



KING VALLEY  
**GRAVEL**



# RideGuide

2nd Edition

KING VALLEY & SURROUNDS

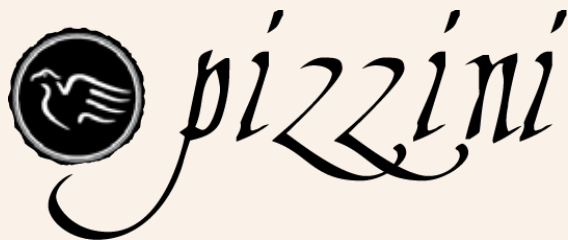


YOUR GUIDE TO  
EXPLORING THE  
GRAVEL ROUTES OF  
THE KING VALLEY



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# Welcome

The King Valley is a gravel riding dream, filled with roads and tracks that are begging to be explored. Vineyards and farmland give way to beautiful tree lined roads and gentle (and some not-so-gentle) climbs through forests and over mountains.

The eight routes in this guide have been developed to include all levels of gravel cycling, from shorter, flatter routes to truly challenging long hauls with epic climbs and descents.

The trailhead towns of Moyhu and Whitfield provide a great base for a quick visit to the King Valley or for a longer stay. With an abundance of wine, food and accommodation options available, the King Valley is the perfect location for the gravel cycling enthusiast. Enjoy the ride!



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# RideRatings

This guide uses the colour coded system below to help you identify the length of a ride. However, there are further considerations to take into account when selecting the ride that is right for your level of fitness, experience and ability. To assist, we have also assigned a '*Route Rating*' and a '*Surface Rating*' to each ride – find them under the map!



## RouteRatings

*The Route Rating combines the route's length with the elevation changes to provide an objective guide to difficulty:*

Short & flat	Mid-length & flat	Long & flat
Short & undulating	Mid-length & undulating	Long & undulating
Short & hilly	Mid-length & hilly	Long & hilly

## SurfaceRatings

*The Surface Rating provides an additional off-road surface grading system to assist you with bike and tyre choice:*

Grade	Tyre size	Description
1	700×25 – 700×32	Poor quality sealed roads. Cobbles/rough paved.
2	700×28 – 700×35	Well-made, hard-packed dirt roads. Loose rocks.
3	700×32 – 700×38	Reasonably smooth gravel. Small rocks, hard packed.
4	700×35 – 700×40+	Rough gravel. Shale, larger rocks, smooth singletrack.
5	700×38+ / 650b	Borderline MTB terrain. 4WD tracks or rough firetrail.

For details visit: [cyclingtips.com/2021/03/grading-gravel-defining-off-road-surfaces](https://cyclingtips.com/2021/03/grading-gravel-defining-off-road-surfaces)



**BE SAFE  
ON THE  
ROAD!**

# SafetyNotes

*Here are some tips and hints to keeping safe when you ride in the King Valley.*

**Carry sufficient water** as potable water may not be readily available along a ride route.

**Obey the road rules.** Be mindful these roads are shared with traffic that includes cars, trucks and heavy farm vehicles. You should always obey the Victorian Road Rules at all times.

**Make yourself visible.** Always carry working lights and reflective gear where possible.

**Respect the local area.** Take all rubbish with you and do not enter any private property, including farmland.

**Be aware** of your surroundings and ride to the conditions. Watch for hazards and obstacles on the road or trails. Look carefully for vehicles and pedestrians entering and exiting driveways and pathways.

**Know the weather conditions.** During the summer months be aware of fire warnings. Do not ride on Code Red days, and be aware of fire ban periods. Monitor [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) for updated fire information and have the Vic Emergency App on your phone before you go.

## **Mobile blackspots. Don't get lost!**

We recommend downloading our rides to a GPS device or to your mobile phone for use in offline mode, as some rides are impacted by mobile phone black spots.





# VICSES

## WANGARATTA UNIT

### **We welcome you to the magnificent King Valley!**

The spectacular landscapes bring you close to the outdoors, to nature and to the weather and storms that can suddenly affect this area from time to time.

### **To enjoy your ride, here's a few tips to keep you safe:**

- Never take shelter or camp under trees.
- Keep watch on the weather, prepare and pack for warmer, wetter or windier days that could add dangers to your ride.
- If camping, avoid low-lying land near creeks, rivers and other waterways.
- Stay informed: have a fully charged mobile phone, listen to ABC 106.5 FM or 3NE Edge FM 102.1 FM/1566 AM.

**Have these 3 key apps installed on your smartphone. They're all official and FREE!**



### **VicEmergency**

The official warning site. Set a King Valley Watch Zone.



### **Emergency Plus**

Just tap to dial emergency help and the app gives your exact location as a Lat and Long reference point.



### **BOM Weather**

For the most accurate weather forecasts and information.

# RideMoyhu

Moyhu is the gateway to the King Valley, where farmland gives way to rolling hills and tree lined roads. Grab a pre-ride coffee at the café, stock up on supplies at the General Store and enjoy a post ride drink at the pub. The trailhead is located in Lions Park, with the routes all crossing the King River before leading out further into the valley.





Rating : **Medium**  
Distance : **43km**  
Elevation Gain : **+389m**  
Start/Finish : **Moyhu**

# STRADA ALBERATA

“Many Trees”

A mixed surface ride, around 60% gravel and 40% sealed backroads, Strada Alberata is named after the native trees and shrubs that line most of the route.

The gravel section on Edi-Meadow Creek Road is a winner, and the little-used native forest section on Pettifers Lane will have you seeking more. You'll love the fast ride back to the Moyhu trailhead on Moyhu-Meadow Creek Road.

## Places of interest on this ride

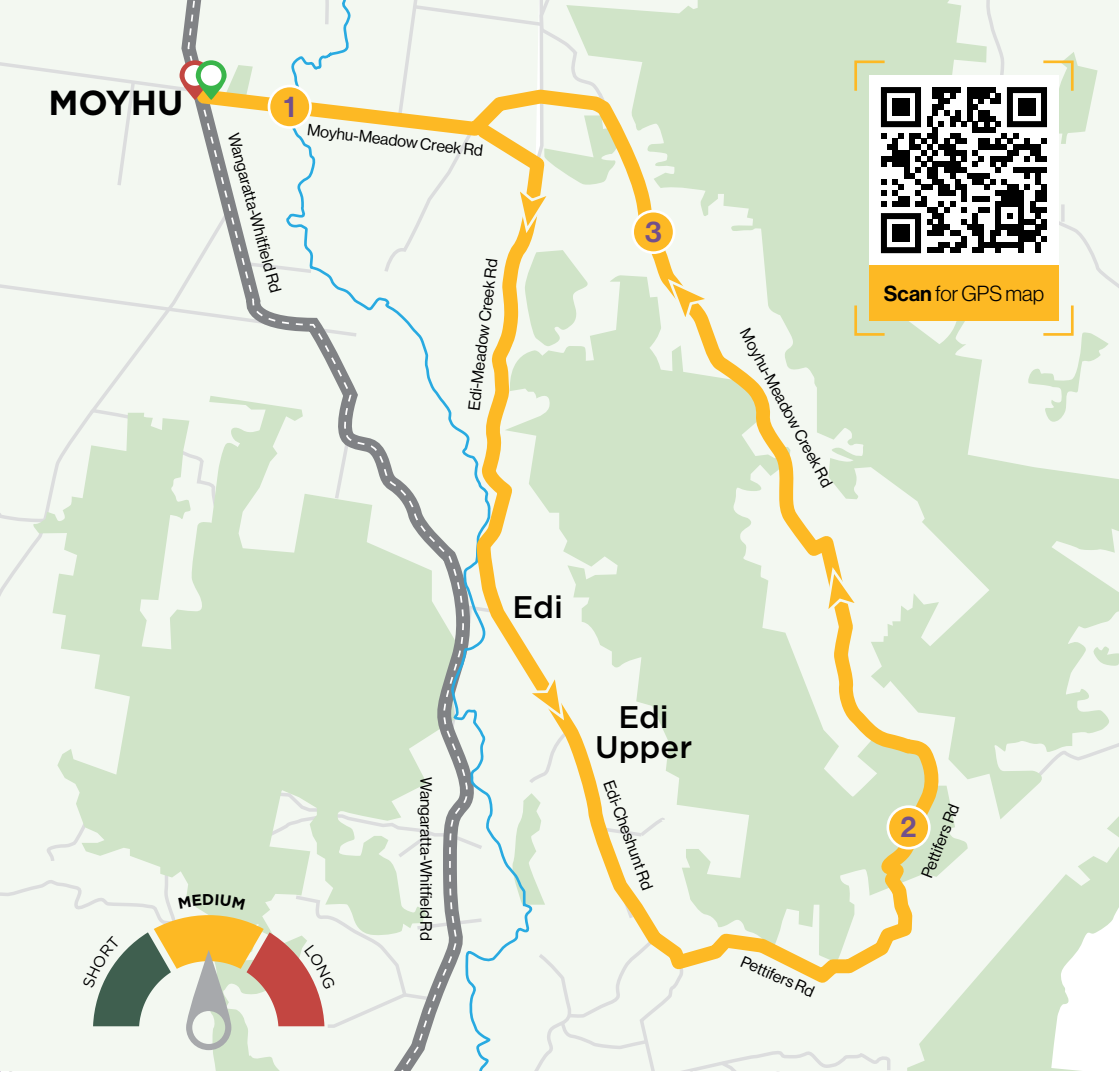
- 1 Soak up the beauty of the King River, crossing twice along this route.
- 2 Test your legs on some challenging climbs through beautiful native forest at Pettifers Lane.
- 3 Be rewarded for your efforts on the descent back to Moyhu.



MOYHU

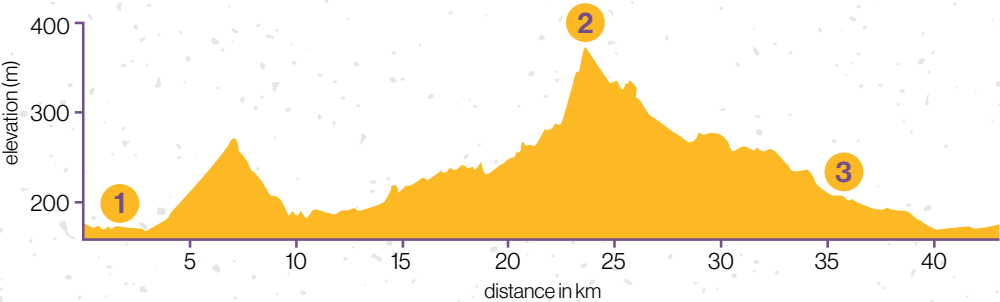


Scan for GPS map



Route Rating: **Mid-length & Undulating** Surface Rating: **3**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.



Rating : **Medium**  
Distance : **56km**  
Elevation Gain : **+212m**  
Start/Finish : **Moyhu**



# PERCORSO DI CRUFFIN

"The Cruffin Run"

Percorso di Cruffin is Italian for 'Road to Cruffins'... Delicious muffin shaped croissants filled with cream, jam, nutella or lemon curd. Treat yourself at The Milawa Kitchen next to Milawa Cheese Co. at the halfway point.

Cycle the flatter, northern end of the King Valley taking you into the Milawa Gourmet Region via farm lanes and backroads.

## Places of interest on this ride

- 1 Drop by renowned Brown Brothers Winery in Milawa.
- 2 Indulge your taste buds with a Cruffin and other delights at the Milawa Kitchen and Milawa Cheese Co.
- 3 Take a small detour to John Gehrig Wines Cellar Door near Oxley.





Rating :	<b>Long</b>
Distance :	<b>60km</b>
Elevation Gain :	<b>+647m</b>
Start/Finish :	<b>Moyhu/ Whitfield</b>

## L'ANELLO "The Loop"

The 'City Circle' loop of King Valley Gravel cycling. You can start in Whitfield or ride in reverse from Moyhu for some variation.

Featuring challenging gravel climbs and a number of gourmet food and drink options, this mixed surface loop links together many of the other King Valley Gravel routes. This is a great ride to find your bearings in the area before tackling other rides.

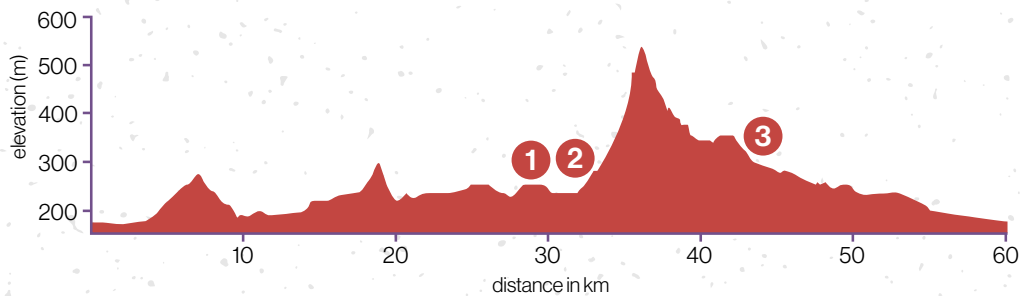
### Places of interest on this ride

- 1** Sample award-winning Prosecco at Dal Zotto Winery near Whitfield.
- 2** Try a tasting paddle at King River Brewing microbrewery and taproom.
- 3** Keep your eyes peeled for roadside stalls near Myrrhee Village.



Route Rating: **Mid-length & Undulating** Surface Rating: **3**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.





Rating : **Medium**

Distance : **33km**

Elevation Gain : **+437m**

Start/Finish : **Moyhu**



# PISTA DELLA CAPRA

"The Goat Track"

Start with some excellent gravel riding through native woodland along Edi-Meadow Creek Road before crossing the King River. Follow the signs through Edi Cutting before turning towards the Moyhu Timber Reserve and the start of the '*capra pista*' or '*goat track*'. Loose when dry and slippery when wet – take care. The final descent back into Moyhu is a cruise on a well-made road.

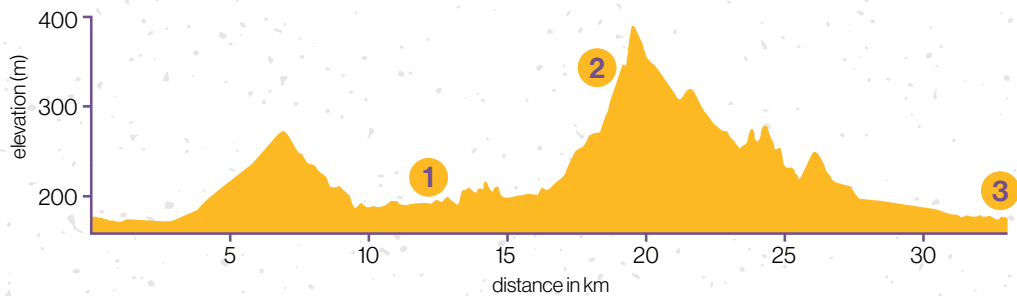
## Places of interest on this ride

- 1 Fuel up with a woodfired pizza at King Valley Estate Winery in Edi.
- 2 Challenge yourself with a tough 4km climb on the tucked-away '*goat track*' at Moyhu Timber Reserve.
- 3 Enjoy well-earned refreshments at the Moyhu Pub at the end of your ride.



Route Rating: **Mid-length & Hilly** Surface Rating: **4**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.





## MOUNTAIN VIEW

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL**

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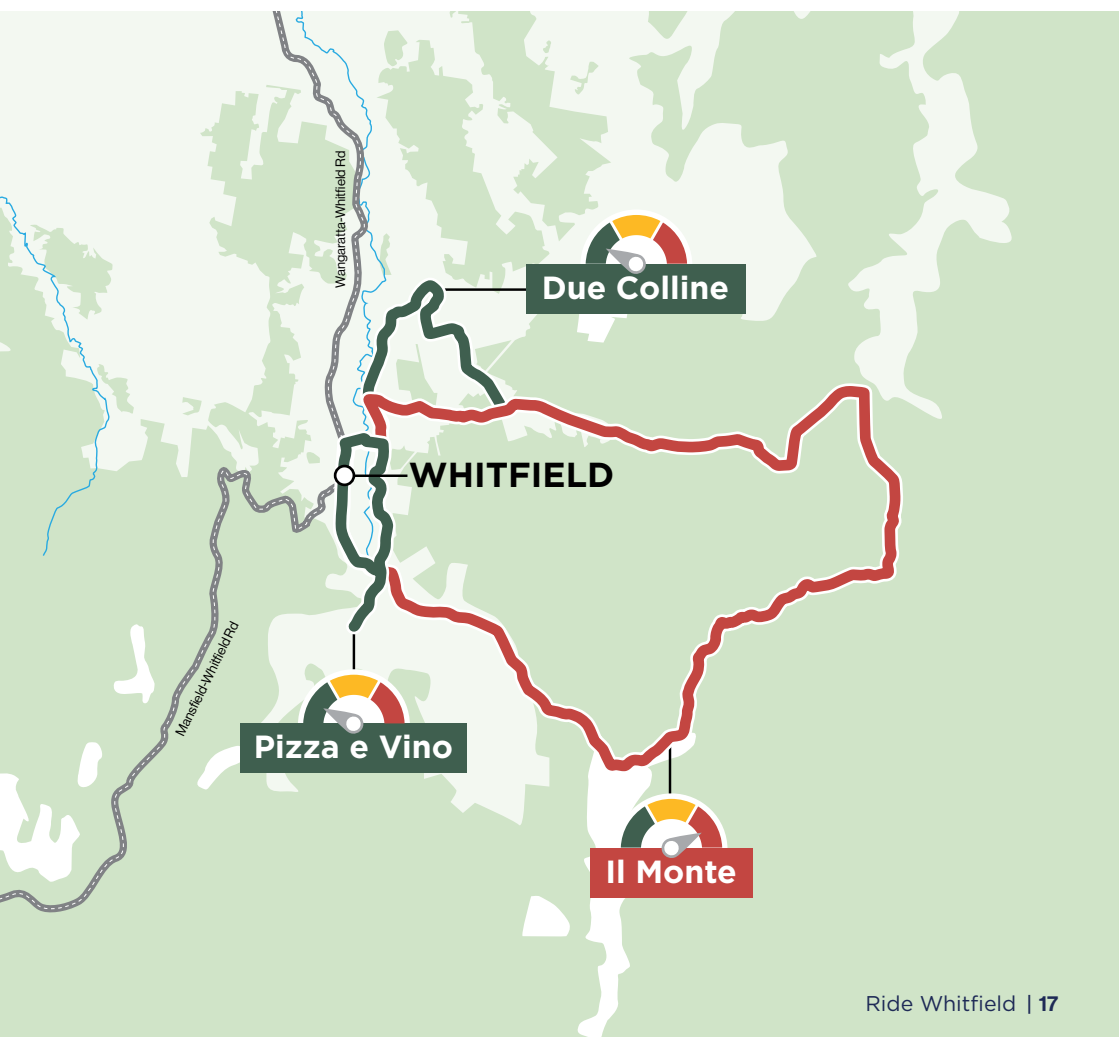
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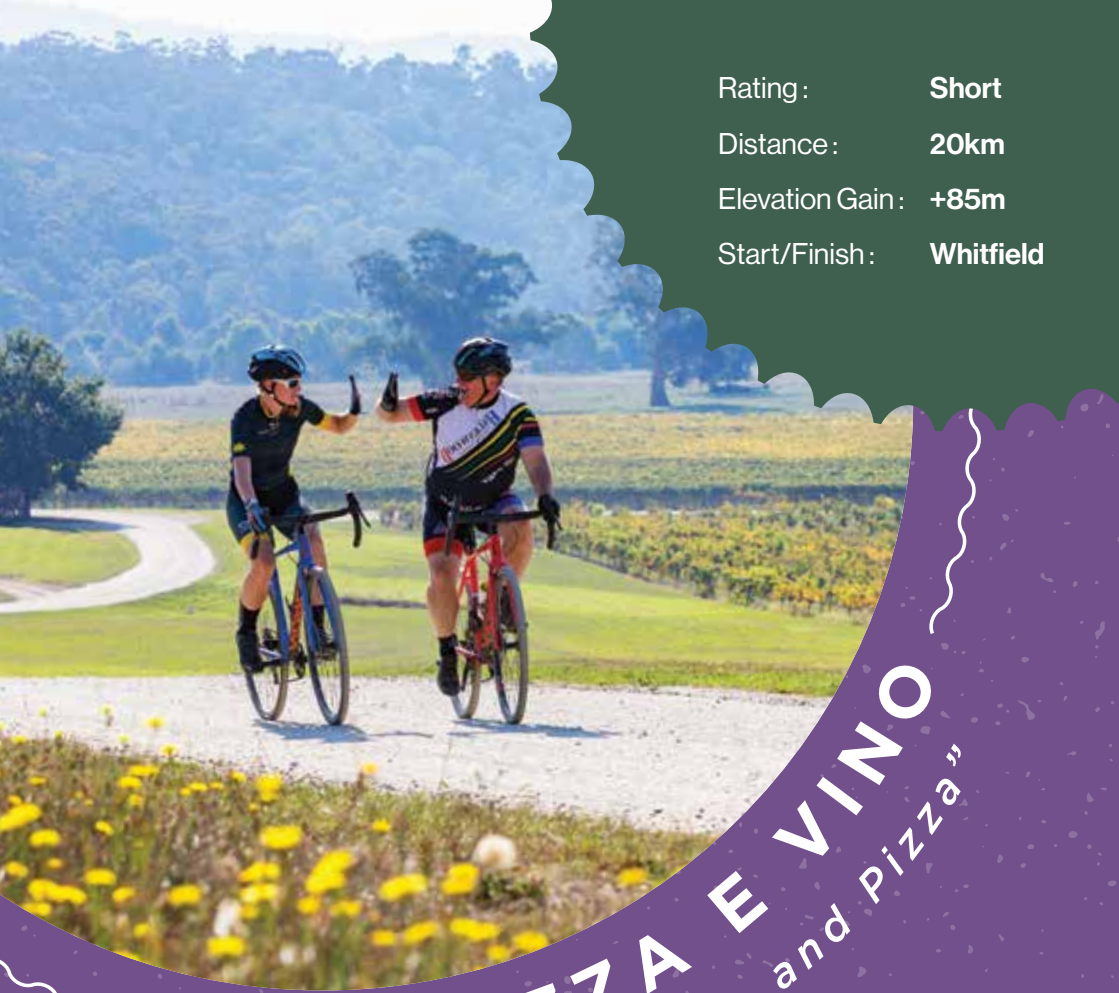
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# RideWhitfield

Whitfield is the centre of the King Valley Wine Region and a beautiful place to stop and explore. Food, wine and beer are all readily available as well as a selection of accommodation and excellent camping spots. The Whitfield trailhead is located in the centre of everything at the Whitfield Railway Station Reserve.



Rating : **Short**  
Distance : **20km**  
Elevation Gain : **+85m**  
Start/Finish : **Whitfield**



# PIZZA E VINO

"Wine and Pizza"

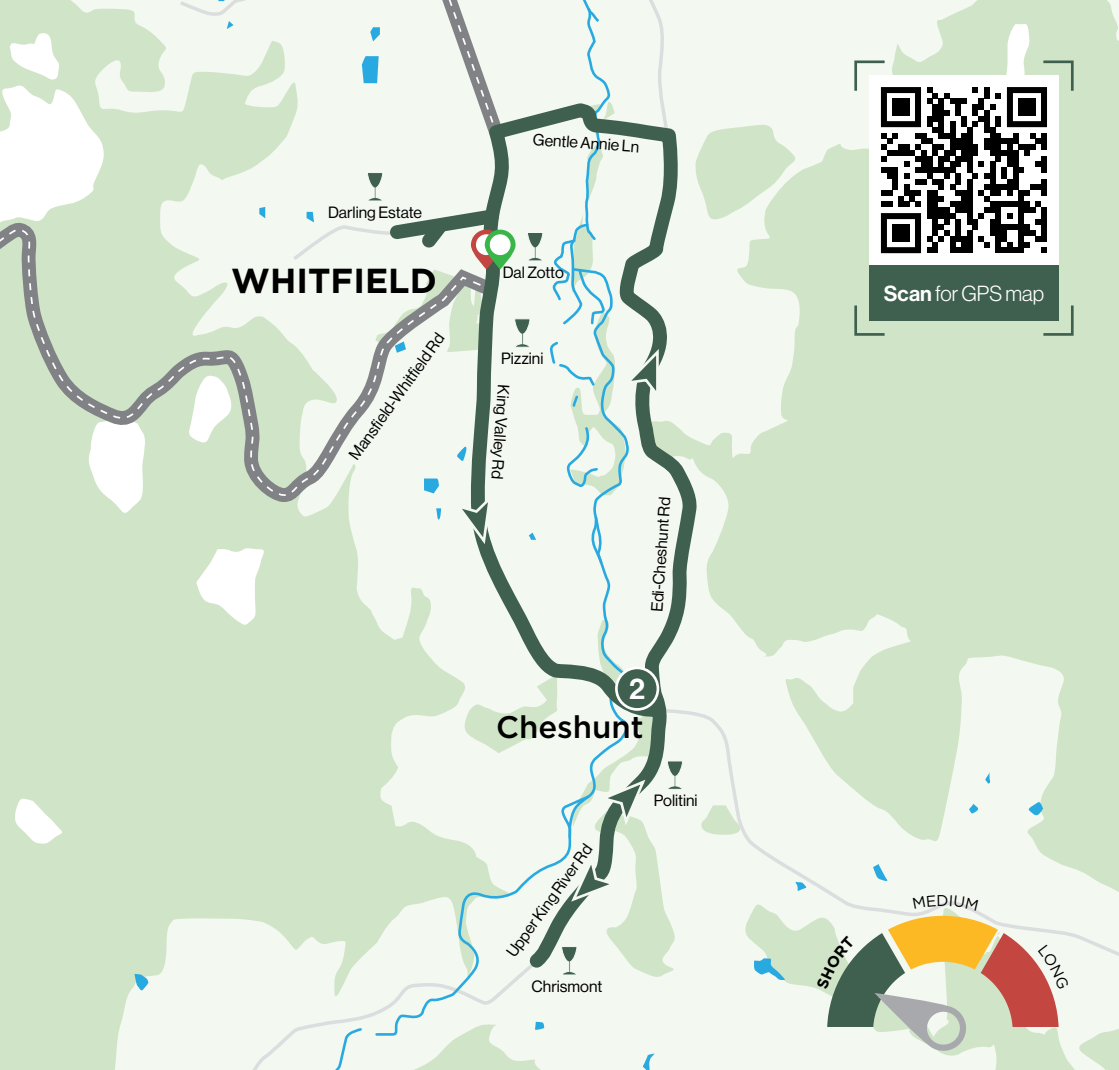
Ride by five beautiful vineyard cellar doors, cross the King River twice, and take in acres of spectacular vines. This is the ride for those new to gravel cycling or keen to discover the best of the King Valley Wine Region by bike.

This short and mostly flat mixed surface route offers the wine-loving cyclist a wonderful experience at the southern end of the King Valley.

## Places of interest on this ride

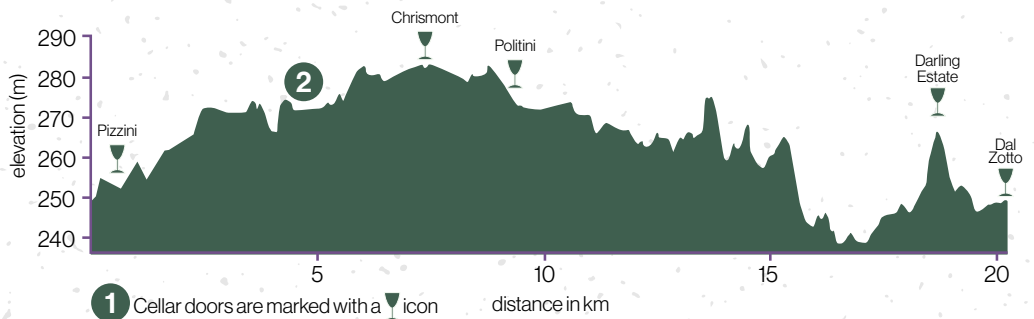
- 1 Take your pick of cellar doors. Pass by all of Pizzini, Dal Zotto, Chrismont, Politini Wines and Darling Estate Wines on this route.
- 2 The Oven at Cheshunt provides ethically and sustainably produced breads, pasties and pies to fuel you on your ride.





## Route Rating: **Short & Flat** Surface Rating: **2**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.



Rating : **Short**  
Distance : **30km**  
Elevation Gain : **+338m**  
Start/Finish : **Whitfield**



## DUE COLLINE “Two Hills”

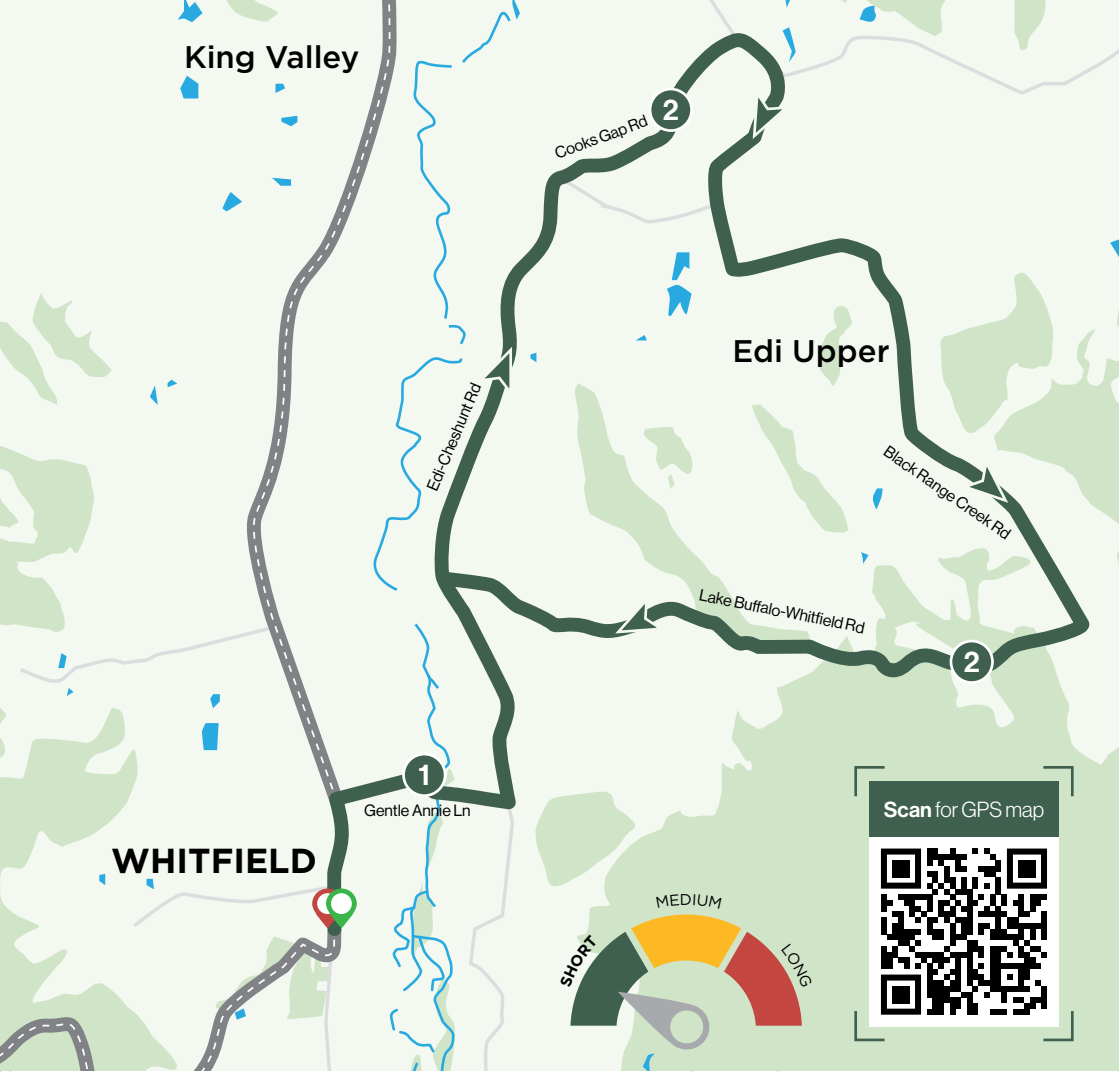
Due Colline heads north-east of Whitfield into the foothills of the Black Range.

The ride takes you through farmland on the valley floor before rising up to native forest at the edge of the Black Range where you'll tackle the challenging Lake Buffalo-Whitfield Road climb. From the top of the big climb it's a free-wheeling 4km gravel descent back to the Whitfield trailhead.

### Places of interest on this ride

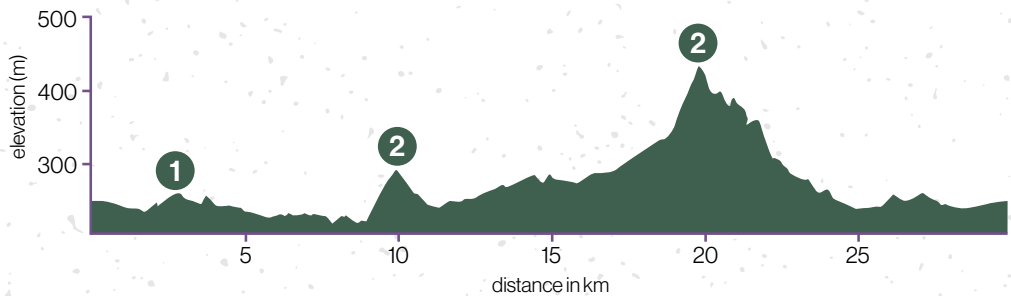
- 1 Cross the King River twice along this route at Gentle Annie.
- 2 Take on two climbs, at Cooks Gap Road followed by the more challenging Lake Buffalo-Whitfield Road climb.

**Note:** This ride offers a progressive step up from the shorter 'Pizza e Vino'.



### Route Rating: **Short & Hilly** Surface Rating: **3**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.





Rating : **Long**  
Distance : **72km**  
Elevation Gain : **+1000m**  
Start/Finish : **Whitfield**

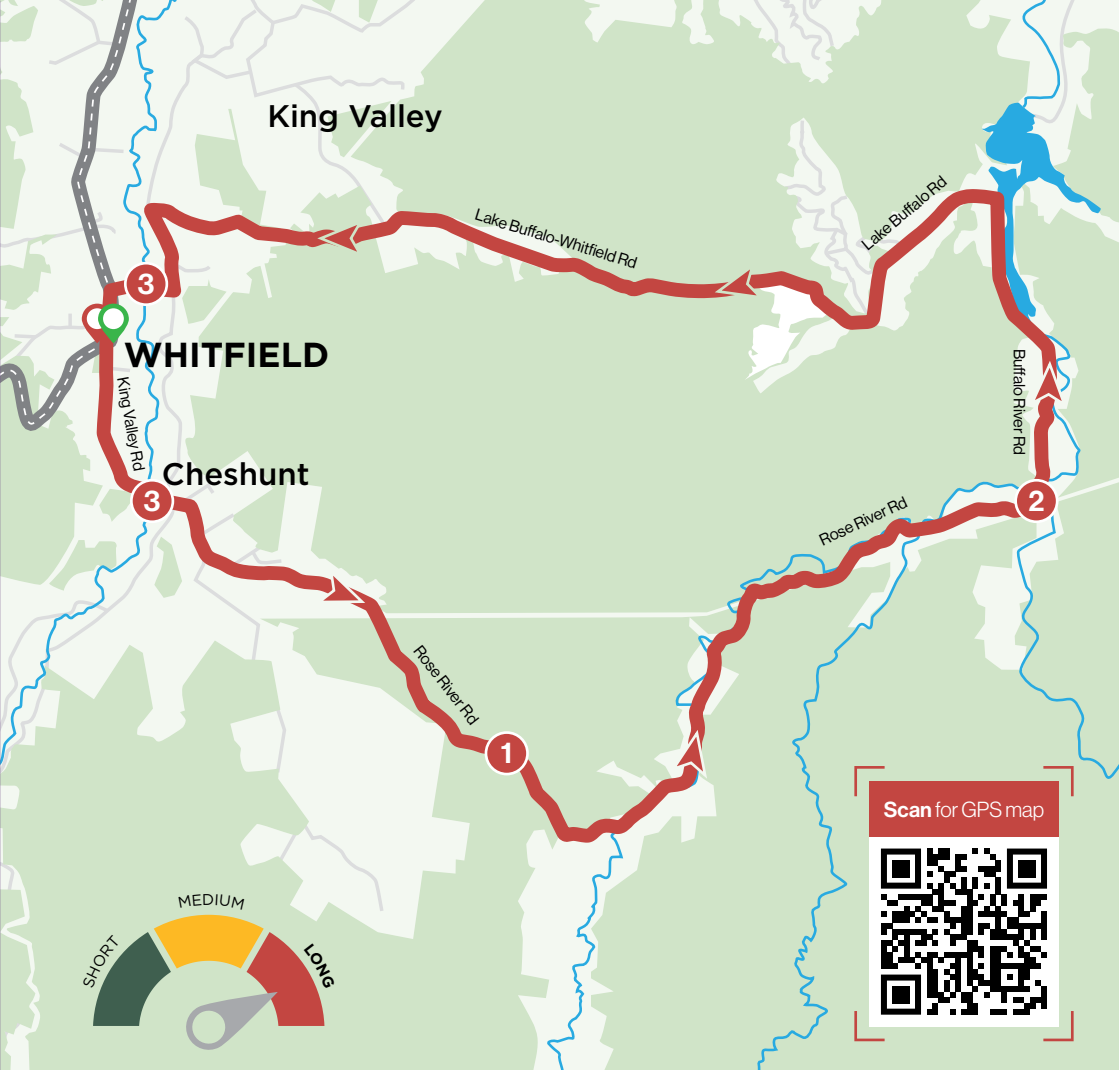
## IL MONTE “The Mountain”

Possibly one of the best single day gravel rides in the High Country, this loop offers solid climbs, sustained descents, and plenty of famous High Country scenery.

Take in views of Mount Buffalo along the revered Rose River Road. Reach a tarmac section at Lake Buffalo before a 10km gravel climb over the Black Range. Finish up with a 15km descent back into Whitfield.

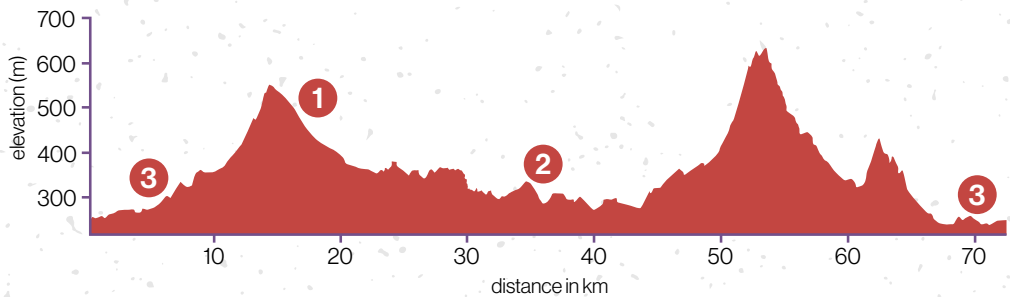
### Places of interest on this ride

- 1 Cycle Rose River Road, famous in the High Country bikepacking network.
- 2 View Mount Buffalo and it's most prominent peak, 'The Horn'.
- 3 There are two opportunities to take in the King River at Cheshunt and Gentle Annie.



## Route Rating: **Long & Hilly** Surface Rating: **4**

See page 4 for details on these ratings.







# Help & Visitor Info

*See below some useful information to ensure you have a great time riding the King Valley.*

## Visitor Information Centre Outlets

The below outlets can help with maps, accommodation, places to eat and drink, sightseeing and other useful information.

**Wangaratta and Glenrowan**

**Visitor Information Centres**

[visitwangaratta.com.au](http://visitwangaratta.com.au)

Ph: 1800 801 065

**Whitfield General Store**

**4885 Wangaratta-Whitfield Rd, Whitfield**

Ph: (03) 5729 8566

**Ineeta Café**

**7-9 Byrne St, Moyhu**

Ph: (03) 5727 9184

**Milawa Information Stand**

**1594 Snow Rd, Milawa**

[visitwangaratta.com.au](http://visitwangaratta.com.au)

## Getting Here

King Valley is a 3 hour drive from Melbourne and just short of 7 hours from Sydney.

### V/Line

Daily V/Line connections are available to the nearby town of Wangaratta from Albury, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney, with coaches available from Wangaratta to King Valley.

## Bike Shops & Hire

**Rock & Road Cycles**

**21 Rowan St, Wangaratta**

Ph: (03) 5721 4744

**West End Cycles Wangaratta**

**25 Muntz St, Wangaratta**

Ph: (03) 5721 4519

**Cycle King Valley (Bike Hire)**

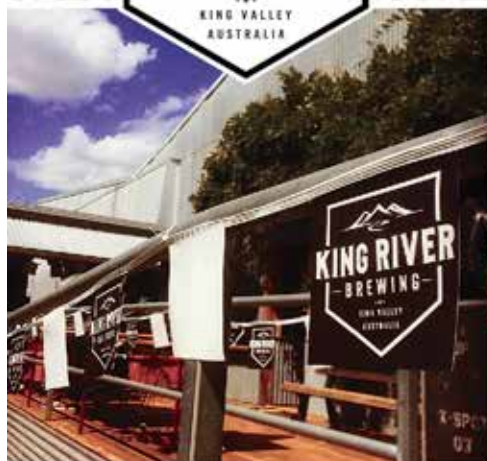
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## King River Brewing

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# Ride safe. Camp safe. Get home safe.



[cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)

Sparking up a campfire at the end of a long day's ride is one of life's great pleasures but don't let it put you in hospital.

Each year, an alarming number of people end up with serious or fatal burns because of using petrol or diesel on fires. Falling into fire or walking across smouldering campfires covered by sand or dirt can also cause serious injury.

- Keep a 10 litre bucket of water nearby
- Never use fuel such as petrol or diesel on a fire
- Use a built fireplace or dig a 30 cm deep trench no larger than one square metre in size
- Create a border around the fire using larger dry rocks
- Ensure that the fire is at least 3 metres away from tents, equipment and flammable items
- If you're staying during the Fire Danger Period always monitor conditions. Never light a campfire on hot, dry, windy days or on a Total Fire Ban day.

So, if you're lighting a campfire, remember to protect yourself and others. Always extinguish campfires with water. If it's cool to touch, it's safe to leave.

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