

Mountain Biking Facilities in Hepburnshire

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Nearest mountain bike shops, repairs, hire

Woodend: Woodend Cycles, Russell, 5427 2662. www.woodendcycles.com.au Hire also.

Castlemaine: Castlemaine Cycles, Jake, 5470 5868. www.castlemainecycles.com

The Bike Vault, Peter, 5470 6333 www.thebikevault.com.au

Ballarat: various.

All open Saturday from 9 to 1230 (Woodend 2pm).

Mountain bike trails and maps

Wombat Forest recreational series is being published 2009. Watch mapsport.net.au for release. Will include mountain bike friendly accommodation, shops and services. A mini map for the easy **Railway Recreation Route** (11km) is now available free at the Information Centre and Istra.

For rides from just an hour through to a long day in the saddle, buy Great Dividing Trail Assn www.gdt.org.au trail maps from the Information Centre. Dry Diggings to Vaughan Springs-Castlemaine; Wallaby to Creswick-Ballarat-Buninyong; Lerderderg to Blackwood-Bacchus Marsh. **Please note:** Dry Diggings from Daylesford to Hepburn Springs and Wallaby for first km from Daylesford to Old Ballarat Rd are **walking only**.

Woodend Cycles has a map of the single track trail in NE Wombat Forest. Also posted on www.woodendcycles.com.au

Wombat Forest 4WD map from Information Centre, DSE and some shops.

Dunolly, 1 hour north, has a system of 7 non-technical mountain bike trails www.imagelink.net.au/Cycle Map at Dunolly Info Centre \$3.50.

Recreational mountain bike events

Cyclic Navigator annual adventure mtb in Wombat Forest near Daylesford. mapsport.net.au

Mountain bike orienteering has many events in or near this area and is open to all comers. www.vicmtbo.com for fixtures. mtbWombatForest.ning.com for occasional hits of coffee + ride for locals and irregulars.

Mountain bike race trails (technical)

Closest are Castlemaine, Woodend: see Castlemaine Cycles, Woodend Cycles above.

Trail books

Off Road Cycling Adventures by Keiran Ryan. Edition 2 has trails in this area.

Help keep the trails open: Always give way. Avoid scaring animals. Ride in control. Ride open trails only.

Leave no trace but do leave advice on where you will be.

Check for updates at mapsport.net.au

