



About the event

The PIF Tour de Vines Cycle Rally in the Yarra Valley

A new, rally style cycling event for individuals, pairs and teams of all abilities.

Choose where you want to ride and challenge yourself and your friends to see how many points you can collect whilst visiting some beautiful places around the Yarra Valley.

- Start/Finish at the Yarra Valley Racecourse.
- Choose your own adventure!
- Challenge yourself to reach as many checkpoints as you can.
- You choose where you want to ride.
- Which way has the most climbing?
- Which checkpoint should we ride to first?
- Will we make it all the way out there and back within the time limit?
- All best roads in the Yarra Valley.
- Stop at some great small towns.
- You only have 5 hours!
- Will we make it to another checkpoint in time?
- Will we stop for a coffee at the bakery?

Rules:

1. Riders **must** carry a mobile phone with them during the ride
2. Riders **must** obey all road rules at all times
 - Especially
 - a. Riding no more than 2 abreast
 - b. Obeying all road signs
3. If you are riding as a pair or team of 4 you must start, visit all the checkpoints and finish together.
4. You may team up with other groups if you like
5. You **must** carry at least 1 water bottle
6. You **must** carry a spare tube, something to pump it up with, and a set of allen keys
7. If you finish within the 5 hour time limit you will receive a bonus 250 points

Q&A

Q. Is there a set route for this ride?

A. No. The format of this ride is similar to a car rally. You can choose the direction and distance for yourself.

Q. How will I know where to go?

A.

1. You will receive a map showing all the roads and checkpoints in your registration pack
2. We have published the locations of the check points on the website so you can jump online and map out your own strategy before the event.

Q. Why do the checkpoints have different amounts of points?

A. The points are based on the distance, amount of climbing and overall challenge of reaching each checkpoint.

Q. What ability and fitness level is required?

A. This ride caters for all ability levels. You may choose to attempt the ride out to the Steels Creek checkpoint (nice and flat) and if you complete that and you want to try something else you can!

Q. Can't you just give me a loop to ride like all the other organised events I do?

A. Sure! We have a few suggested loops that take some of the effort out of working out where to go.

Q. What happens if I have a mechanical problem?

A.

1. It is highly recommended you have your bike thoroughly cleaned and serviced by a professional bike mechanical like Paul at Total Rush in Punt Road Richmond.
2. You must carry a spare tube, something to pump it up with, and a set of allen keys.
3. If you are stuck, and need assistance we have an emergency mechanic on standby that can come and help you.

Q. What happens if someone gets hurt?

A. There are 3 scenarios:

1. The person is badly hurt and you should immediately call an ambulance and then call the emergency number to let us know. We will come to provide first aid.
2. The person cannot keep riding but is ok to drive themselves home.
You call the emergency assistance number and we will send the mechanical van out to get you.
3. The person can keep riding and we will provide first aid to them at the finish area.

Q. Where can we get food and water on the ride?

A. There will be a centrally located "feed station" at the start / finish area and another at the Castella Checkpoint.

Many checkpoints are in or near a food outlet. We encourage you to take some money and support local businesses.

Checkpoints

	Check point	Distance from Start / Finish	Points
1	Steels Creek (end of road)	14Km	15
2	Balgownie Winery	9Km	15
3	Sugar Loaf Reservoir	11Km	40
4	Healesville	14Km	30
5	Kangaroo Ground General Store	18Km	30
6	Panton Hill General Store	18Km	20
7	Castella Drink stop	19Km	20
8	St Andrews Pub	24Km	50
9	Kinglake Bakery	25Km	100
10	Toolangi Pub	26Km	70
11	Glenburn Service station	29Km	100
12	Flowerdale Pub	48Km	150
13	Launching Place Hotel	31Km	70

Finish within the 5 hour time limit you receive a bonus = 250 points

About the checkpoints

Note: Distances from Start / Finish as given via the most direct route.

Steels Creek (end of road)

Checkpoint number	1
Checkpoint name	Steels Creek
Number of points	15
Distance from Start / Finish	9Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	8Km Balgownie winery
Punch your card at	Table with volunteers at the end of the sealed road
Toilets?	No
Other	From this check point you must ride back the way you came

Balgownie Winery

Checkpoint number	2
Checkpoint name	Balgownie Winery
Number of points	15
Distance from Start / Finish	4Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	8Km Steels Creek
Punch your card at	TBA
Toilets?	Yes
Other	TBA

Sugar Loaf Reservoir

Checkpoint number	3
Checkpoint name	Sugar Loaf Reservoir
Number of points	40
Distance from Start / Finish	11Km
Distance from closest checkpoints	10Km Panton Hill 10Km Kangaroo Ground 15Km Balgownie Winery
Punch your card at	The table near the dam wall
Toilets?	Yes
Other	It may look close but it is a steep climb up from Eltham Yarra Glen Road. The views from the dam wall are very nice. If riding to here from the Yarra Valley side you will have to climb up the steep and narrow Eltham Yarra Glen Road.

Healesville

Checkpoint number	4
Checkpoint name	Healesville
Number of points	30
Distance from Start / Finish	TBA
Distance from closest checkpoint	TBA
Punch your card at	TBA
Toilets?	Yes
Other	TBA

Kangaroo Ground General Store

Checkpoint number	5
Checkpoint name	Kangaroo Ground General Store
Number of points	30
Distance from Start / Finish	19Km
Distance from closest checkpoints	10Km Sugarloaf 6Km Panton Hill
Punch your card at	The General Store
Toilets?	Yes
Other	Buy a drink or a snack while you are there. Be careful when turning right onto the road as you leave. Do not ride towards Eltham.

Panton Hill General Store

Checkpoint number	6
Checkpoint name	Panton Hill General Store
Number of points	20
Distance from Start / Finish	18Km
Distance from closest checkpoints	6Km St Andrews 6Km Kangaroo Ground
Punch your card at	The General Store
Toilets?	Yes
Other	Buy a drink or a snack while you are there. Be careful when turning right onto the road as you leave.

Castella Drink stop

Checkpoint number	7
Checkpoint name	Castella
Number of points	20
Distance from Start / Finish	34Km (via Toolangi)
Distance from closest checkpoint	6Km Toolangi 10Km Kinglake Bakery
Punch your card at	The drinks station in the large gravel carpark
Toilets?	No
Other	CAUTION! This is the intersection of the busy hwy and the Kinglake Healesville road. Castella is named after the Di Castella family who brought the first vines to the region and may have a famous marathon runner in the family tree...

St Andrews Pub

Checkpoint number	8
Checkpoint name	St Andrews Pub
Number of points	50
Distance from Start / Finish	24Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	6Km St Andrews 13Km Kinglake
Punch your card at	The main bar of the pub
Toilets?	Yes
Other	Don't knock over any motor bikes! Don't eat the cookies from the market!

Kinglake Bakery

Checkpoint number	9
Checkpoint name	Kinglake Bakery
Number of points	100
Distance from Start / Finish	37Km via Panton Hill 43Km Via Toolangi
Distance from closest checkpoint	10Km Castella Drink Stop 13Km St Andrews
Punch your card at	The Bakery
Toilets?	Yes
Other	Buy some food to support this bushfire affected business. Famous place for a rest after you have done the climb up from St Andrews

Toolangi Pub

Checkpoint number	10
Checkpoint name	Toolangi
Number of points	30
Distance from Start / Finish	26Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	6Km Castella Drink Stop
Punch your card at	TBA
Toilets?	Yes
Other	TBA

Glenburn Service station

Checkpoint number	11
Checkpoint name	Glenburn Service Station
Number of points	100
Distance from Start / Finish	47Km Via Toolangi
Distance from closest checkpoint	13Km Castella 20Km Flowerdale
Punch your card at	Service Station opposite the CFA sheds and past the old pub site
Toilets?	Yes
Other	Use the Kinglake – Glenburn road to get to here (it's a great ride)

Flowerdale Pub

Checkpoint number	12
Checkpoint name	Flowerdale Pub
Number of points	150
Distance from Start / Finish	48Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	34Km Kinglake 20Km Glenburn
Punch your card at	The main bar of the pub
Toilets?	Yes
Other	The furthest point Get to here via Glen Burn or Kinglake

Launching Place Hotel

Checkpoint number	13
Checkpoint name	Launching Place Hotel
Number of points	70
Distance from Start / Finish	31Km
Distance from closest checkpoint	17Km Healseville
Punch your card at	The bar at the Hotel
Toilets?	Yes
Other	From this check point you must ride back the way you came



About the roads:

	Location	Surface	Climbing / descending Score out of 5	Grade Score out of 5	Width	Direction with most climbing	Traffic	Comments
Eltham – Yarra Glen Road	West of Yarra Glen	Varying	4	5	Narrow in most parts	East to West	Busy	
Kangaroo Ground – St Andrews Road	West of Yarra Glen	Corse Bitumen	3	3	Narrow	North to South	Moderate	Common Cycling route
Alma Road	Runs between Watsons Creek and Panton Hill	Corse Bitumen	4	4	Narrow	East to West	Quiet	Short cut between Panton Hill and Watsons Creek avoids Kangaroo Ground
Hurstbridge Kinglake Road	Runs between St Andrews and Kinglake	Various all sealed	5	4	Narrow	South to North	Moderate	Very common cycling road – one of Melbourne's famous climbs
Healsville – Kinglake road	Runs between Kinglake and Healesville	Various all sealed	5	4	Narrow	East to West	Moderate	Very common cycling road – one of Melbourne's famous climbs
Kinglake – Glenburn Road	Runs between Kinglake and Glenburn	Various	5	4	Narrow	North to South	Quiet	Fantastic road for cycling under used, a hidden gem.

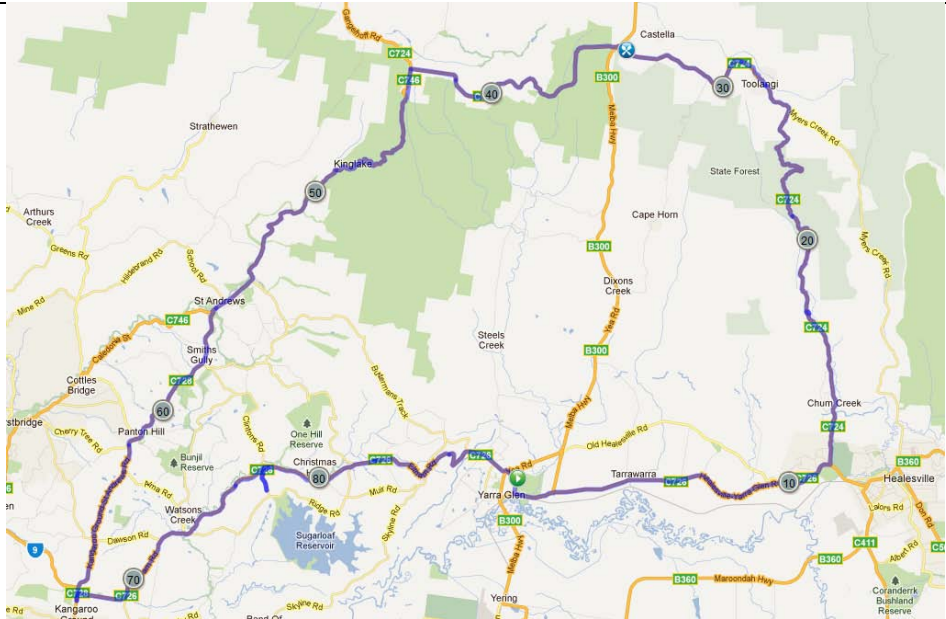

Roads to avoid

	Near	Surface	Climbing	Width	Traffic	Comments
Ridge Road	Sugar Loaf reservoir	DIRT		Narrow		DO NOT RIDE
Skyline Road	Sugar Loaf reservoir	DIRT				NOT RECCOMENDED
Buttermans Track	Runs between St Andrews and Yarra Glen	DIRT	5	Narrow		DO NOT RIDE

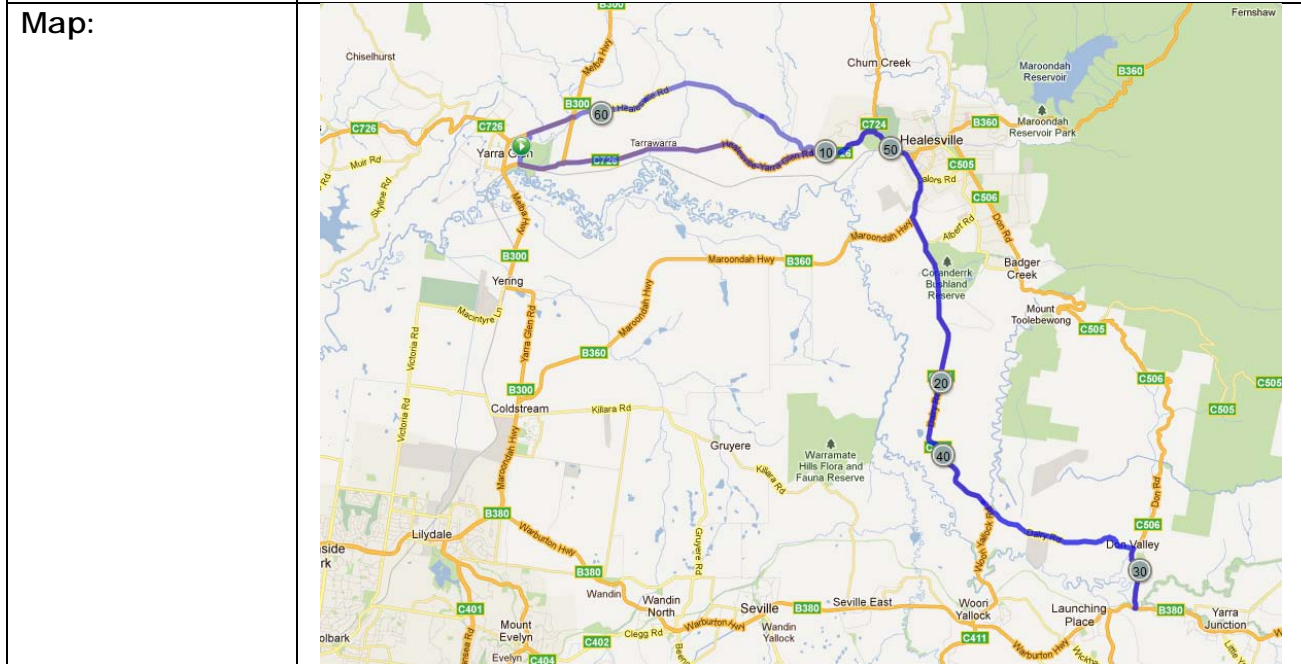
Suggested routes

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Points:	640																																																																															
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Name:	The weekend warrior
Distance:	64Km
Points:	100
Checkpoints Visited	Yarra Glen – Healesville - Launching Place – Yarra Glen



Options:	Toolangi (+28Km & 70 points)
	Steels Creek + 15 points
	Balgownie + 15 points