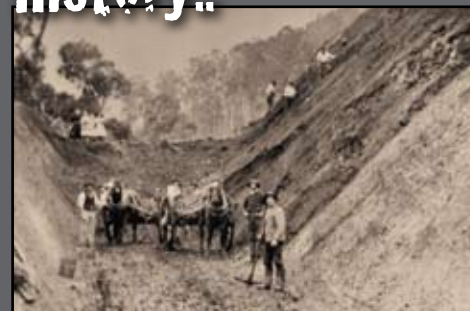


Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail

- **LOCATION** - Yarra Ranges, 40km east of Melbourne
- **STARTS** - Lilydale Station, Maroondah Hwy (Melway 38 E4)
- **FINISHES** - Behind the Warburton Waterwheel, Station Rd (Melway 290 B4)
- **DISTANCE** - 38km one way, 76km return
- **GRADIENT** - Gentle slope up to and down from Mt Evelyn then mostly flat
- **SURFACE** - Mostly hard packed gravel with bridge and road crossings. The last 3km to Warburton is sealed.
- **SUITABLE FOR** - All levels of fitness including families



History..



Constructed by pick and shovel in an astonishing 18 months, the Warburton Railway was completed in 1901 to carry fruit and vegetables from the Wandin farmlands in the foothills of the Dandenong's to Melbourne. Trains also took timber from the forests of Warburton and Powelltown. It used to be claimed that Yarra Junction was second only to Seattle, USA, in the volume of timber passing along it's tracks.



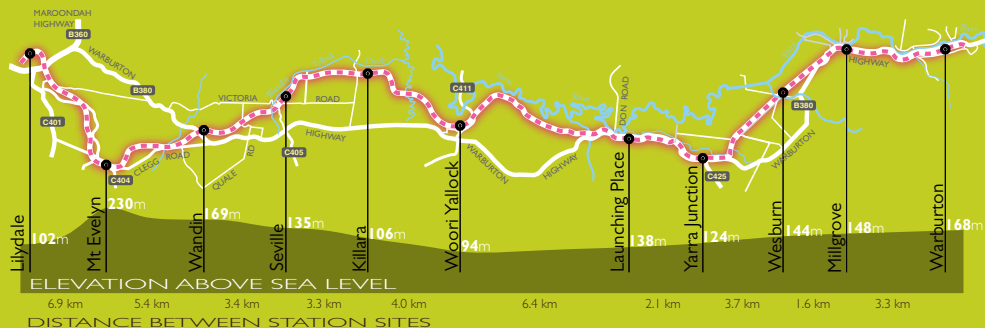
THE 'Warby Trail'

LILYDALE TO WARBURTON RAIL TRAIL

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The route..



'One of the great train journeys of the world... minus the train!'

Keith Dunstan OAM
(Author & founder Bicycle Institute of Victoria)

The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is one of Australia's iconic Rail Trails which meanders through the Yarra Valley between the Dandenong Ranges and the Great Dividing Ranges.

The 38km recreation trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders follows the path of the historical railway line which was established in the 1900's primarily to service the agricultural industry.

Take the time to enjoy the spectacular views of the Yarra Ranges National Park, pass through beautiful bushland, wineries and farmlands.

Located only one hour from Melbourne by car or train, the 'Warby Trail' is a great place to visit on a day trip or why not stay overnight in a bed and breakfast. Stop in any of the townships along the way to experience the local produce and discover what the Yarra Valley is all about.



Getting there..

Train

Metro Trains www.metrotrains.com.au
Services run regularly between Melbourne and Lilydale. Visit the website for timetables and information about transporting bikes on trains.

Bus

Martyrs Bus Service www.martyrs.com.au
Bus service from Lilydale to Warburton and return. Contact Martyrs about timetable and transporting bikes on buses.

Drive and Park

Drive and park at one of the many access points along the length of the Trail. Ample parking is available at Lilydale Station, Woori Yallock, Launching Place and Yarra Junction. Further parking and picnic facilities are available at Mt Evelyn, Wandin, Killara, Millgrove and Warburton.

Bike Hire

Bike hire is available at:
Yarra Valley Cycles (03) 9735 1483
108 Main St, Lilydale; opposite the station

COG Bicycle Cafe (03) 5966 2213
On the Trail at 42 Station Rd, Warburton
<http://cogbikecafe.com.au>



Emergency info..

Police, Fire, Ambulance

Dial 000 or 112 from mobiles
quote the number of the nearest
Emergency Marker (as pictured)

Yarra Ranges Council
1300 368 333 (24hr number)



Other contacts..

Friends of the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail (03) 5966 5062

This voluntary group promotes use of the Trail, involves the community in trail development and maintenance and advocates for the future needs of the Trail.

Upper Yarra Museum

www.upperyarramuseum.org.au
Located within the original Lilydale station house now situated on the trail in Yarra Junction, provides fantastic interactive displays of the region's history. Open 11-4, Wed, Sun.

Rail Trails Australia

www.railtrails.org.au
A not-for-profit organisation which works for the development and promotion of a rail trail network Australia-wide.

Bicycle Network Victoria

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au
A not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting bike riding in Victoria.

RACV Bike Assist 1800 136 388



Secure bike parking facility at Lilydale Station, for information: www.parkiteer.com.au or 1300 546 526

Code of conduct..

For your safety and enjoyment whilst using the trail please observe the following:

- Keep left
- This is a shared use trail for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, please respect each other
- Notify others of your approach when on a bicycle or horse
- Give way – cyclists give way to walkers & horses, walkers give way to horses on bridges & squeeze points
- Respect private property & other trail users
- Help farmers by leaving the gates as you find them & give way to stock crossing
- Do not disturb neighbours or their stock
- Do not climb bridge handrails
- Respect the environment, take your rubbish home & do not damage / remove vegetation
- No motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles

CAUTION

The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is 38km in total length **ONEWAY**.

- Cycling this distance takes **4 hours** **ONEWAY** for a person of good fitness
- Only attempt distances within your capabilities
- Always carry water and avoid hot periods of the day
- Dress for the weather
Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for your chosen activity
- Don't forget your helmet if riding

