

Gourmet Food & Wine Ride



Places to relax and refuel:

- Wangaratta
- Milawa
- Whitfield (limited fuel)
- Cheshunt (no fuel)
- Myrree (no fuel)

Events:

- Easter - La Fiera (Myrtleford)
- June - Weekend Fit for a King (King Valley)
- November - Wangaratta Jazz Festival

Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre 1800 801 065
Myrtleford Visitor Information Centre 03 5752 1044

Relaxing riding, fabulous valley views, fine wines and outstanding local produce await you on your visit to the King Valley and Milawa Gourmet Region. Drop into one of the many cellar doors or farmgates or time your ride for a pub lunch at the Mountain View Hotel in Whitfield.

RIDE TO ARRIVE!



Safe Riding

The Great Alpine Road and its six discovery routes are fully sealed and maintained with the exception of the section between Falls Creek and Anglers Rest. The Roads can be challenging with winding bends, sharp curves and changeable road conditions so take care!

Sealing of the Falls Creek to Anglers Rest section of the Bogong High Plains road is scheduled for completion in 2010.

Common hazards to be aware of include: road debris and rock slides, loose gravel, water, ice, snow and wildlife. Watch out for oncoming traffic too and remember... you never know what is around the corner!

Check road conditions

If you are planning to ride the Great Alpine Road check the forecast and road conditions as the weather can change very quickly in mountain areas. Call Vic Roads - 13 11 70 or drop into a Visitor Information Centre along the way for an update. If there is snow and ice on the road use lower gears, especially on steep down-grades, brake slowly and early, don't brake on corners.

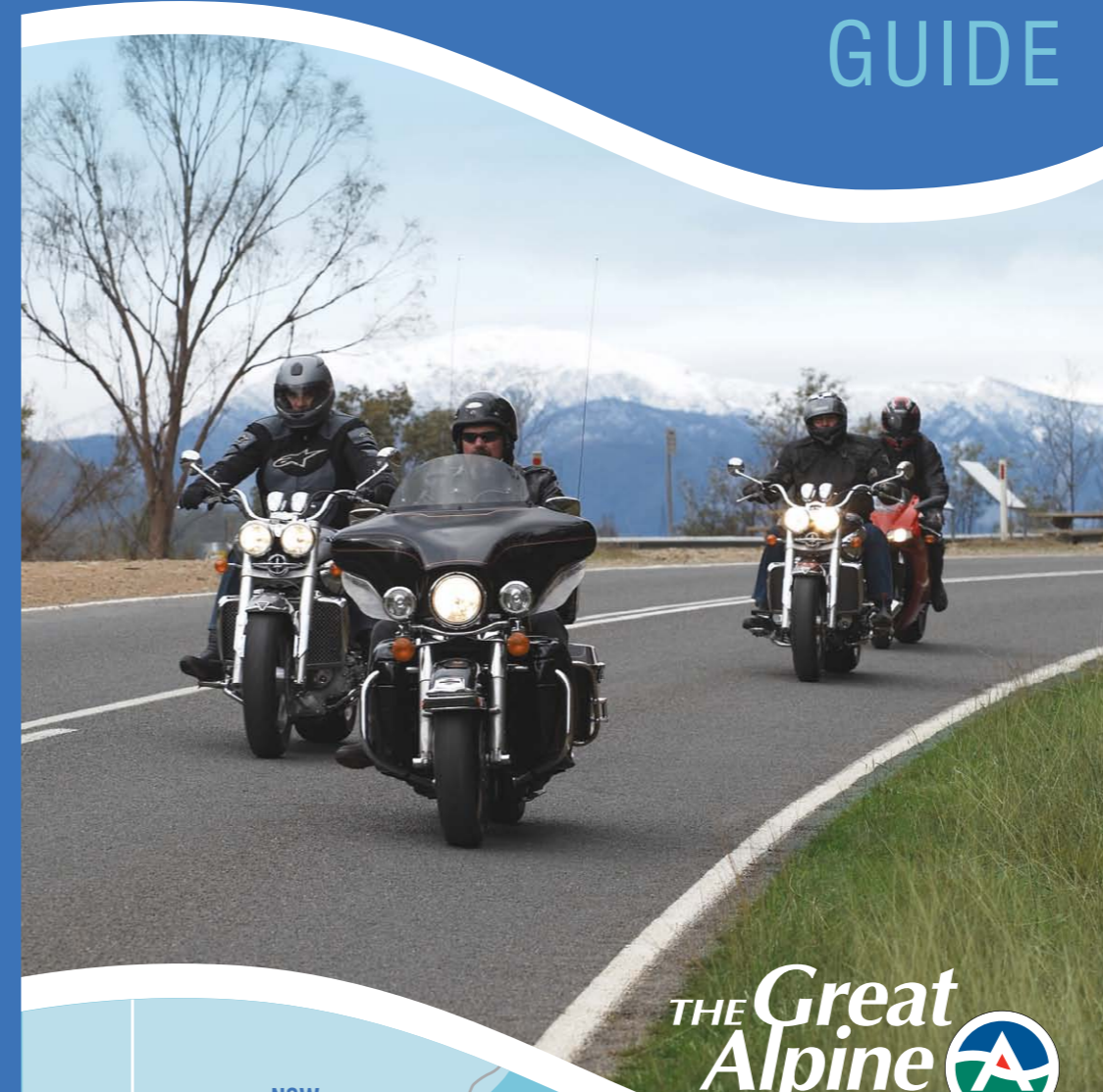
Prepare your bike

Check fuel, oil, tyres and anti-freeze before you go as there are limited services at the alpine resorts of Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain, Mt Buffalo and Falls Creek. Always make sure you carry your wet weather gear too.

Inland or along the coast, there are some great rides on your way to the Great Alpine Road.

Check out
www.sydneymelbournetouring.com.au
for more information.

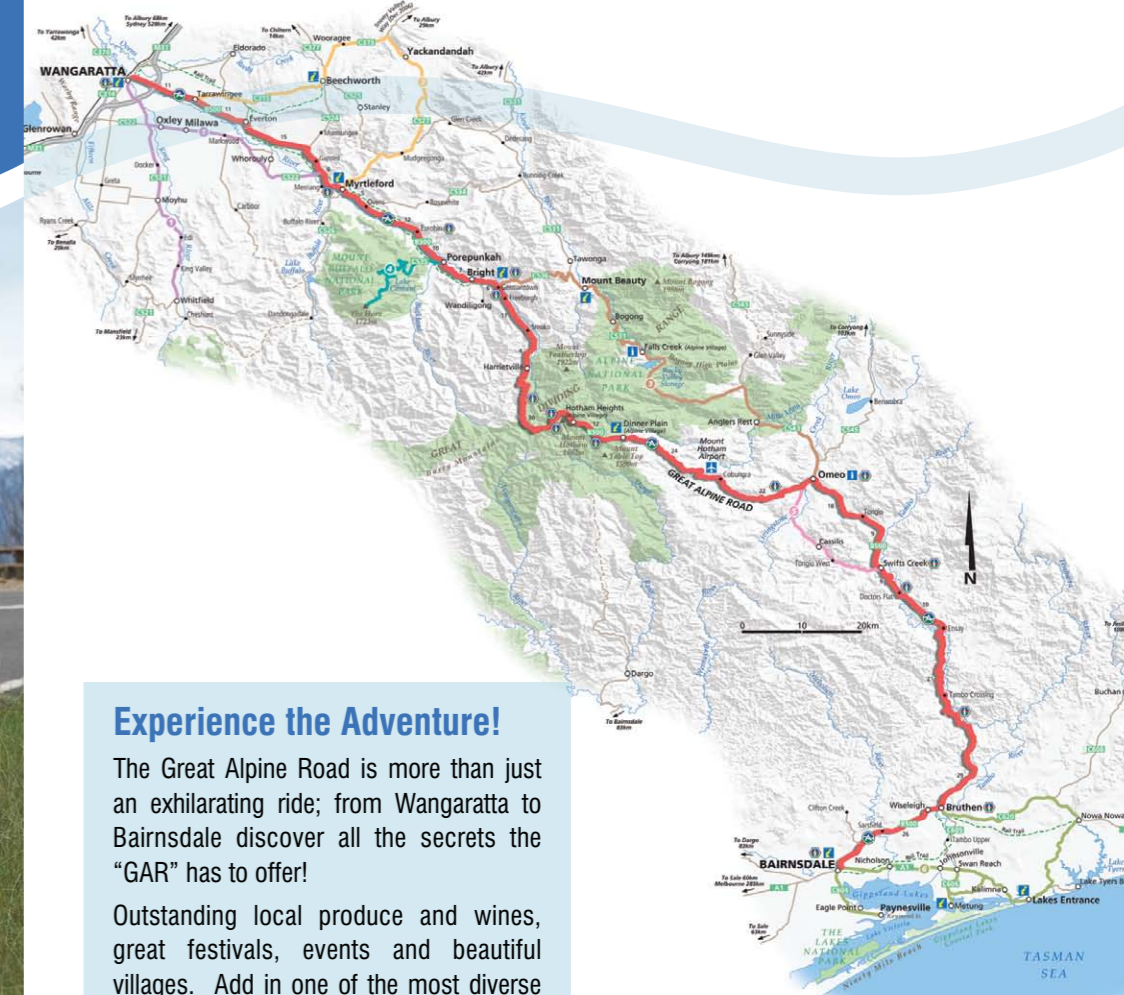
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Experience the Adventure!

The Great Alpine Road is more than just an exhilarating ride; from Wangaratta to Bairnsdale discover all the secrets the "GAR" has to offer!

Outstanding local produce and wines, great festivals, events and beautiful villages. Add in one of the most diverse combinations of scenery imaginable in the country, the Bogong Alpine Way and discovery rides; you'll be planning to stop and stay a while!

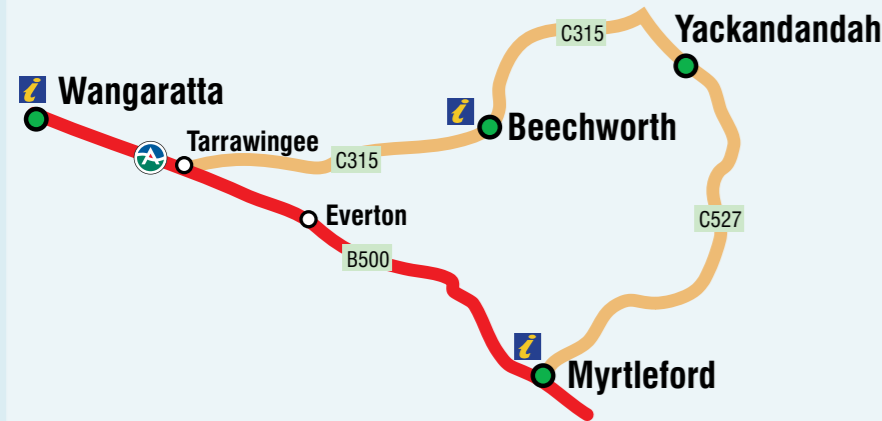
Throughout your journey, experience all that the Great Alpine Road has to offer; outstanding riding and an adventure around every corner - one of Australia's great riding experiences.



Golden Heritage Ride

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Wangaratta - Tarrawingee (B500) - Beechworth (C315) - Wooragee - Yackandandah (C352) - Myrtleford (C527) (140km Minimum 2 hrs)



This 140km loop takes you back to the goldfield and bushranger history of the North East. Explore Beechworth – home to beautiful historic buildings and architecture, before heading to Yackandandah; home to many talented artists, and brimming with arts, antiques and specialty shops.

Places to relax and refuel:

Tarrawingee (no fuel)
Beechworth
Yackandandah
Myrtleford

Events:

March - Yackandandah Folk Festival
Easter - Beechworth Golden Horseshoes Festival
October - Beechworth Oktoberfest

Beechworth Visitor Information Centre 1300 366 321
Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre 02 6027 1988

Bogong Alpine Way Ride

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Bright - Tawonga Gap (C536) - Mt Beauty (C531) - Bogong - Falls Creek - Bogong High Plains - Anglers Rest (C543) - Omeo (90kms Minimum 2 hrs.)



Tight corners, sweeping bends and mountain views are the highlight of the newly sealed Bogong Alpine Way. Take some time to have a look around Bright and Mt Beauty before following the road across the Bogong High Plains to the Blue Duck Inn and Omeo. (Note: The Falls Creek to Anglers Rest section remains closed during the winter months)

Places to relax and refuel:

Bright	Mt Beauty
Harrietville	Omeo
Dinner Plain (no fuel)	Mt Hotham (no fuel)
Anglers Rest (no fuel)	Falls Creek (no fuel)

Events:

January - Big Fella Festival (Falls Creek)
February - Cool Summer Festival (Hotham)
April - Mt Beauty Music Festival

Alpine Visitor Information Centre Bright 1800 111 885
Dinner Plain Visitor Information Centre 1300 734 365
Falls Creek Visitor Information Centre 03 5758 1202
Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre 03 5755 0596

Spectacular valley views, granite tors, waterfalls and not forgetting the ride! Take some time to have a look around the beautiful Mt Buffalo Chalet and gardens.



Places to relax and refuel:

Porepunkah
Mt Buffalo (no fuel)

Mt Buffalo Ride

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Porepunkah - Mt Buffalo - Porepunkah (C535)



Wine & Gold Ride

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Omeo - Cassilis - Swifts Creek (27km Minimum 45 minutes)



Take a break and explore the history and heritage of the Omeo region including the Justice Precinct and Oriental Claims before continuing your ride. Cassilis was a thriving town during the gold boom and relics of its mining past can be seen in the area. A boutique winery and brewery are on the ride.

Places to relax and refuel:

Omeo	Cassilis (no fuel)
Swifts Creek	Ensay

Events:

March - Alpine Discovery Festival (Swifts Creek)
March - Picnic Races (Hinnomunjie and Tambo Valley)
Easter - Omeo Rodeo
Easter - Geebung Polo Match

Omeo Visitor Information Centre 03 5159 1679

Gippsland Lakes Ride

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Bruthen - Nowa Nowa (C620) - Lakes Entrance (A1) - Metung - Swan Reach (C606) - Bairnsdale (A1) - Paynesville (C604)



Head to Lakes Entrance and spend some time exploring the iconic Gippsland Lakes and Ninety Mile Beach. Spectacular scenery, high country vistas, unique villages and rivers await you on your ride from Omeo to Bairnsdale and the coast. Crossover to Raymond Island on the ferry from Paynesville to see the koala colony in the wild.

Places to relax and refuel:

Bruthen	Nowa Nowa	Lakes Entrance
Metung	Swan Reach	Bairnsdale
Paynesville		

Events:

January - Lakes Entrance Summer Music Festival
February - Bruthen Blues Festival
March - Feast on East Festival
October - Barry Sheene Ride to the GP

Bairnsdale Visitor Information Centre 1800 637 060
Lakes Entrance Visitor Information Centre 1800 637 060