

Accessing the trail

The Old Beechy Rail Trail runs on or near the route of the railway, using the original rail formation in many places.

The 45km trail can be completed in shorter sections (see track notes) and in either direction. Stay overnight in historic hotels or quality cabins, cottages and B&B's in the Colac, Barongarook, Gellibrand, Dinmont or Beech Forest areas.

The Old Beechy Rail Trail makes an ideal alternate access route to the Great Ocean Road.

A car shuffle is required, unless you choose to return along the trail. Be aware of the changing gradient of the various trail sections when making this decision.

How to get there

Colac lies 150 km west of Melbourne on the Princes Highway. VLine services operate daily from Melbourne and Warrnambool to Colac railway station where you can start or finish your Old Beechy Rail Trail adventure.



The Old Beechy Rail Trail's Friends

After 8 years of planning by local progress associations, volunteers and the Colac Otway Shire, the rail trail concept became a reality in 2005.

Formed in 2000, the Old Beechy Rail Trail Friends' Group assists with the maintenance of the trail. To join the Friends' Group, contact the Colac Otway Shire on 03 5232 9400.

Thanks to private landowners who permit public access, including Midway Pty Ltd.



www.railtrails.org.au

www.visitcolac.com

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① WOORILLA HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Level 2, 126 Murray Street, Colac 3250. Ph 0409 523 540
Central Colac, new 3 bedroom self contained apartment (sleeps 6 people).

② OTWAYS ESTATE ★★★★★

20 Hoveys Road
Barongarook 3249
Ph 03 5233 8400
E otwayestate@iprimus.com.au
www.otwayestate.com.au



Premium wines and luxury adult accommodation. Open 7 days, 10am-5pm. Brewery, café, function facility and gallery opening Nov 2006.

③ WANAWONG BED & BREAKFAST ★★★★★

950 Colac-Lavers Hill Road, Barongarook 3249
Ph 03 5233 8215. www.wanawong.com.au.
Spacious family guest suite. 5 minutes to Old Beechy Rail Trail.

④ ISHSHOES

1055 Colac-Lavers Hill Road, Barongarook 3249.
Ph 03 5233 8305. www.ishshoes.com.au. Gallery of Australian-made handcrafted leather footwear and local crafts. Open 10am-4.30pm Thu-Sun & public hols.

⑤ GELLIBRAND RIVER HOTEL

20 Colac-Lavers Hill Road
Gellibrand 3239
Ph 03 5235 8499
E gellibrandhotel@bemail.com.au



Historic hotel set on 3 acres. Beautiful valley views from bar and beer garden. Open fire in lounge/bistro. Comfortable country hospitality, great beer, meals and no pokies or TAB. Stylish, affordable accommodation year round.

COLAC VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Corner Murray and Queen Streets, Colac,
Ph 03 5231 3730
E colacvic@colacotway.vic.gov.au
Open daily 9am-5pm (closed Christmas Day).



⑥ OTWAYS TOURIST PARK ★★★★★

25 Main Road
Gellibrand River 3239
Ph 03 5235 8357
E koorn@bigpond.com
www.otwaystouristpark.com

Fully self-contained cabins, powered and non-powered camping. Solar-heated swimming pool. On the site of the old Gellibrand Railway Station. Close to Otway Fly Tree Top Walk, waterfalls and rainforests.

⑦ DINMONT HOUSE

225 Old Colac Road
Beech Forest 3237
Ph 03 5237 3181
E saltytowers@bigpond.com
www.dinmonthouse.com



Cosy haven for two. Self-contained, spa, wood fire, mountain bikes and helmets.

OTWAY EXPEDITIONS

PO Box 172
Apollo Bay 3233
Ph 03 5237 6341
E otwayexpeditions@hotmail.com
<http://kookaburracottages.tripod.com>
Mountain bike and Argo buggy adventure tours. Experience something different that's fun for the whole family.



⑧ THE BIKE SHOP

227 Murray Street, Colac 3250. Ph 03 5231 1334
E bikes227@bigpond.com
For all your bike sales, accessories, hire and repairs.
Open 9am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12noon Sat.
Closed Sun & public hols.



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