as you like. The sealed section of the road traverses 32km to Staceys Bridge, a popular picnic and camping ground. Turn around at any time and make your way back to your base.

Parking can be found at the intersection with the Murray Valley Highway in a space just a few hundred metres off the road. Alternatively, you can park near Colac Colac Caravan Park. Suitable for families, about 3km up the valley is Nariel Creek Recreation Reserve. Camping is permitted with an honesty system in place.

The reserve is the site of the Nariel Creek Folk Festival, a small festival that focuses on traditional folk music and dance held every year from 27 December to 2 January. The festival is a great family-friendly event for those wanting something a little more laid-back and relaxing.



THOWGLA ROAD, CORRYONG



Pick your distance, up to 48km return

Located at the western end of Corryong, this is a picturesque flat to lightly undulating ride. It will take you along a quiet country back road and is suitable for families and groups who are keen to see the pristine and fertile High Country farmland of this area. About 4km along the road, you will come to Thowgla Hall, a beautiful historic building in the hub of the Thowgla Valley. It features a grassed area and public toilets, making it an ideal spot to break your ride. From there, you can head back into Corryong or can carry on riding for another 20km. Once in Corryong, be sure to call into the Corryong Visitor Information Centre. Here you will see the iconic statue of Jack Riley, believed to be the inspiration for Banjo Paterson's famous poem, *The Man from Snowy River*. Riley was a local stockman, whose grave can be found in the Corryong Cemetery. The Man from Snowy River Museum is also well worth a visit and provides a unique opportunity to connect with days gone by in the Upper Murray.

YABBA ROAD, TALLANGATTA SOUTH



Pick your distance, up to 40km return

Another great ride only a short drive from the Upper Murray. Yabba Road meanders through the Mitta Valley, a scene of beauty all year round. Combine a cycle weekend with a night or two in one of the valley's welcoming accommodation houses; cycle by day whilst enjoying true country hospitality at a local hotel by night.

Yabba Road, which can be combined with a ride on the adjacent High Country Rail Trail, offers a quiet and peaceful roll beside the Mitta Mitta River. It is a popular 'out and back' ride with cyclists from nearby towns and offers a great introduction to the Mitta Valley.

The valley itself boast a range of experiences, including pristine waterways, lush agriculture fields, a wealth of state parklands and friendly locals. There is plenty of flora and fauna for those who love to connect with nature and excellent camping sites throughout the valley, as well as a range of alternative accommodation choices.

