

Macedon Regional Park



Cycling

This park protects 2,379 hectares of forested land along the ridge of the Macedon Range.

Exploring on a bicycle is an exciting way to experience the park. By using the numerous multipurpose tracks provided, visitors can help minimise soil erosion, prevent the spread of weeds and limit damage to native vegetation. While exploring by bicycle, riders will be able to enjoy the rich natural values, stop off at some interesting cultural places and enjoy some magnificent views of the nearby countryside.



Tips and Guidelines

The following suggestions will ensure you have a fun and safe bicycle ride. Use this information in conjunction with other parknotes on Macedon Regional Park.

Guidelines are in place for your safety, to protect significant and sensitive environmental areas, and to minimise potential conflict with other users.

A Shared System of Tracks

Always be aware of other park users. Walkers, horse riders, native animals and possibly 4WDs may also be using your chosen track.

Bicycle riding is permitted **ONLY** on the tracks shown on the enclosed map and other formed roads and tracks that are open to public vehicle access.

Some walking tracks within the park are managed for walkers only and are not available for use by bicycles.

Keep to the left and give way to pedestrians on tracks. Be aware of oncoming vehicles and if you meet horse riders, always give horses right of way. Horses may easily be frightened by bicycles. Please offer the horse plenty of room as a spooked horse can become dangerous to you and its rider.

Be Safe - Be Prepared

- Always wear an approved safety helmet. Consider wearing a high visibility vest or clothing
- Ride sensibly and in control, do not speed to the point where you have little or no control. Slow down and give way to other park visitors
- Stay on the track, avoid skidding and do not cut corners to prevent erosion and track degradation
- Please give horses plenty of room as a spooked horse may injure itself or become a hazard to you or other park users
- You may not be in network range in some areas of the park. Dial 112 in case of emergency

Planning Your Ride

- Plan your trip; check your route on a parknote or map of the area. Leave details of your proposed trip with a responsible person, especially if riding alone
- Mobile phone coverage is not always reliable throughout the park
- Macedon has a sub-alpine climate; noticeably colder conditions can be experienced within the park than those around Melbourne or nearby areas
- Ensure that you wear clothing suitable for cooler, wetter conditions
- Bicycle riding is not permitted within the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Reserve
- Some sections of the track are challenging and suited to more experienced riders



Southern Brown Tree Frog

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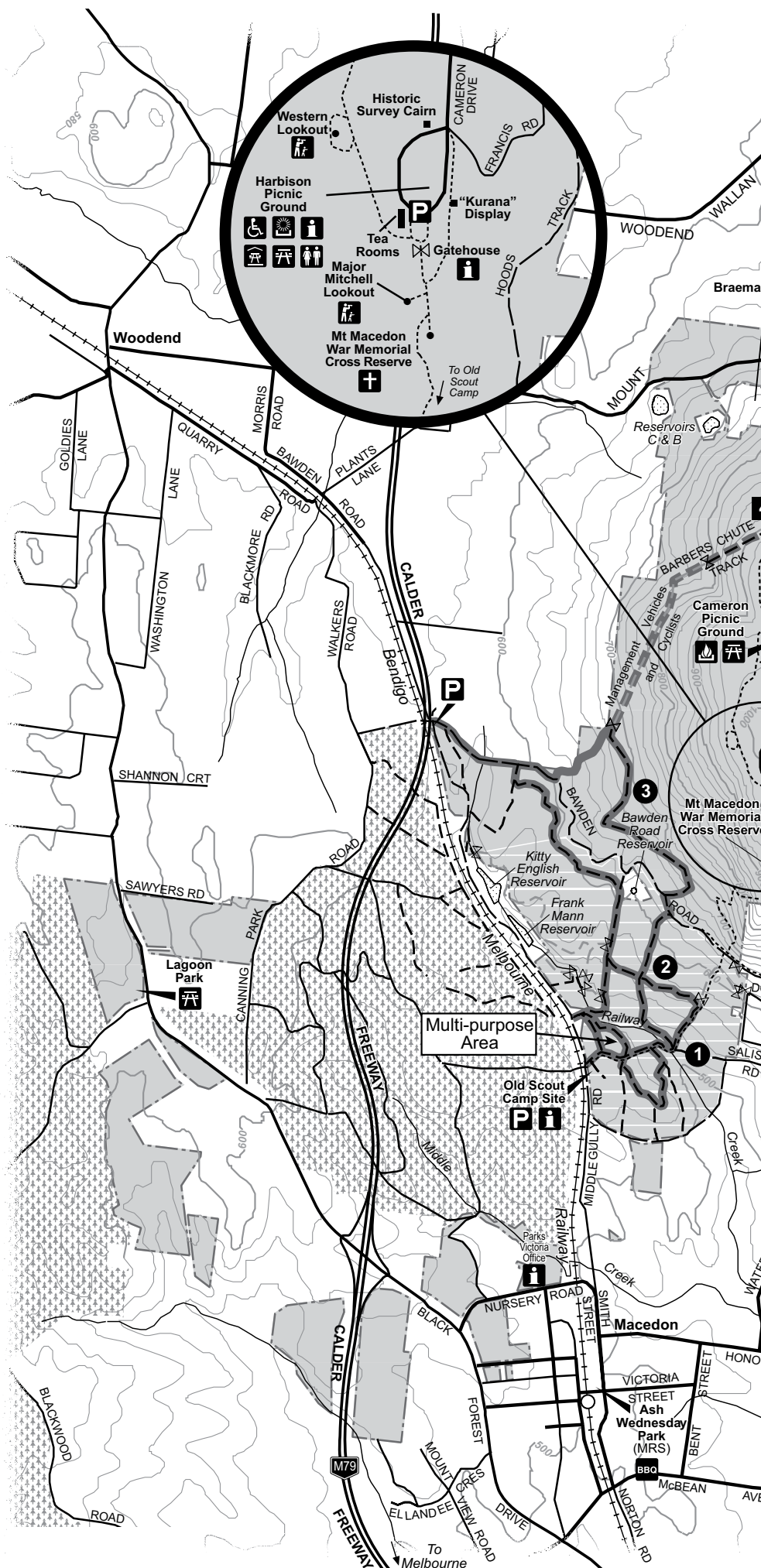
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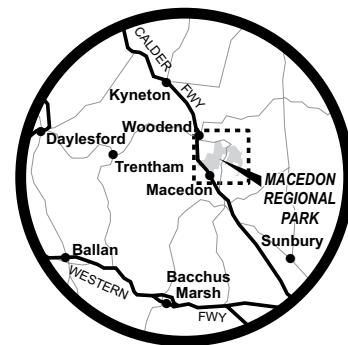
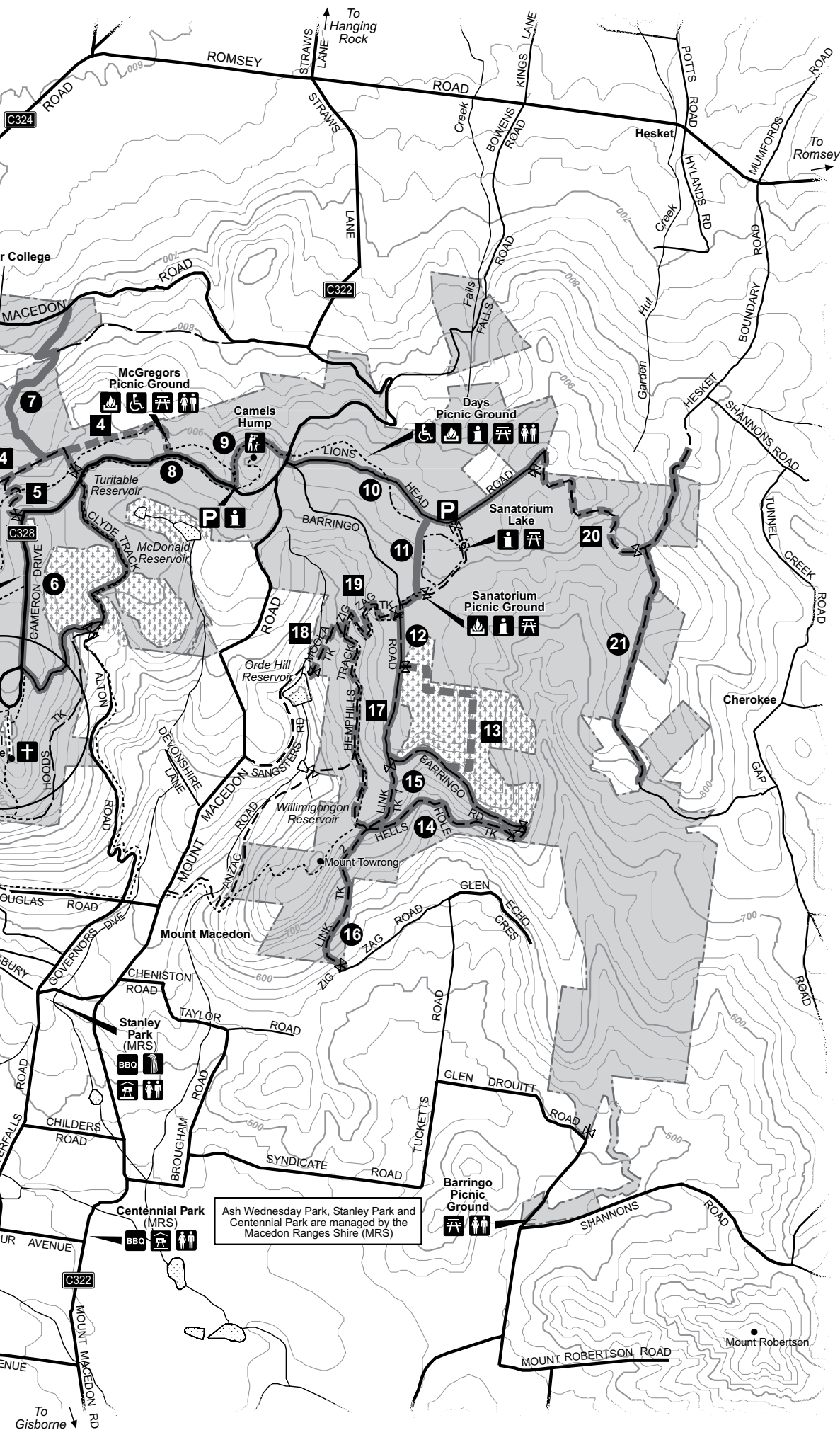
To assist you with your ride, the tracks and approximate distances are set out below. Each section is numbered and shown on the map.

1. Bawden Road-Scout Camp Track – 2.5km
2. Scout Camp outer loop track – 5.7km
3. Loop track off high side of Bawden Road- 3.6km
4. Bawden Road, western park boundary to Clyde Track via Barbers Chute – 3.3km. Steep, rocky section for experience riders only – walking may be required
5. Top of Barbers Chute to Cameron Drive via the Telecom tower track – 0.4km
6. Cameron Drive from Clyde Track intersection to Francis Road intersection incorporating the loop return track – 4.2km
7. Mount Macedon Road to Cameron Drive via start of Turner Avenue – 1.9km
8. Cameron Drive from Clyde Track intersection to the commencement of Camels Hump Track – 1.4km
9. Camels Hump Track from Cameron Drive to Mount Macedon Road – 700m
10. Lions Head Road from Mount Macedon Road to the eastern access track – 2.0km
11. Old Plantation Track through to Sanatorium Picnic Group access road – 760m
12. Sanatorium Picnic Group access road to the eastern end of Barringo Road – Catchment gate – 2.3km
13. Softwood plantation boundary track linking Barringo Road – 2.0km
14. Hells Hole Track linking Barringo and Link Tracks – 1.4km
15. Link Track Number 1 – joins Barringo Road – 600m
16. Link Track Number 2 – 1.1km. Very steep section joins Zig Zag Road
17. Hemphills Track – 1.6km
18. Moola Track – 0.72km. Provides a link to Mt Macedon township via Sangsters Road
19. Zig Zag Track – 1.3km
20. Eastern Access Track – 1.5km
21. Heskett Boundary Road linking Gap Road Cherokee – 4.1km

A number of bicycle tracks are closed seasonally to minimise erosion and protect track surfaces or to maintain water catchment quality.

Tracks 4, 5, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20 are closed from about June to November each year.





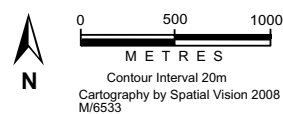
Macedon Regional Park Cycling Trail

- 1** — Cycling - All Year Access
- 4** — Cycling - Seasonal Access

- Freeway / Highway
- Sealed road
- Major unsealed road
- - - Minor unsealed road
- - - Vehicle track (4WD)
- - - Management Vehicle Only track
- - - Walking track
- - - Sanatorium Lake Eco-Tourism Trail
- ⊗ Gate
- Regional Park
- Multi-purpose area
- Other Public Land
- Softwood plantations
- Water body

Recreational Facilities

- BBQ Barbecue
- Barbecue - Electric
- P Carpark
- Camping Not Permitted
- Disabled access
- Falls
- Fireplace
- Lookout
- Park information
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic table
- Toilets



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For further information

Parks Victoria
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Call 13 1963

or visit the
Parks Victoria website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria Macedon Office
Nursery Road, Macedon 3440
Tel: (03) 5421 5500

Woodend Visitor
Information Centre
High Street Woodend 3444
Tel: (03) 5427 2033

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your parks by remembering these guidelines:

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling or disposal

All plants, animals, archaeological sites and geographic features are protected by law

Dogs are permitted in the park but must be kept on a leash at all times

Camping and firearms are not permitted in the park

Light fires only in fireplaces provided. Bring your own wood for barbecues. Gas barbecues are recommended

No fires, including gas barbecues, may be lit on a day of **Total Fire Ban**. **Macedon Regional Park** is in the **Central and North Central Total Fire Ban District**

It is your responsibility to know if it is a day of Total Fire Ban. If in doubt call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667**

Park closures - Be prepared to leave early as **extreme weather may cause the closure of some park areas** for public safety

Vehicles, including motor bikes, may only be used on formed open roads. Drivers must be licensed and vehicles registered and roadworthy

Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. **On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.**

If you are already in the park you should leave the night before or early in the morning for your own safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol where possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling 13 1963 or visit **www.parkweb.vic.gov.au**.

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667**.

Your role in park care

You have a role in visitor safety and conservation management. By following these guidelines you are helping keep your park open for future bicycle riding. Many parts of the park are designated water catchment areas that do not allow for high visitor usage. Illegal use of these areas may exclude future cycling within the park.

Learning to 'ride lightly'

Riders can minimise the damage to the natural environment, reduce the need for track closures and regulation of visitor numbers.

Cinnamon Fungus – silent killer

A major threat to the park's biodiversity, Cinnamon Fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*), which infects the roots of native plants, is a disease causing death (dieback) in many Australian plants. The movement of infected water and soil on shoes, clothing and equipment can spread the disease.

Please help reduce the spread of new infections by:

- Keeping to formed tracks
- Washing down your gear and bikes between different parks

Help prevent soil erosion

Stay away from wet muddy areas on tracks, as they are very prone to damage. The tracks you leave behind channel the water when it rains and this leads to erosion.

Never "bush bash" by riding off road

Tracks created informally may not be used. Riding off road impacts on the environment. Your behaviour and use of the park influences how people can enjoy the park in the future.

Riding off road is an offence.

Signs

These are there to assist visitors to enjoy the park. Failure to comply with signs may jeopardise your safety and other visitors.

Fallen trees or limbs

Call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 to report fallen trees or limbs across roads or tracks.

Watch for wildlife

The park is home to a variety of wildlife that often use these tracks. Birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles are protected here. Please respect their presence and avoid them where possible.

Snakes live here too!

If you do see a snake on the track, do not disturb it, observe it carefully and move away quietly.



Lowland Copperhead Snake

Camping and Accommodation

Camping is not permitted within Macedon Regional Park, however overnight camping is permitted in the nearby Wombat State Forest and Lerderderg State Park – contact 13 1963 for further information.

Accommodation is available in Mount Macedon, Gisborne and Woodend – contact Woodend Information Centre on (03) 5427 2033.

Do we need a permit?

Permits are required for:

- Events that are of a competitive nature or that may pose a risk to public safety
- Commercial events (ie entry fees apply, prize money involved)
- Club or group activities involving more than 20 bicycles
- Any activity involving the marking of a course.
- Any activity requiring the total or near total exclusive use of trails and/or any area

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