



## G9. MALDON – NEWSTEAD, RETURN VIA MIA MIA RD

Difficulty	Harder
Distance	37 km
Elevation Gain	366 m
Type	Gravel (84% unpaved)

This ride uses the same route to Newstead, but the return ride includes a section along Mia Mia Rd which avoids a sharp climb from Newstead. The return ride also passes the Red, White and Blue mine, and deviates slightly past the Smiths Reef workings in the Maldon Historic Reserve.

### Elevation Profile



### Detailed Route

The distance from the start is shown in km as [1.6] and is approximate.

From Maldon Post Office ride down High St and take C283 Newstead Rd south out of Maldon to Popeks Rd on the left [1.6]. Follow Popeks Rd/Barham Rd to a ford across Sandy Creek [4.1] on the left [usually dry], and after 200 m, turn right onto Sandy Creek Rd. Continue south for a short distance and take the left fork onto Mia Mia Tk [4.7]. Cross Pullans Rd [6.1] and continue to Sullivans Tk on the right [11.5]. After 500 m, take the left fork into Spring Hill Tk [12.0]. After 1.1 km, reach C283 and turn left towards Newstead. Enjoy the downhill run into Newstead and some well-earned refreshments at a café or milk bar in Lyons Street [15.2].

Returning from Newstead, proceed along Lyons St/Pyrenees Hwy (B180) for 1.5 km and turn left into Mia Mia Rd [16.7]. Follow for 1.5 km [18.2], then turn left into Mia Mia Tk. Follow for about 1.3 km turning right into South German Tk [19.5]. After 1.7 km a dam is reached on the left and South German Track splits [21.2]. Take the right fork and continue until a right turn into Bells Lane Tk [21.6], which is followed to the Red White and Blue Mine [24.1].

After exploring the mine area, head in a northerly direction along Red White and Blue Tk to Pullans Rd [27.2]. Cross to Nevilles Tk and then over Castlemaine-Maldon Rd (C282) [28.9] to Smiths Reef Tk. Follow until Tatt Town Tk (also signposted as Tait Town Tk) is reached on the left [30.0]. Proceed straight ahead to the intersection with O'Connors Track [30.8]. Turn left at the stone fireplace and continue for 500 m to Tatt Town Tk and turn right [31.3]. Follow for 2.4 km to the intersection with Railway Tk [33.7]. Merge left onto Railway Tk and continue until it joins Maldon Tip Rd [34.8]. Continue across Bendigo-Maldon Rd (C283) [CARE], onto Hornsby St and follow the Castlemaine-Maldon rail trail markers past the railway station back into Maldon [36.9].