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Designed around the vast acres of bushland and hills, these trails showcase the natural beauty of Anglesea. The trails have been built with real mountain bikers in mind and offer experiences for beginners and the most hardcore dirt fanatics, choose a trail that suits you. This publication has been prepared with the input from local riders and the Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club. We hope you enjoy your next ride! For further information about the club, or to volunteer to help out with trail maintenance activities, visit surfcoastmb.com.au

MADE FOR RIDERS



SURF COAST RIDE GUIDE

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CHOOSE YOUR RIDE

For a great ride experience, we've classified a lot of the trails by level of difficulty. This key can be used as a guide, please note that trail conditions can vary. Ride with care when riding trails.
Note: Not all trails will have difficulty ratings.

TRAIL TYPE:			
Trail line consistent with difficulty level:	Orange line underneath:	Red line underneath:	
MTB/Shared Use	Maintenance Vehicle Accessible	4WD Accessible	
Purple line:	Black line:	White dashed line:	Grey dashed line:
Unsealed Road	Sealed Road	Unclassified Linker	Walkers Only

DIFFICULTY:

Very Easy	Easy	Intermediate	Very Difficult
Steps or very steep section:	Caution Marker	Toilets	Café
			Restaurant

SELECTED SURF COAST RIDE LOOPS:

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Trail Type	Ride Loop Name
Ride Loop colour	Outback Dash 9km
Difficulty	Distance

Flip over this map to see a description of each Ride Loop.

TRAIL HEADS

Great places to start your adventure.

- Anglesea Bike Park** 80 Camp Rd, Anglesea
- Hurst Road Car Park** Corner Great Ocean Rd and Hurst Rd, Anglesea
- Coogoorah Park** 21A River Reserve Rd, Anglesea
- Anglesea Shops** 87-89 Great Ocean Rd, Anglesea
- Distillery Creek Picnic Ground** 115 Bambra Rd, Aireys Inlet

POINTS OF INTEREST

Great places to rest, take in the views, and enjoy.

- Bundjil Mirr Lookout** Alcoa Boundary Track near the corner of Bald Hills Road
- Messmate Lookout** Messmate track near Harvey Street
- Currawong Falls Lookout** Overlooking Currawong Falls on the descent from Loves Track
- Bells Beach** Overlooking Winki pop and Bells Beach, Victoria's most iconic surfing destination
- Point Addis Lookout** Rugged cliffs and sandy beaches
- Great Ocean Road Chocalerie and Icecreamery**



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MTB SHORT LOOPS

Anglesea MTB Taster 9km

- Taking in some of the iconic trails of the Anglesea heath.
- Climb up Firebreak track to get onto Ixodia.
- Keep climbing past Treecreeper, then cross Coalmine road to join Dusty Miller.
- A bit more climbing along Shiney Eye to get to Pipeline track, then a long downhill back to the bike park.
- A great fun ride in the reverse direction too!

Elevation gain:	201m
Time:	45 min
Technical ability:	Beginner/Intermediate
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	4/10
Trail head:	#1 - Anglesea Bike Park
Ride type:	MTB
Best time of year:	Year Round*

*Dusty Miller and Shiney Eye can be pretty sticky in the wet

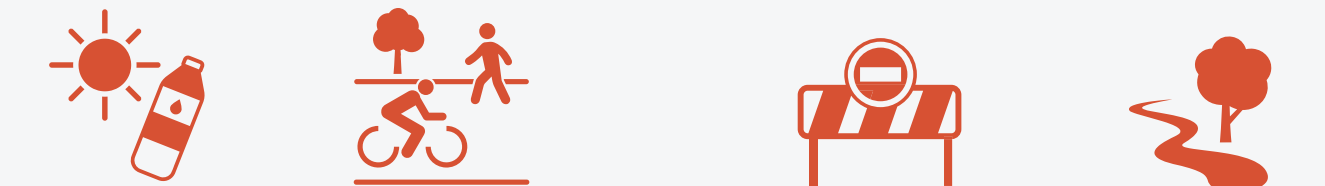
Outback Dash 9km

- Head out through the park to Coalmine road.
- Follow through to Messmate track to take in the Messmate Lookout.
- Loop through O'Donohue's link tracks, then race behind the golf course for a short, pinchy climb before a flowy, sandy descent to Coogoorah Park.
- As an optional extra, take in Sandy Slalom and Ava's Dream from the O'Donohue's access track.

Elevation gain:	175m
Time:	45 min
Technical ability:	Beginner/Intermediate
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	3/10
Trail head:	#3 - Coogoorah Park
Ride type:	MTB/CX
Best time of year:	Year Round

TRAIL SAFETY

Share the trail, tread lightly, and ride safely by following our trail rules.



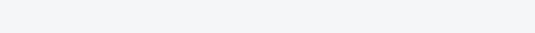
Stay safe on the trails

Conditions in the Anglesea Heath and the Great Otway National Park can change rapidly. Always check bushfire warnings before you ride, consider postponing on high fire risk days, and do not ride on Code Red fire risk days. It is recommended you always carry water when riding these trails, regardless of the time of year.



Weeds and Fungus

Enter clean and leave clean! Tyres and footwear can carry weed seeds and other nasties such as *Phytophthora* (a fungus which causes dieback in native plants) into our bushland areas. Please ensure you use wheel wash stations where provided, and always wash down your bike before riding.



Be snake aware

Snakes are a natural part of our environment and are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. They are active during the warmer months of September through to April so be alert. Snakes may bite if disturbed or threatened. If you see a snake, keep a safe distance and move around it.

MTB LONGER LOOPS

Eumeralla Perimeter 15km

- A quick taster of the Eumeralla Trails.
- A mix of dual and single track.
- Some rocky sections and steep, pinchy climbs and tight switchbacks.
- Takes in Eumeralla trails 2, 14, 4 and 3, as well as a section of the Surf Coast Walk.
- Connector from Surf Coast Walk indicated by a small sign only.
- Shared use trails, ride with care.

Elevation gain:	240m
Time:	1.5 hours
Technical ability:	Intermediate/Advanced
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	6/10
Trail head:	#2 - Hurst Rd
Ride type:	MTB
Best time of year:	Year Round*

*Although best avoided after rain

Currawong Falls Loop 11km

- Climb through stands of ironbark, sweeping vistas, and sandy heathland, to cross Loves Track before completing the loop with a flowy descent through ferny rainforest, taking in the Currawong Falls Lookout and Maleleuca Swamp.
- Single track, some washouts, tree-roots and rocky, shaley sections on the climb. Some steep sections and blind corners.
- This is a shared track, frequently used by walking groups.
- Ride with care, slow and pass with caution.
- Ride in a clockwise direction

Elevation gain:	250m
Time:	1.5 hours
Technical ability:	Intermediate
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	5/10
Trail head:	#5 - Distillery Creek Picnic Ground
Ride type:	MTB/CX
Best time of year:	Year Round

CX/LONGEST LOOPS

Anglesea Heath Gravel Loop 33km

- Starting and finishing in Anglesea, the loop takes you on a tour of the Anglesea Heath.
- Highlights include the views and descent down Haggarts Track and the amazing flow of Harrison Track North.
- The loop features one big climb up Bald Hills Rd, 6km long, grade of 3% with pinches above 15%.
- Can be very sandy and dusty over summer. (Allardyce track is always sandy).
- A really fun loop on a Gravel, CX or Mountain Bike.
- Min 40mm wide tyres recommended.

Elevation gain:	500m
Time:	1.5 hours
Technical ability:	Intermediate
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	5/10
Trail head:	#1 - Anglesea Bike Park
Ride type:	CX
Best time of year:	April to December

Real Big Fish Gravel Loop 45km

- Starting and finishing in Anglesea, this loop takes in some classic gravel on the Surf Coast.
- Highlights include Breakfast Creek Rd, arguably the best gravel road in the area. 90% gravel roads, the loop finishes with some tracks which can be a little more technical.
- If uncomfortable with steeper descents and sandy trails, at 35km stay on Forest Rd and come back into Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road.
- Road conditions deteriorate over summer.
- Gravel or CX Bike recommended (40mm wide tyres).

Elevation gain:	700m
Time:	2 hours
Technical ability:	Beginner/Intermediate
Difficulty:	Intermediate
Fitness:	7/10
Trail head:	#4 - Anglesea Shops
Ride type:	CX
Best time of year:	April to November

(Route Credit: Chris Prothero, Bike Matters)

Bike Repairs

Sometimes rides don't go according to plan. Bike maintenance and repairs are available at the following locations:

Trailhead Bike Co.

67 Great Ocean Road, Anglesea
P: 03 5263 3251

Bike Matters

6B Baines Crescent, Torquay
P: 03 5261 7216

No Limit Cycle Repairs

Mobile cycle mechanic
P: 0400 440 744

NEED MORE INFO?

To find more trails across the Surf Coast, use the QR code or the Explore Surf Coast website.
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EUMERALLA TRAIL NAMES

1

1. Echidna 3km

Difficulty: Very Easy

The main maintenance track for Eumeralla, Echidna is the least used, but most direct route from Hursts Rd to Forest Rd roundabout. Dual track, maintained for vehicles. This track has no obstacles or challenging sections. Suitable for all bikes and rider abilities.

2

2. Pobblebonk 3km

Difficulty: Easy

A slightly weaving dual track running along the north side of the park, Pobblebonk is the main access for most of the internal runs. Definitely a more interesting access route than Echidna (1) Surf Coast MTB club have constructed a range of skills sections along the sides of this maintenance track, allowing eager beginner riders to test themselves while remaining a family friendly trail.

3

3. Letterbox 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

An iconic run, incorporating short, rocky descents, pinchy climbs, and flowing sections through sandy scrub and grasstrees. If you only have time for one run, make it Letterbox.

4

4. Grasstrees 5km

Difficulty: Intermediate

The longest continuous run in the park, Grasstrees includes a structured rock garden, sweeping, flowing sections through the iconic Grasstrees after which the trail is named, sketchy descents and tough climbs in both directions. Some tight gradients mean that this ride is best suited to a higher level of skill and fitness, or be prepared to have to walk some stretches.

5

5. Babyheads 2km

Difficulty: Intermediate

Short steep climbs and descents, with many small boulders, after which this trail is named. Some moderately technical single track descents and climbs.

6

6. Grumpy Hippy 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

Connecting Sundew (7), and Orchid (11) to the Bandicoot (15), Grumpy Hippy is a rambling, sandy single track taking you through messmate and heathland. Some small pinch points, and a limited shaley descent.

7

7. Sundew 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

Flowing single track, limited climbs, some small rollovers. Connects Grumpy Hippy (6) to The Flying Scotsman (8) and Pobblebonk (2).

8

8. The Flying Scotsman 2km

Difficulty: Intermediate

A fast, flowing run through sandy and clayey sections. Several larger rollovers for more experienced riders.

9

9. Great Escape 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

A scenic run through sandy Grasstrees and heathland, connecting Letterbox and Grasstrees to Hurst Rd. Some small, natural steps and tight hairpins on the climb. A great ride for CX or MTB.

10

10. Dragonfly 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

A broad, rapid descent, or return climb connecting Grasstrees (4), Eagle (2), and The Flying Scotsman (8) tracks at the lower end with Pobblebonk at the summit. Flowy and fast, with some small humps if you're chasing some air.

11

11. Orchid 2km

Difficulty: Easy

Predominantly a walking trail and decommissioned vehicle access track, Orchid gives a gentle, family friendly taster of the Eumeralla site. Limited climbing, mostly dual track. A nice and easy route to explore some of the different layers of the forest.

12

12. Eagle 2km

Difficulty: Easy

Running from the Yabbie Dam, Bandicoot (15) and Yabbie (16) to Hurst Rd lower end, connecting with Baby Heads (5), Grasstrees (4) and Dragonfly (10) along the way. Broad, open track with sandy and clayey sections. Some climbs and descents.

14

14. Chute 2km

Difficulty: Intermediate

An exciting run from Forest Rd to the Scout Camp gates. Some steep descents, with frequent washouts and rocky sections along the trail. Predominantly single-track. Shaley sections between the top of Yabbie (16) and the Scout Camp gate. Recommended for intermediate to experienced MTB and CX riders. Not recommended after heavy rain.

15

15. Bandicoot 1km

Difficulty: Intermediate

A short, sharp run from Pobblebonk to Eagle, a steep descent brings you to the start of Baby heads (5) and Grumpy Hippy (6). Shaley in the dry, becomes very sticky mud in the wet.

16

16. Yabbie 0.5km

Difficulty: Intermediate

Connecting Chute (14) to Eagle (12) and Bandicoot (15), skirting the Yabbie dam after a broad, steep descent.