

# Trailbiking around Bairnsdale

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Situated on the Howitt Spur Road the Mount Taylor Trail Bike Visitor Area is located 15 km north of Bairnsdale and serves as an excellent launching place for your ride within the local State Forest.

## Location and access

Bairnsdale is approximately 275km east of Melbourne, on the Princes Highway. To access the Mount Taylor Trail Bike Visitor Area from Bairnsdale, follow the signs to Wy Yung, and then travel north along the Bullumwaal Road for approximately 7km. Turn right onto Boyds Road, follow Boyds Rd. across Mt Taylor Creek and up past a quarry on the left. The trail bike visitor area is 400m past the quarry. It is immediately past the intersection of Howitt Spur Rd and Jones Rd.

## What facilities are provided?

Facilities at the Trail Bike Visitor Area include:

- Parking area accommodating both vehicles and trailers
- Trail Bike unloading ramp
- BBQ
- Information board with a map
- Picnic tables and seats
- Signposted riding routes

## Riding routes

There are no seasonal road closures on these rides.

### Route 1 – Nicholson River Track

Medium  
Return 77km  
Intermediate riders

This loop is mostly a medium grade of difficulty with a few more difficult sections. It comprises of open forest roads and narrow steep and hilly tracks. Some steep sections may become slippery following rain. There are a few creek and river crossings which are usually shallow.

### Route 2 – Merrijig Track

Medium  
Return 84km  
Intermediate riders

A medium grade of difficulty, with a few more difficult sections, this loop comprises open forest roads and narrow steep and hilly tracks. Some sections are not maintained and have overgrown vegetation and intersections may not be obvious. Some steep sections may

become slippery following rain. There are a few creek and river crossings which are usually shallow.

### Route 3 – Destination Dargo

Medium  
One way 101km  
Intermediate riders

Mostly a medium grade of difficulty with a few more difficult sections, this is a one-way route to the township of Dargo, where fuel, accommodation, food and some motorcycle spares and repairs are available. The route comprises open forest roads and narrow steep and hilly tracks. There are some serious steep sections that may become slippery following rain. There are some creek and river crossings which are usually shallow.

## Ride for Tomorrow

To ensure the enjoyment of all the different forest users, please note the following:

- Riders must be licensed - motorcycles must be registered
- Ride Legal - Stay on formed Roads
- Please take your litter home

## Respect the Environment – Respect Others



DELWP and VicRoads have developed signs to indicate noise sensitive areas where riders should ride more slowly and quietly.

Obeying these signs is voluntary (ie. not a legal requirement), but if riders ride slowly and quietly in these areas, it will help keep the peace and be greatly appreciated by other forest users and nearby residents.

Refer to map overleaf for key sensitive areas

## Safety information

- All roads and tracks, including the riding routes, are two-way and open to other vehicles. Be aware of other vehicles that share the road with you.
- On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days, parks and State Forest are closed to the public. Do not enter parks or forests on Code Red Days. If you are already there when a Code Red day is

announced, you should leave the night before or early in the morning. For more information contact DELWP (see below).

- Be responsible for your own safety. Be aware of extreme weather events, carry your own first aid kit and let someone know before you go.
- Personal locator beacons are available for loan from the Bairnsdale Police Station. 43-45 Main St. Bairnsdale. Phone: (03) 5150 2600.

## Seasonal road closures

Some roads within the forest are seasonally closed each year from the Thursday after the Queen's Birthday holiday through to the Thursday before Melbourne Cup. This is to protect track surfaces and the environment, and for public safety. Road closures may be extended beyond these dates, depending on weather conditions. These closures are enforced by a gate. Contact DELWP for more information on road closures or visit [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures)

## Forest use guidelines

- There is no rubbish collection service so please take your rubbish home.
- Dogs are allowed in State forest but must be under direct control at all times and are expected to be on a leash in picnic and camping areas or when near other visitors.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles must not be driven off formed roads or on walking tracks. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed.
- Use toilets where provided. At some sites hand washing facilities and toilet paper may not be supplied. Come prepared.

## For more information

The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact DELWP's Customer Service Centre ☎ 136 186 (TTY: 1800 555 667) or visit DELWP's website at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au>



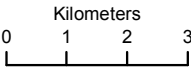
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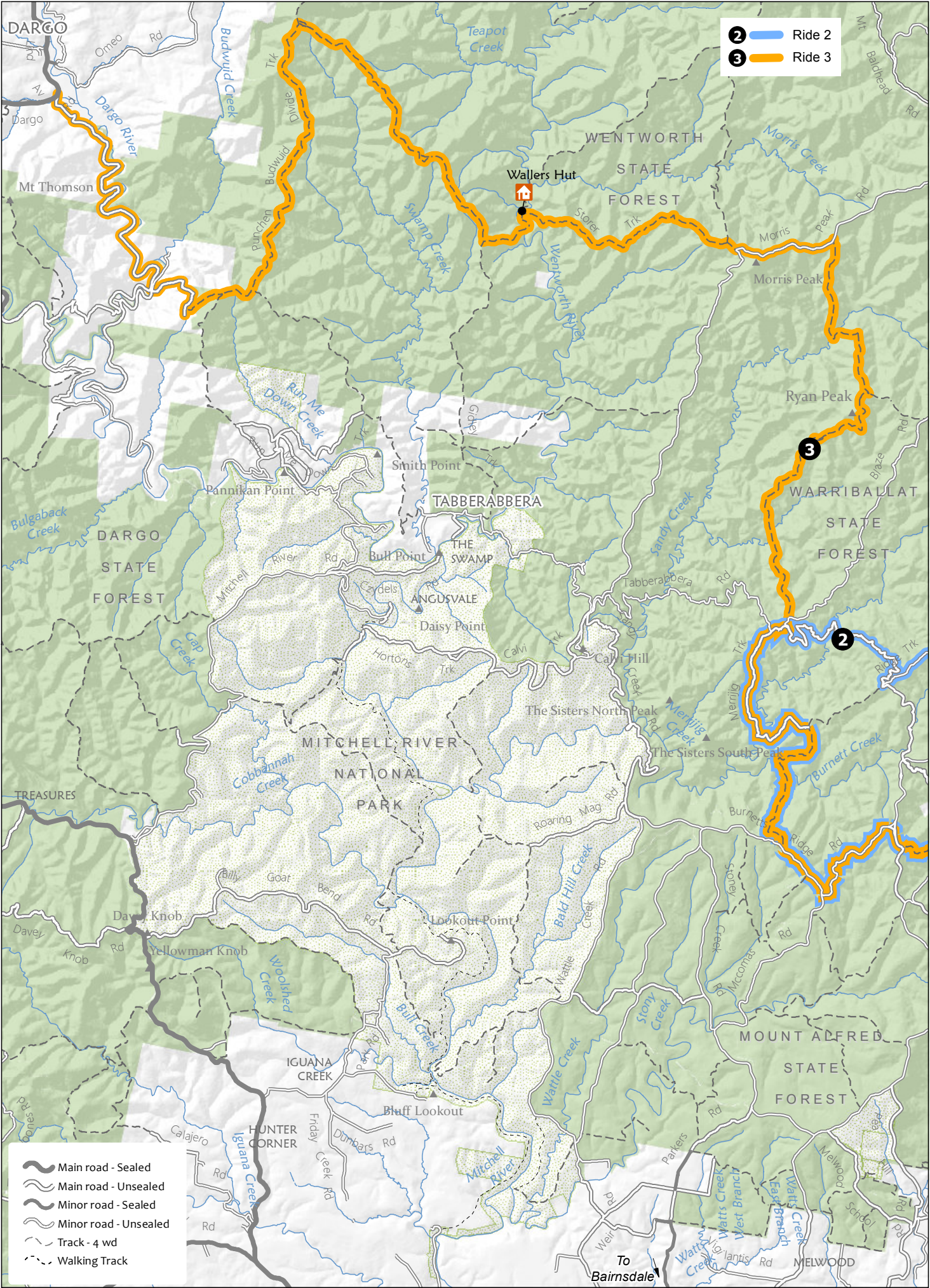


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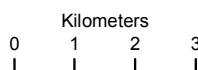
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