

# BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL

35 KM

**ALL ABOARD:** The Bellarine Rail Trail is an off-road shared user trail linking South Geelong to Queenscliff. This trail is popular with recreational cyclists and follows the rail reserve through the Bellarine Peninsula and boasts excellent views of the surrounding farmland and coast.

GRADE	Easy, flat, some gradual climbs
DISTANCE	35km - one way
SURFACE	Sealed asphalt (residential areas of Geelong and Leopold) Gravel - between Geelong and Leopold, between Leopold and Queenscliff
START	South Geelong Train Station, 2kms from Geelong CBD
FEATURES	Follows discontinued rail line from Geelong to Queenscliff Bellarine Peninsula Railway operates a tourist train alongside the trail between Drysdale and Queenscliff Bikes are permitted to be taken on the train (check train times)
HAZARDS	Ride safely to and from trails Take care at road crossings Wooden chicanes installed at most road crossings. Cyclists should dismount to negotiate



### QUICK REFS

- MAIN ROUTE:
- GEELONG to:
- SHORTCUT:
- START:

- FINISH:
- EASY:
- DIFFICULT:

- TRAIN STATION:
- HIGHWAY, STATE ROUTE NO:

## SAFE RIDING TIPS

### BE SMART.

- Ride within your ability
- Expect foreseeable risks
- Stay hydrated
- Plan your ride
- Enjoy your ride with buddies
- Carry tools and spares
- Take a mobile

### TAKE CARE AT INTERSECTIONS.

Make eye contact with drivers before moving ahead. At roundabouts, look for gaps in traffic and occupy the whole lane.

### COMMON SENSE IS KEY.

Recreational trails are often shared, which means they are also used by runners, walkers and equestrians, amongst others. Please respect the environment and others by following trail etiquette.

### BE SEEN.

Wear bright coloured clothing and turn your lights on when it gets dark. Avoid night riding if you can.

### MAINTAIN YOUR BIKE.

Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly and wheels securely fastened. Always check brakes before riding.

### RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

- Ride only on trails open to cycling
- Stay off muddy trails after rain
- Pack out what you carry in
- Environmental protection of all living things
- Control your bike and stay on the trail
- Trails are damaged when you skid