

# Cycle Central Goldfields



- Experience the History**
- Dunolly/Havelock Gold Rush Trail
  - Timor Grand Duke Trail
  - Carisbrook Settlers Trail
  - Majorca King Meng Trail
  - Paddy's Ranges Trail
  - Talbot Heritage Trail
  - Craigie Forest Trail
  - Avoca Mountain View Trail

Trails are signposted in the direction of travel indicated on map. If there are no track markers present continue travelling straight.

Trails are usually suitable for mountain and hybrid bikes. Off-road trails follow forest roads with mostly gentle grades and very little vehicular traffic. Surface conditions will vary depending on weather and maintenance.

As first you may be in on one of Total Fire Ban. This includes gas or fuel stoves in tents. All other fires must comply with relevant regulations.

Drinking water may not be available outside of townships.

Public toilets are located at Dunolly, Avoca, Carisbrook, Talbot, Timor, Paddy's Ranges, Pomona and Majorca.

Verred mobile telephone reception is available in all areas.

All cycling tracks begin at the Maryborough Railway Station. Listed distances are estimated only.

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## Dunolly/Havelock Gold Rush Trail - 54km

Mostly gentle ride through undulating forest and farmland.

Dunolly is an old gold mining town surrounded by forest. The town was founded in 1853 and is referred to as the 'Golden Triangle' because there were more nuggets found in the district than any other in Australia and was home to the largest gold nugget ever found in the world - The Welcome Stranger.

**Major Trail Features:**

1. High Hedges Eucalyptus Site
2. Rock Cairn - 1895 Murder Site
3. Old Bromley School
4. Old Dredge Site
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6. Old Sapper (gold) Nursery Site
7. Cairn - Naming of Maryborough at Old Police Camp

## Timor Grand Duke Trail - 45km

Reasonably gentle ride through farmland.

Once a thriving metropolis with a population in excess of 10,000, Timor was a major gold mining town. The spectacular Grand Duke Mine and the imposing Timor Cemetery.

**Major Trail Features:**

8. Seaton Mine Bushland Reserve
9. Goldstone Reserve
10. Timor Cemetery
11. Timor Cemetery and Arch
12. Nuggetty Gully Reservoir
13. High Hedges Eucalyptus Site

## Carisbrook Settlers Trail - 24km

Mostly gentle ride through forest and farmland.

Carisbrook is the centre of a rich agricultural area that boasts many historic buildings and sites such as including old and historically listed buildings and the Masonic Lodge.

**Major Trail Features:**

13. Old Blueriver Mine
14. Forestry Demonstration Site
15. Carisbrook Cemetery
16. Carisbrook Cemetery
17. Historic Walk/Ride Bushland Street
18. Maryborough Harness Racing Track/Old Charles Kingsford Smith Airfield
19. Old Pheon Ready Built Home Site

## Majorca King Meng Trail - 23km

Reasonably gentle ride through forest and township.

Majorca was founded in 1863 towards the end of the Victorian gold rush after two prospectors struck gold at nearby McCallum's Creek. Two months later, there were 200 stores and restaurants catering to a population of around three to four thousand, although Maryborough. The town size was sustained for over 50 years through gold mining, including the King Meng Mine.

**Major Trail Features:**

20. Old Mosquito School
21. King Meng Mine Site
22. King Meng Mine Site
23. King Meng Mine Site
24. Battery Dam Historic Site - Old Eucalyptus Still

## Talbot Heritage Trail - 45 km

Slightly steep hill through mostly forest.

A picturesque early goldmining town with a unique streetscape of heritage streets and buildings.

**Major Trail Features:**

25. Paddy's Ranges State Park - Campground Facilities
26. Wildlife Sanctuary
27. Hendrickson Dam Eucalyptus Still
28. Mud Brick Fence 1800's House Site
29. Birthing Tree
30. Bill Gully Aboriginal Remnants Walls
31. Cairn - Steeple of Gold Nuggets

## Paddy's Ranges Trail - 23km

Reasonably easy ride through undulating forest.

The Paddy's Ranges Trail is a great place to observe native birds and plants. The trail is home to more than 140 native birds, including the rare Painted Honeyeater and Swift Parrots.

**Major Trail Features:**

32. Wildflowers in Spring
33. Water Race Feeding Goldfields Reservoir

## Craigie Forest Trail - 11 km

Easy Forest Ride. Short rocky area.

Craigie State Forest is home to beautiful Box and Ironbark trees. Set amongst the forest are the historic Craigie State Park, the Craigie State Park Walls and The Battery Dam Historic Site, home to an old Eucalyptus Still.

**Major Trail Features:**

30. Bill Gully Aboriginal Remnants Walls
24. Battery Dam Historic Site - Old Eucalyptus Still

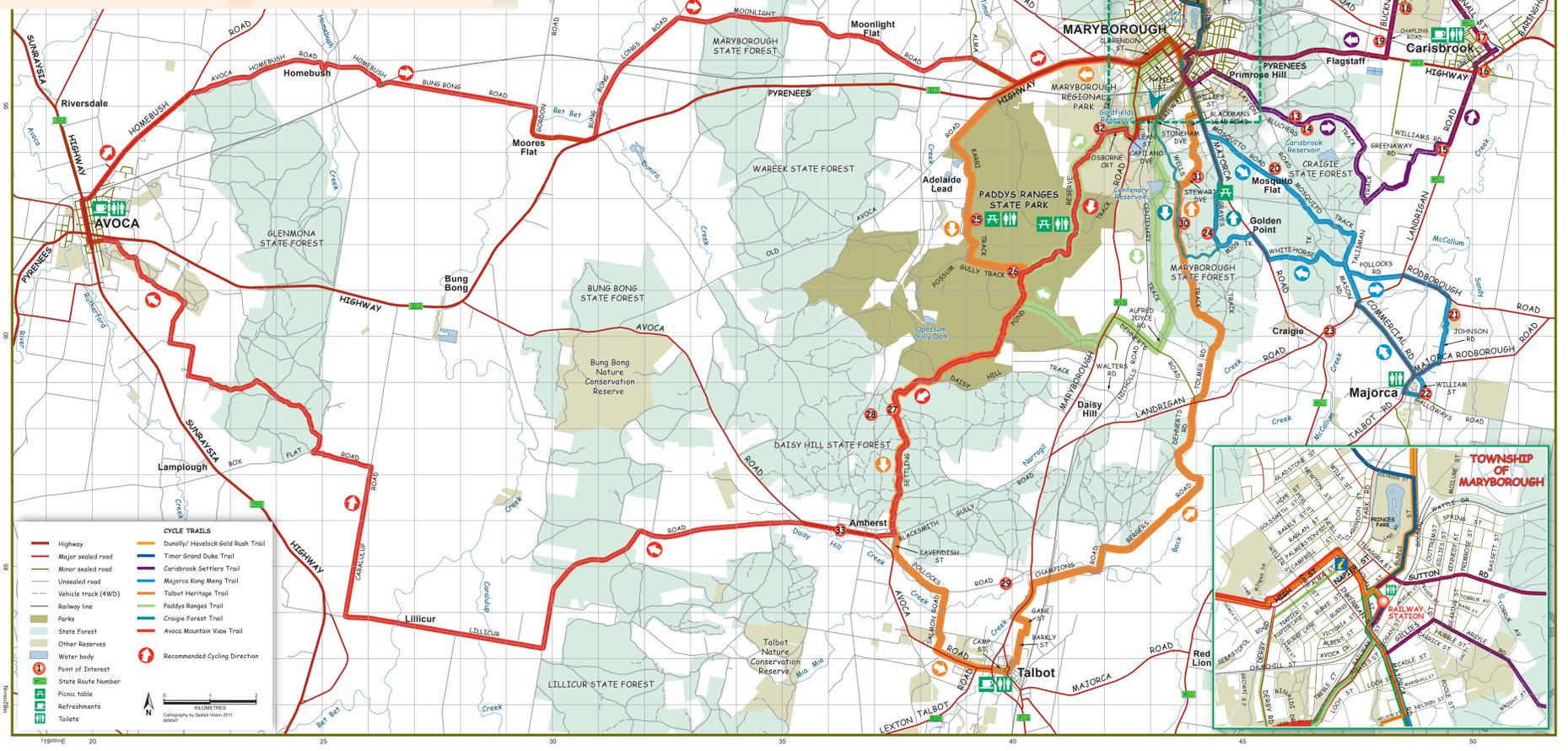
## Avoca Mountain View Trail - 80km

Mostly gentle ride through forest, farmland and township.

With the inclusion of the Pyrenees Range and tall red gums along the riverbanks, Avoca is an idyllic rural town with a mixture of cafes, galleries, specialty shops and accommodation.

**Major Trail Features:**

32. Water Race Feeding Goldfields Reservoir
27. Hendrickson Dam Eucalyptus Still
28. Mud Brick Fence 1800's House Site
33. Historic Blue Stone Calvert's



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 Major sealed road  
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 Railway line  
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