



Pedal to Produce

Pedal to Produce is the perfect foodies holiday: cycling from a quaint village café, down a country road to taste award winning wines and onto a farm gate to pick up some fresh regional produce and meet the farmer who grew it.

Pedal to Produce includes the renowned food and wine regions of Rutherglen, Beechworth, Glenrowan, Milawa, King Valley, Mansfield, Myrtleford, Bright and the Kiewa Valley where you can visit cellar doors, local breweries or drop into a café for a coffee. If you're hungry you can refuel at one of the many bakeries, restaurants and food producers along the way.

Through a combination of the rail trail, quiet country roads, farm gate producers, cellar doors and spectacular scenery this makes for a compelling experience.

The Pedal to Produce cycle trails are marked on the maps within this guide or download them at www.pedaltoproduce.com.au.

For further information call **1800 801 065**.

So get on your bike to experience this tasty treat for cyclists of all levels.



A CULINARY ADVENTURE

Victoria's High Country is a culinary adventure waiting to happen. Whether by bike, car or foot you can lose yourself in this magnificent region with food and wine around every corner.

Become intimate with the region on the extensive network of rail trails and hiking routes. Make your selection from a range of self-guided or fully guided hiking and cycling tours that will offer you a unique foodie adventure. Let the views and tastes inspire, the scents leave an impression, the characters endear and the challenge render you fulfilled.

RAIL TRAIL

The Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail is the perfect way to discover the diverse countryside of North East Victoria, from natural bushland to open farmland, hidden valleys and some of the most beautiful mountain ranges in Australia. Not to mention the endless wine, beer, food and fresh produce you will find along the way.

Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, for cyclists and walkers, and for all budgets, the trail provides over 100 kilometres of sealed trails and the perfect link between the culinary villages of Beechworth, Rutherglen, Bright and Wangaratta. More recently the shared trail network has been extended from Wangaratta to Milawa, Bright to Wandiligong and the region's newest rail trail from Mansfield past the scenic Lake Eildon at Bonnie Doon, and beyond.

For more information visit www.murraytomountains.com.au or call one of our regional visitor information centres.



Kiewa Valley Ride

Distance: 39 km (one way) to Dederang, add 32 km to continue to Kergunyah

Ride Surface: Road

Description: Flat to undulating

Ride Grade: Intermediate

Ride Time: Allow 4 hrs to Dederang or a full 7 hrs all the way to Kergunyah.

At the foot of Mount Bogong, Victoria's tallest peak, and ablaze with a vibrancy of year round lushness, this ride will instill a sense of long standing productivity steeped in dairying success. The Kiewa Valley is stamping its mark on the food and wine world as a rapidly growing and evolving valley, with offerings as diverse as ice cream, wine, olives, jams, cafés, restaurants and produce stores dotted along the valley making it a perfect hop, skip and pedal for you and your basket.

Gapsted to Bright Ride

Distance: 41 km

Ride Surface: Rail Trail

Description: Flat

Ride Grade: Beginner

Ride Time: Allow 3 hrs 30 min

With Mount Buffalo dominating the landscape, this ride epitomises the joy of riding through North East Victoria. With views from valleys to farmland, mountains to rivers, a little touch of Mediterranean production and big touch of magic you'd be forgiven for wondering where in the world you are. The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail means you can indulge your imagination while riding a sealed, off-road bike path.

WELCOME TO THE

Alpine Valleys

COLOUR ALL YEAR ROUND

Breathtaking landscapes, premium cool-climate wines, a colourful food culture and striking seasonal contrasts distinguish the Alpine Valleys region. Stretching from the snowfields of Falls Creek, Mt Buffalo and Mt Hotham, along the Kiewa and Ovens Rivers, and dotted with the vibrant townships of Bright, Myrtleford, Mount Beauty and Harrietville, the Alpine Valleys offer a myriad of opportunities for travellers. Extensive stretches of National Park provide a playground for adventurers, and the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail is a delightful way for cyclists and walkers to enjoy the alpine country.

Post-war Italian settlement brought chestnuts, tobacco and the seeds of a dynamic food culture to the region. Today the continental climate supports a huge range of agricultural enterprises from deer, trout and berry farms to nut groves and apple orchards. Eating nooks abound from cosy cafés to "hatted" restaurants.

The long, moderate growing conditions produce high quality grapes with intense fruit flavours and natural acidity, the perfect cool-climate wine.

Following a trail of friendly cellar doors, visitors can experience the rich velvety reds, crisp elegant whites and sensational sparkling wines grown and made in these pristine mountain valleys.

From the kaleidoscopic colours of autumn and the tender green tips of spring, to white winter peaks and the blue skies of summer, the Alpine Valleys region is an expression of colour, vibrancy and flavour.



CYCLE TRAIL
MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL

Bright

1. BRIGHT BREWERY

121 Great Alpine Road, Bright

PHONE (03) 5755 1301
 WEB www.brightbrewery.com.au
 EMAIL info@brightbrewery.com.au
 OPEN 12 noon 'til evening.

Bright Brewery crafts award-winning beer in the very heart of Bright. Relax with a beer, local wine, coffee or simple meal. Use the free WiFi - Live music Sundays - Tour and Tasting Fridays - Brewer For A Day each month



2. SIMONE'S RESTAURANT

98 Gavan Street, Bright

PHONE (03) 5755 2266
 WEB www.simonesrestaurant.com.au
 EMAIL simones@swiftdsl.com.au
 OPEN Tues - Sun from 6.30pm

Simone's Restaurant has been run by George and Patrizia Simone since 1986. The seasonal menu draws on the dishes of Patrizia's native town Perugia in Umbria (Italy), combined with the bountiful produce of the Alpine Valleys.



Gapsted

3. GAPSTED WINES

3897 Great Alpine Road, Gapsted

PHONE (03) 5751 1383
 WEB www.gapstedwines.com.au
 EMAIL cellardoor@gapstedwines.com.au
 CELLAR DOOR Daily 10am - 5pm
 RESTAURANT Daily 12pm - 3pm

Taste, Eat Smile & Relax. Taste over 25 premium cool climate wines including the innovative varieties; Petit Manseng & Saperavi. Indulge in a decadent lunch featuring seasonal local produce and take in the sweeping views of the Ovens Valley.



Gundowring

4. GUNDOWRING ICE CREAM

1350 Gundowring Road, Gundowring

PHONE (02) 6027 5240
 WEB www.gundowringfinefoods.com.au
 EMAIL mail@gundowringfinefoods.com.au
 AVAILABLE Available at regional restaurants & gourmet food outlets.

Gundowring has been producing unique ice cream from its boutique factory on the family farm since 2003. Using fresh milk from their contented cows and the best fresh produce that their region has to offer they produce a truly divine ice cream. Gundowring Ice Cream, like you've never imagined!



Kergunyah

5. WADDINGTONS AT KERGUNYAH

2688 Kiewa Valley Highway, Kergunyah

PHONE (02) 6027 5393
 WEB www.waddingtons.com.au
 EMAIL waddington@iprimus.com.au
 OPEN Thurs to Sun 12 noon to 4pm
 Dinner Bookings by arrangement

On an historic farm with great views of the lush Kiewa Valley chef Jan Waddington has created a contemporary menu focusing on the produce from the surrounding garden, farm and regional producers. Enjoy the alfresco deck, sunny window tables or the bar.



Mongans Bridge

6. BENJELLA

181 Hobbs Lane, Mongans Bridge

PHONE 0418 573 121
 WEB www.benjella.com.au
 EMAIL craig@benjella.com.au
 OPEN By Appointment

Benjella is a small cool climate vineyard nestled in the picturesque Kiewa Valley, 22kms north of Mount Beauty. Our aim is to produce elegant hand crafted wines that capture the specific characteristics of this unique area.



Myrtleford

7. MICHELINI WINES

213 Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford

PHONE (03) 5751 1990
 WEB www.micheliniwines.com.au
 EMAIL sales@micheliniwines.com.au
 OPEN Daily 10am - 5pm

In 1949 Ermo Michelini emigrated from Trentino in Northern Italy where the Michelini family had been growing grapes and making wine since 1851. Today, the Michelini family offer a range of cool climate Italian varietal wines at their magnificent winery and Cellar Door, built in the style of an Italian villa, on the Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford.



8. MYRTLEFORD BUTTER FACTORY

15 Myrtle St (Great Alpine Rd), Myrtleford

PHONE (03) 5752 2300
 WEB www.thebutterfactory.com.au
 EMAIL info@thebutterfactory.com.au
 OPEN Thurs - Mon 8:30am - 5pm

Our cultured butter and café are housed in the original red brick 1900's Butter Factory. Butter is churned on Monday and Thursday and can be viewed from a platform in the café. Café serving local seasonal fare, breakfast is a must.



Porepunkah

9. BOYNTON'S FEATHERTOP WINERY

6619 Great Alpine Road, Porepunkah

PHONE (03) 5756 2356
 WEB www.boynton.com.au
 EMAIL boynton@boynton.com.au
 OPEN Daily 10am - 5pm

More than just a cellar door, offering: Feathertop wine, Boynton's Beer, espresso coffee, playground, fantastic value wine club, accommodation, alfresco dining, local produce ploughman's platters and stunning views of the Alpine Valley.



10. RAIL TRAIL CAFÉ

2 Service Street, Porepunkah

PHONE 0428 359 884
 WEB www.railtrailcafe.com.au
 EMAIL lucyjodwyer@hotmail.com
 OPEN Thurs - Sun 8am - 4.30pm.
 & all School/Public Holidays
 (Closed mid-July to mid-Sept)

6km from Bright on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, we are a licensed café serving all day breakfast, lunch & scrumptious baked goods. We use free-range eggs & superb fair-trade organic coffee. Try our nachos, chicken quesadilla or famous breakfast burrito.



Porepunkah

11. RINGER REEF

6835 Great Alpine Road, Porepunkah

PHONE (03) 5756 2805
 WEB www.ringerreef.com.au
 EMAIL bruce@ringerreef.com.au
 OPEN Fri - Mon 12 noon to 5 pm

Ringer Reef is a boutique vineyard with a picturesque cellar door, nestled in the hills of Porepunkah. All of our wines are handmade and bottled on site from hand picked grapes on either our own or neighbouring vineyards in Porepunkah.



Rosewhite

12. HOMESTEAD ESTATE

713 Happy Valley Rd, Rosewhite

PHONE (03) 5753 5318
 WEB www.homesteadestate.com.au
 EMAIL contact@homesteadestate.com.au
 OPEN 10.00am to 4.30pm Most Days

Visit our 1860's homestead, taste award-winning extra virgin olive oil, our hand-crafted wines - Chardonnay, Savagnin, Sangiovese, Shiraz, savoury dukkah made from Mt Buffalo hazelnuts and delicious grape pastes sourced from our vineyards. Historic house tours available on request.



Tawonga South

13. SWEETWATER BREWING COMPANY

211 Kiewa Valley H' way, Tawonga South

PHONE (03) 5754 1881
 WEB www.sweetwaterbrewing.com.au
 EMAIL info@sweetwaterbrewing.com.au
 OPEN Fri - Sun 1pm - 6pm

The Sweetwater Brewing Company brewery bar is the ideal place to relax and take in the best that the High Country has to offer. Enjoy craft brewed beer fresh from the brewery and find out why Sweetwater is High Country for Great Beer. Open afternoons Fri - Sun.



Buckland Valley

14. VILLA GUSTO

630 Buckland Valley Road, Buckland Valley

PHONE (03) 5756 2000
 WEB www.villagusto.com.au
 EMAIL villagusto@bigpond.com
 OPEN Dinner Thurs - Sun. Lunch Sun

Awarded a 'chef hat' four times. Rated 'one of the world's top establishments' by Fodors Guide, Villa Gusto offers the ultimate travel destination - a blend of luxury, magnificent food and the absolute charm of staying in an Italian villa.

