Getting Started

Distance: 17kms (Anderson - Wonthaggi) plus a 4km coarse gravel section under development between Anderson and Woolamai.

Suitable for: Walking, all bicycles, horses. Many sections are also suitable for wheelchairs.

Terrain: Flat with two moderate climbs.

Environments: Coastal and farmland, with interesting historical past.


Public transport: V/Line coach to Anderson or to Dalyston railway station where the trail is elevated to the level of the former station platform. The trail continues through open farmland with a variety of native species in the railway reserve.

Facilities:
Anderson: No facilities.
Kilcunda: Caravan park; BBQ and picnic area; hotel general store (with cafe) and toilets.
Dalyston: Hotel; general store and toilets.
Wonthaggi: Major regional centre with full range of services and facilities, including bike shops.

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Summary

Location

130kms south-east of Melbourne, near Phillip Island (via South Gippsland and Bass Coast Highways).

Alternatively, your journey on the trail can commence at Wonthaggi.

Distance: 17kms (Anderson - Wonthaggi) plus a 4km coarse gravel section under development between Anderson and Woolamai.

Surface: Fine gravel.

Suitable for: Walking, all bicycles, horses. Many sections are also suitable for wheelchairs.

Terrain: Flat with two moderate climbs.

Environments: Coastal and farmland, with interesting historical past.

Other maps: VicRoads map 102 A2 – C8.

Public transport: V/Line coach to Anderson or continue onto Wonthaggi to start the trail in this historical and rapidly developing regional centre.

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Bass Coast Rail Trail

A 16km trail for walking, cycling and horse riding.

Bass Coast

www.basscoast.vic.gov.au
Other Destinations

State Coal Mine (3kms):
Continue on trail, cross Bass Highway and take East Area trail to Wonthaggi – Cape Paterson Road and then into Garden Street.

Cape Paterson (10kms):
Continue on trail and cross Bass Highway. Take East Area trail, cross Inverloch Road and continue on trail to Wonthaggi – Cape Paterson Road; turn left and follow highway to Cape Paterson (marked bicycle lane on highway).

Inverloch (13kms): Continue on trail, cross Bass Highway and take East Area trail to Inverloch Road (first road crossing); turn left and continue on to Inverloch (wide shoulder on highway after you clear Wonthaggi).

Code of conduct

- Respect other trail users
- Respect the environment & neighbours
- Slow down & warn when passing
- Horses restricted to a trot
- Keep dogs on lead
- Do not disturb farm animals or wildlife (including birds, reptiles etc)
- Keep to the trail
- No fires
- Do not drop cigarette butts
- Take your rubbish home
- Camp only in designated areas
- Do not collect firewood
- Use community toilets provided, not the trail, bush or farms

Other South Gippsland Rail Trails

- Great Southern Rail Trail - Leongatha to Foster
- Grandridge Rail Trail - Mirboo North to Boolarra (temporarily closed in 2009 due to bushfire damage)

- Historical photos — courtesy of Wonthaggi and District Historical Society

Bass Coast Rail Trail Map

Bass Coast Shire is a genetically modified organism free zone.