**Gourmet Food & Wine Ride**

Wangaratta - King Valley - Whitfield - Myrrhee (C521) and back to the Milawa Gourmet Region (C522)

(130kms Minimum 2 hrs)

Wangaratta
C521
B500
Tarrawonga
Everton
King Valley
Whitfield
Cheshunt
Milawa

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**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. This section can be challenging with winding roads, sharp curves and changeable road conditions so take care!

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

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

**Check road conditions**

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**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.

**Places to relax and refuel:**

Wangaratta
Milawa
Whitfield
Myrrhee

**Events:**

Easter - La Fiera (Myrtleford)
November - Wangaratta Jazz Festival

For more information:

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

**The GREAT ALPINE ROAD**

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Golden Heritage Ride

Wangaratta - Tarrawingee (B500) - Beechworth (C515) - Myrtleford (C527) (140km Minimum 2 hrs)

Places to relax and refuel:
- Tarrawingee (no fuel)
- Beechworth
- Yackandandah
- Myrtleford

Events:
- March - Yackandandah Folk Festival
- October - Beechworth Oktoberfest

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

Bogong Alpine Way Ride

Bright - Tawonga Gap (C506) - Mt Beauty (C531) - Bogong - Falls Creek - Bungo High Plains - Anglers Rest (C543) – Omeo (140km Minimum 2 hrs.)

(Spectacular valley views, granite tors, waterfalls and not forgetting the ride! Take some time to have a look around the beautiful Mt Beauty Cloud and Gardens.)

Places to relax and refuel:
- Bright
- Mount Beauty
- Harrietville
- Omeo

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

Alpine Visitor Information Centre Bright 03 5755 0596
Dinner Plain Visitor Information Centre 1300 734 365
Falls Creek Visitor Information Centre 03 5758 1202

Wine & Gold Ride

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

Places to relax and refuel:
- Omeo
- Cassilis (no fuel)
- Swifts Creek

Events:
- March - Alpine Discovery Festival
- March - Picnic Races
- Easter - Omeo Races
- Easter - Gandy’s Polo Match

Omeo Visitor Information Centre 03 5159 1679

Mt Buffalo Ride

Porepunkah - Mt Buffalo - Porepunkah (C335)

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

Places to relax and refuel:
- Porepunkah
- Mt Buffalo (no fuel)

Events:
- January - Lakes Entrance Summer Music Festival
- February - Bruthen Blues Festival
- March - Food and East Festival
- October - Barry Sheene Ride to the GP

Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre 03 5159 1787

Gippsland Lakes Ride

Bruthen - Nova News (C420) - Lakes Entrance (A1) - Metung - Swan Reach (C496) - Bairnsdale (A1) - Paynesville (C604)

(Hi-speed to Lakes Entrance and spend some time exploring the iconic Gippsland Lakes and Ninety Mile Beach. Spectacular scenery, high country vistas, unique villages and towns await you on your ride to Omeo, Cassilis and Swifts Creek over 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:
- Bruthen
- Mt Beauty
- Harrietville
- Omeo
- Dinner Plain (no fuel)
- Mt Hotham (no fuel)
- Anglers Rest (no fuel)
- Falls Creek (no fuel)

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