

Trail Notes

Tatura

From the rotunda at Cussen Park head north along the gravel path to a culvert crossing the waterway. At the culvert look for and follow the small, white metal arrow head attached to a pine post to veer to the right. These arrows have been strategically positioned on posts and trees all the way to Victoria Park Lake in Shepparton. At Margaret Street leave the park and head east along McNamara Street for about 100 metres and look for an arrow on a Redgum post directing you to turn left, to head north over an irrigation channel and onto a shared concrete path. Take the path to Pyke Rd.

Pyke Road

Turn right onto Pyke Road to head east for 10 kilometres following it all the way to the end, where it enters the forest. The road surface is mostly formed gravel and usually there is little traffic.

You will pass by typical highly-productive Goulburn Valley irrigated farming land that includes apple, pear and stone fruit orchards, dairy farming, grain and hay cropping, sheep and beef cattle grazing, and in some years, tomatoes for the fresh market.

Forest

Enter the Forest at or beside the metal stock grids, veering to the left to follow the River downstream. The trail surface is mostly formed earth that can become slippery and sticky after rain.

You will soon come to two deep, normally dry creeks with steep sides. Cross these with caution and continue to follow the little white arrows, to run roughly parallel with the River.

You will pass by tall River Redgums, a deep billabong on the right and beautiful views of the River.

Just before Mooroopna you will come to a deep creek with steep sides. On the other side you will pass under a timber railway bridge and follow the white arrows into Archer Street in Mooroopna.

Causeway

Follow Archer Street, past the stockfeed mill to where it intersects with McLennan Street (or the Midland Highway). You will find the Jodie Ridges Bike Trail sign at this intersection, between the Railway Hotel and the Mooroopna Hall. Turn right onto the footpath in front of the Mooroopna Hall and cross Watt Road at the traffic lights to continue along the service road, past the War Memorial onto the bike path that runs between the Causeway and the River.

Approximately halfway along the Causeway, on the right is an indigenous heritage trail, and on the left is a path running under the main road and a short distance to cafes and a large children's playground.

Eventually you will come to a T-intersection. Turn to the right to follow the sign to Aquamoves which will take you to the suspension bridge over the Goulburn River. Cross the suspension bridge to Victoria Park Lake where you can join up with bike paths in Shepparton.



Jodie Ridges Bike Trail

A cross country mountain bike trail linking Tatura and Shepparton
Part of the Tatura 200 Charity Bike Ride

Trail Description

This adventure bike trail is dedicated to Jodie Ridges and provides a safer route for cyclists to travel between Tatura, Mooroopna and Shepparton. It passes through productive farmland and River Redgum forest.

Jodie lived and worked in Tatura and was a young mother of four. She passed away in 2010 as a result of a collision with a motor vehicle while riding her bike on the Midland Highway.

Features of the Track

This scenic bike trail links Cussen Park in Tatura with Victoria Park Lake in Shepparton. It avoids heavy traffic along the Midland Highway and other main roads, following existing minor roads, bike paths and formed bush tracks. It links with existing bike paths in Tatura and Shepparton. The trail provides opportunities for riders to enjoy their surroundings, especially the forest adjoining the Goulburn River and farming features along Pyke Road.



Distance: 22 km (one way)

Time: 1 hour & 15 minutes (one way)

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

The trail is not recommended for thin-wheeled bikes and young children.

The forest section of the trail passes through flood country and could be impassable when the river is high.

The trail is marked in both directions with small white metal arrows attached to posts and trees.

For guidance read the trail notes and see the map overleaf.



