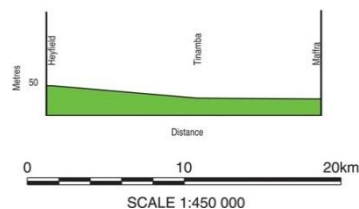




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## FACT SHEET 3 (of 4) Heyfield to Maffra (via Tinamba)



How long: 18kms

Time: Allow 3.30 hours each way by bicycle.

- Start point: Lions Park, Heyfield (at the rotunda)
- Terminates: Maffra – Sale Road, 50 meters south east of the roundabout (opposite Gippsland Vehicle Collection)
- Going: Flat easy ride on packed gravel and bitumen (Maffra township), with some crossings (see below).

### Trail Description:

There is ample off road parking in George St, Heyfield. All services are available in Heyfield, making it a good place to take a break, relax in the café's, lunch at bakery or hotels, and discover the specialty shops. Heyfield's only ATM is located at Bendigo Community Bank in Temple St. This is also a good opportunity to explore the Heyfield Visitor Information and Wetlands Centre. Along the trail there are views of the Great Dividing Range to the north, and sweeping views across the Gippsland Plains to the north and south. Between Heyfield and Tinamba there are several creek crossings where waterbirds can often be seen. A good place to break is Boggy Creek, which was once subject to frequent flood damage, but has recently been improved and become a highlight of this leg. Before reaching Maffra, you will come to Tinamba. Replenish at the General Store, or enjoy a fine dining experience at the hotel. Approximately 150 meters east of the Maffra-Traralgon Rd crossing at Tinamba, you will find interesting remains of the old railway station. Allow plenty of time once you've arrived at Maffra; there is lots to do here. Some attractions are Macalister Park (on the picturesque Macalister River), Pino Deriu Mineral Collection (Visitor Information Centre), the quaint and quirky Pingvin Antiquarian Books, Antiques, Collectables & Ephemera (Johnson St), Old Maffra Railway Station (Railway Pl).

**Note: there is no drinking water, nor are there toilet facilities on the trail. Please use the amenities in each of the towns along the trail, as needed.**

### What to Look For:

- **Heyfield** - Heyfield's only ATM at Bendigo Community Bank, Café's, hotels, a bakery, specialty shops, Visitor Information and Wetlands Centre
- Views of the Great Dividing Range's southern foothills (Victoria's High Country) to the north.
- Boggy Creek crossing
- **Tinamba** – General Store, Tinamba Hotel, historic station remains (150mts east of Traralgon-Maffra Rd crossing)
- **Maffra** - Remains of an old railway bridge as you near Maffra, Billabong Trail (immediately before the Macalister River, Macalister Park (Cnr Johnson & McMahon Sts, Maffra), Maffra Sugar Beet Museum (McMahon St), Pino Deriu Mineral Collection (Visitor Information Centre in the old Courthouse, Johnson St, Maffra), Pingvin Booksellers, Antiques, Collectables & Ephemera (172 Johnson St, Maffra), Gippsland Vehicle Collection (Cnr Maffra-Sale Rd & Railway Pl, Maffra), old Maffra railway station (one of only two Stations remaining on the trail; privately owned, but may be viewed from the road).

### What You Should Know

- There are several road crossings and one river crossing along this leg.
- You will travel along Johnson Street, Maffra (Maffra's main street). Traffic can be busy from time to time.
- A roundabout at the eastern end of Johnson St. is where several roads intersect and can be busy from time to time.

### Bicycle and Trail Services:

A limited range of cycle parts and repair kits can be found at Vern Graham Hardware, 36 George St, Heyfield. 03 5148 3396  
Full cycle services are available at Alexander's Cycle and Sports store, 54 Johnson St, Maffra. (03) 5147-2442.

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