



# Vetride Warburton

11-14 November 2019



## **Event Venue:**

Warburton Holiday Park  
30 Woods Point Road, Warburton



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Be you Hillbilly, Trailblazer or Road Warrior, we will have you covered at VetRide Warburton 2019.

Come for a day or stay over with the rest of us at the Warburton Holiday Park, 30 Woods Point Road. We will be there from lunch time on Remembrance Day until lunchtime on Thursday 14th November. The Holiday Park will be the venue for meals and comradeship.

For hill climbers Mt Donna Buang beckons, Martyr Road sits (and stands) at 30% and Skyline road may take your fancy near Yarra Glen.

Nestled above the floor of the Upper Yarra Valley, O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail follows the historic open channelled O'Shannassy Aqueduct. Meandering through pristine forest the trail runs in parallel with the Warburton Rail Trail and it is set into the mountain ranges, and therefore provides a different perspective to the environment. Surrounded by tall trees, and ferns, the trail allows for spectacular views of the Yarra Valley.

The Lilydale / Warburton Rail Trail is an iconic 40km recreation trail through vineyards, beautiful mountain scenery, farmlands and forests. Cross the many restored bridges. Meander past remnants of the former station platforms and stop in at the original 1882 railway station, also known as the Upper Yarra Museum. The Rail Trail's gentle gradients make it ideal for all levels of fitness.

For the keen road riders, we will run a 100k fully supported group ride from Warburton to Noogee and return, with lunch provided at Noogee. For those with strong legs there is an option on the return leg to follow the Old Warburton Rd.

Hill climbers, there's also Martyr Road (Warburton) sits (and stands) at 30% and Skyline road may take your fancy near Yarra Glen. For mountain bike trails to 'die for', including some single track. Check out 'Hey Hey My My' and 'Mount Bride Road' Trailforks.

All rides are available on RideWithGPS. To use RideWithGPS you will need to sign up and get an account. See the Blog post at [Vetride.org](https://vetride.org) to see how.

There are links to each ride at:

<https://vetride.org/bulletin-posts/warburton-ride-nov-2019/>

Route	Dates	Distance	Climb
Doona Buang Up and back	Nov 11-12	34.8 km	1,174 m
Doona Buang - Downhill only	Nov 11-12	40.5 km	243 m
Doona Buang Loop	Nov 12	57.9 km	1,366 m
O'Shannassy-Aqueduct - Woori Yallock Loop	Nov 12	44.6km	630 m
Warburton - Woori Yallock Return	Nov 11-12	38.2 km	418 m
Warburton - Noojee	Nov 13	103.4 km	1,414 m
Warburton - Noojee – (Strong Legs)	Nov 13	103.0 km	1,521 m
Martyr Road	Nov 11-12	6 km	92 m

## Rules and Etiquette

- > Obey the road rules, police, traffic controllers and route marshals
- > Be aware of your surroundings – remember to look around
- > Ride no more than two abreast
- > Ride single file where signed. Do not cross double lines
- > Pass only in single file
- > Pass only on the right of other riders
- > Communicate: Call 'Passing' when passing or 'Stopping' when stopping, call or point out any hazards on the road
- > Move well off the road before dismounting
- > Don't use a mobile phone while riding
- > Keep alert and aware
- > Leave enough space between you and the bike in front of you
- > If you find someone in distress, stop and offer help. If it's an emergency call 000. Even if you can't help some company is great
- > Be aware that the weather will affect the condition on the road or trail.
- > Be seen: Wear bright colours and use lights if it is dark.
- > A helmet must always be worn while riding a bike

### Contact Phone numbers:

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Bernie Simmonds: 0407 334 419

**Emergency: 000**

## Safe Cycle

- > Be aware of where you are riding on the road
- > Ride in the Green Zone
- > Pass, when safe to do so in the Orange Zone
- > STAY OUT of the Red Zone. This is for oncoming traffic
- > Where the shoulder is a solid surface, this can be a good place to ride

*!! Remember that the normal road rules apply. Be mindful of your fellow riders and other road users, and ride responsibly !!*



## Mt Donna Buang (Up and Down)

The climb from Warburton to the summit of Mt. Donna Buang is one of the true gems of Victorian cycling. Rising some 1080 vertical metres, the climb is amazingly picturesque and, for most of the year, virtually traffic free.

The ascent of Mt. Donna Buang starts with a moderate gradient of around 5% as soon as you turn onto the Donna Buang Road. At the 2km mark the road bends to the right into the tree line and for the rest of the climb you'll be surrounded by the breathtaking landscape of the Yarra Ranges National Park.

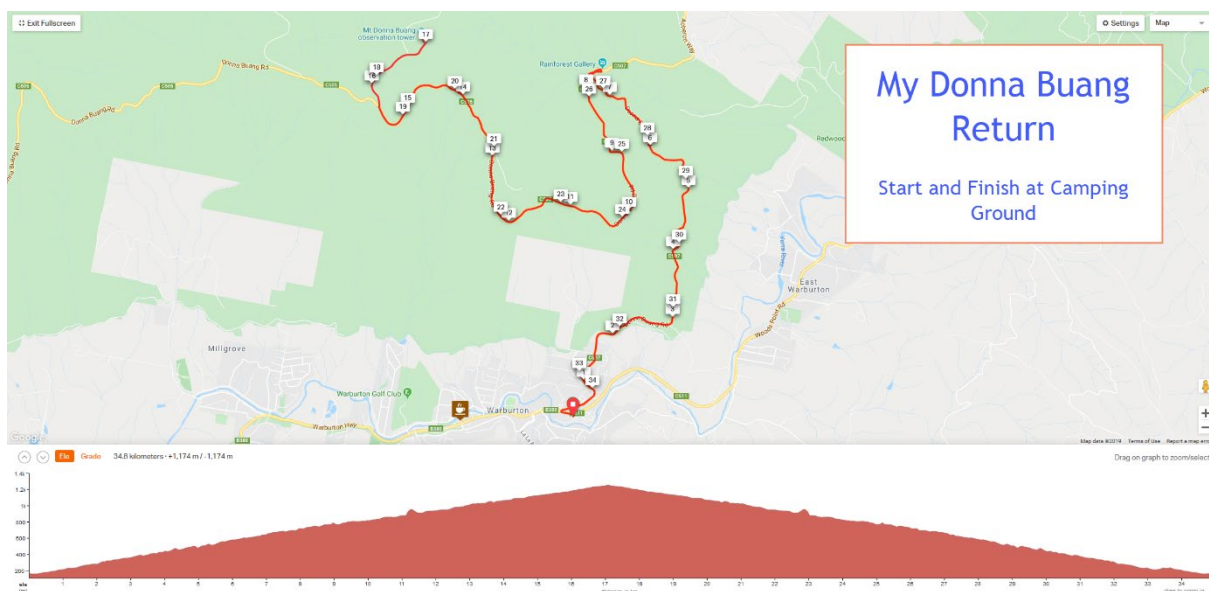
The gradient increases 3.1km into the climb and again at the 5km mark with the corners being noticeably steeper than the straighter sections.

The steepest section of the climb comes at the 7km mark and this is maintained for a couple hundred metres before Cement Creek. The road flattens out as it crosses Cement Creek and you should turn left at the iconic hairpin, taking a quick breather before starting on the second half of the climb. There's a rest stop at Cement Creek carpark. This is about halfway up.

After the hairpin bend, the road resumes a gentle gradient of around 5% but unlike the first half of the climb, it is the straight sections that are the steepest here, with the corners appearing far flatter. As you climb your way steadily up the mountain, great views are often possible over the Yarra Valley with lookout points at 10.1km and 12.3km in.

At 14.1km into the climb, the road opens out into a massive carpark which stretches several hundred metres from one side to the other. The road is noticeably steeper from this point onward but smooth going for the rest of the climb.

15.6km into the ascent the summit road intersects with the Healesville backroad (C505) before continuing into the steepest section of the climb's second half at the 16km mark. At 16.6km you will pass the car parks that are used by snow-seekers during winter, before climbing the last couple hundred metres to the summit car park and the end of the climb. (text from the climbing cyclist)



## Mt Donna Buang Loop

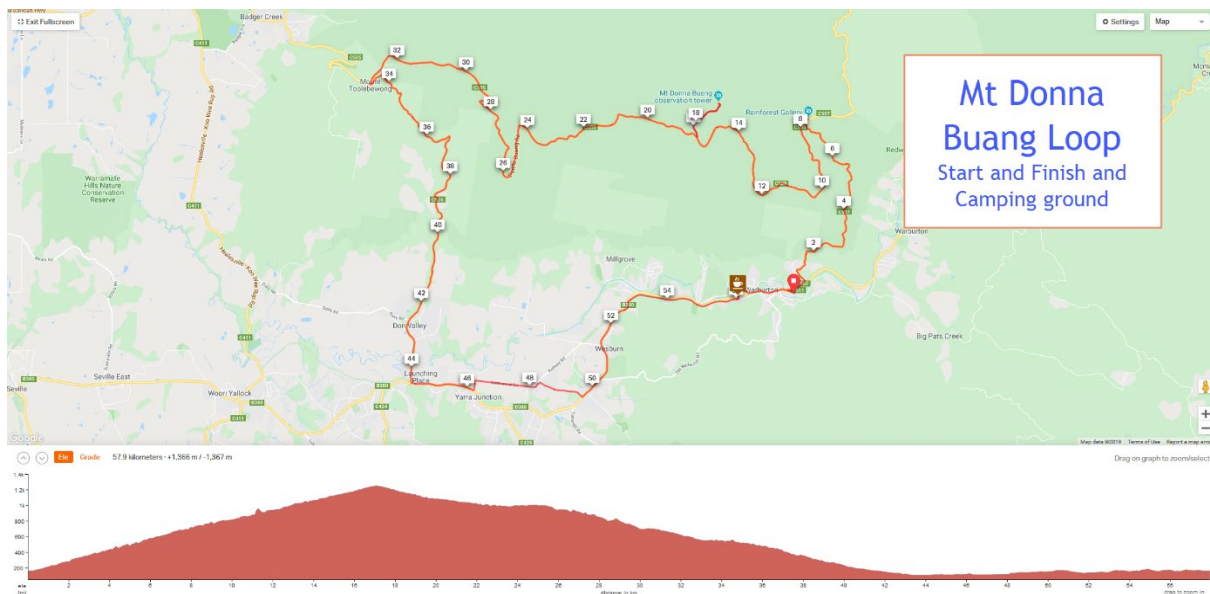
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Once at the summit, return to the Healesville turn off and turn right. The ride is virtually all downhill from here but there are gravel sections. Follow the road to Mount Toolbewong. Here turn left onto Don Rd. The road continues downhill through Don Valley to Launching Place where the route turns left again on to the Warburton Highway.

At Yarra Junction we detour left on Corduroy Rd and then on to Settlement Rd. At the end of Settlement Road turn left to re-join the Warburton Highway. At Millgrove turn right at the pedestrian crossing onto the Warburton Rail Trail.

Follow the Rail trail to Warburton.

*Note: This route has sections of gravel road*





# Mt Donna Buang – Downhill through Mount Toolbewong

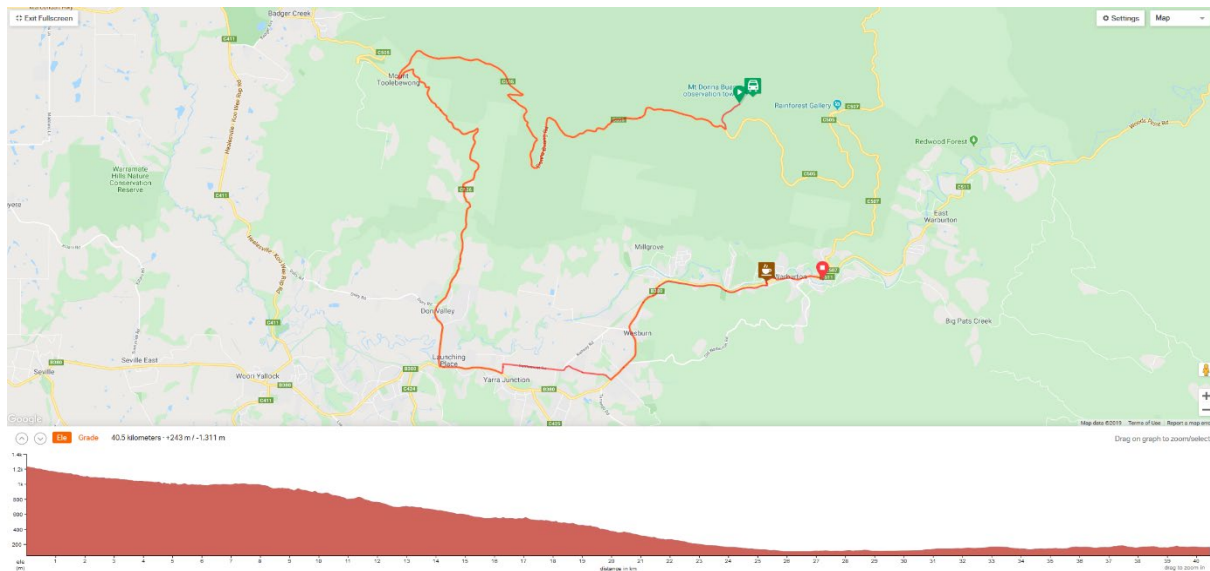
Transport will be provided to the Summit of Donna Buang.

This route has some gravel road sections between the turn off to Mount Toolbewong.

From the summit, return to the Healesville turn off and turn right. The ride is virtually all downhill from here but there are gravel sections. Follow the road to Mount Toolbewong. Here turn left onto Don Rd. The road continues downhill through Don Valley to Launching Place where the route turns left again on to the Warburton Highway.

At Yarra Junction we detour left on Corduroy Rd and then on to Settlement Rd. At the end of Settlement Road turn left to re-join the Warburton Highway. At Millgrove turn right at the pedestrian crossing onto the Warburton Rail Trail.

Follow the trail to Warburton and then on to the Holiday park.



## O'Shannessy Aqueduct Trail – Woori Yallock Return

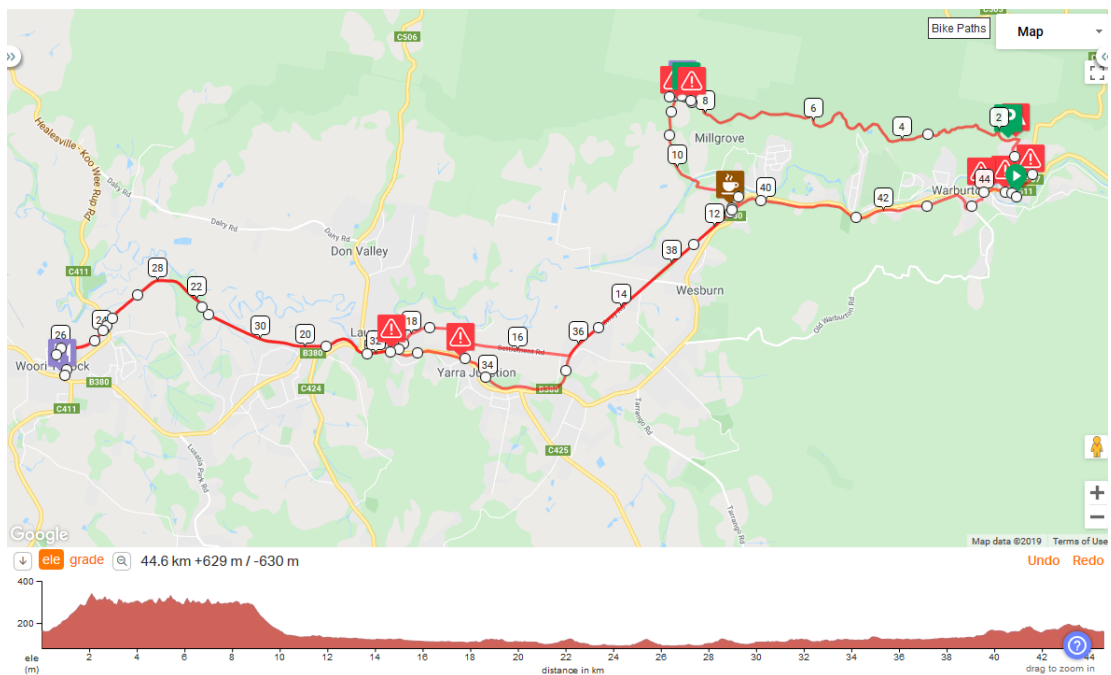
This replaces the O'Shannessy Aqueduct Trail loop

The trail starts at the Holiday park (camping ground) ride. **Transport will be provided to the aqueduct**, unless you want to test your hill climbing ability or your e-bike as there's a very steep climb at the start. After the start it's a flat and downhill ride.

The route follows the O'Shannessy Aqueduct Trail but because of the fallen trees on the trail further up, the route turns left at Dee Rd and has a steep downhill to Millgrove. After we cross the river take a left then right to take the back road through Millgrove This brings us out at the highway then onto the Warburton Rail trail at the pedestrian lights

At the Rail Trail the route turns right. At Settlement Road we take a detour then re-join the trail at Launching Place. From there we follow the trail to Woori Yallock. (See the detail map for direction to the bakery)

The return trip home is along the Warburton Rail trail. At Station St (just before the ride café) turn right then left onto Highfield Rd, then turn left onto Park Rd. Turn right onto the Warburton Highway. (This bypasses the main street). Continue to the Holiday park.



Route to the Woori Yallock bakery from the rail trail.

## Warburton Rail Trail (Warburton - Woori Yallock return)

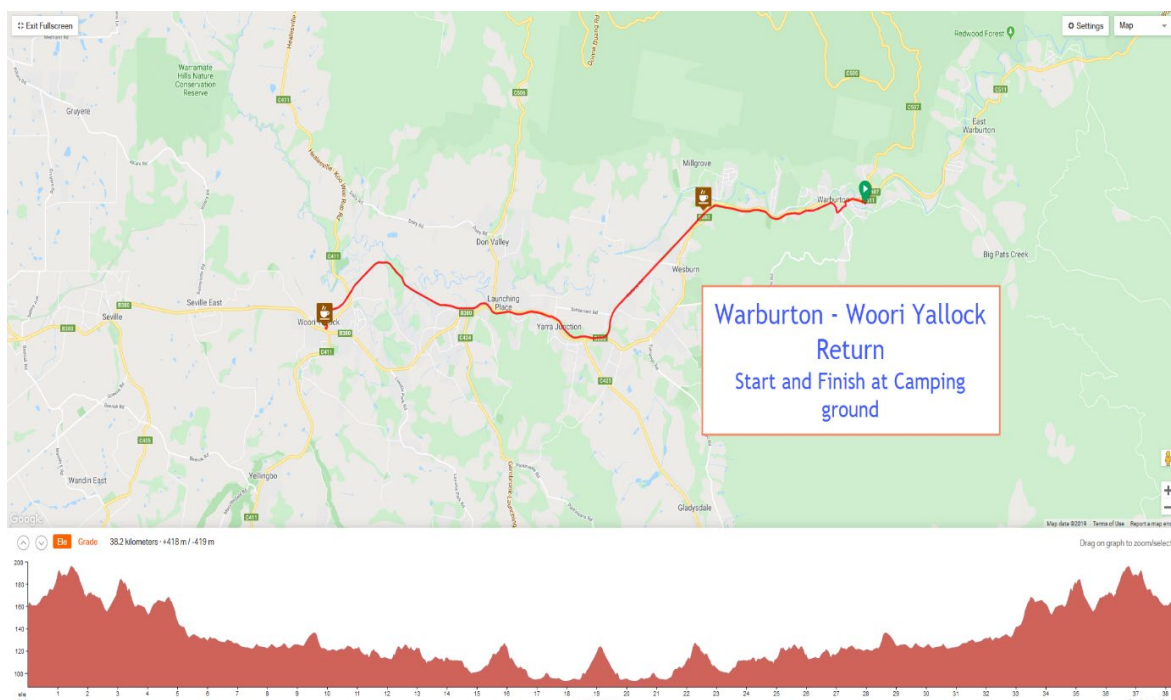
The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is an iconic 39 km recreation trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The trail follows the path of the historical railway line through the stunning Yarra Valley commencing at the rear of the Lilydale Railway Station and finishing in the Warburton township.

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Our ride commences at the Warburton Holiday park. At Park Rd turn left to move off the highway. At the tee junction turn right on to Highfield Rd which leads us onto the Warburton Trail at Station Street.

From here we follow the Rail Trail all the way to Woori Yallock and up to the Bakery for those who would like refreshment.

The return leg is the reverse of the outward leg.



For the route to the Woori Yallock Bakery see the map on previous page.

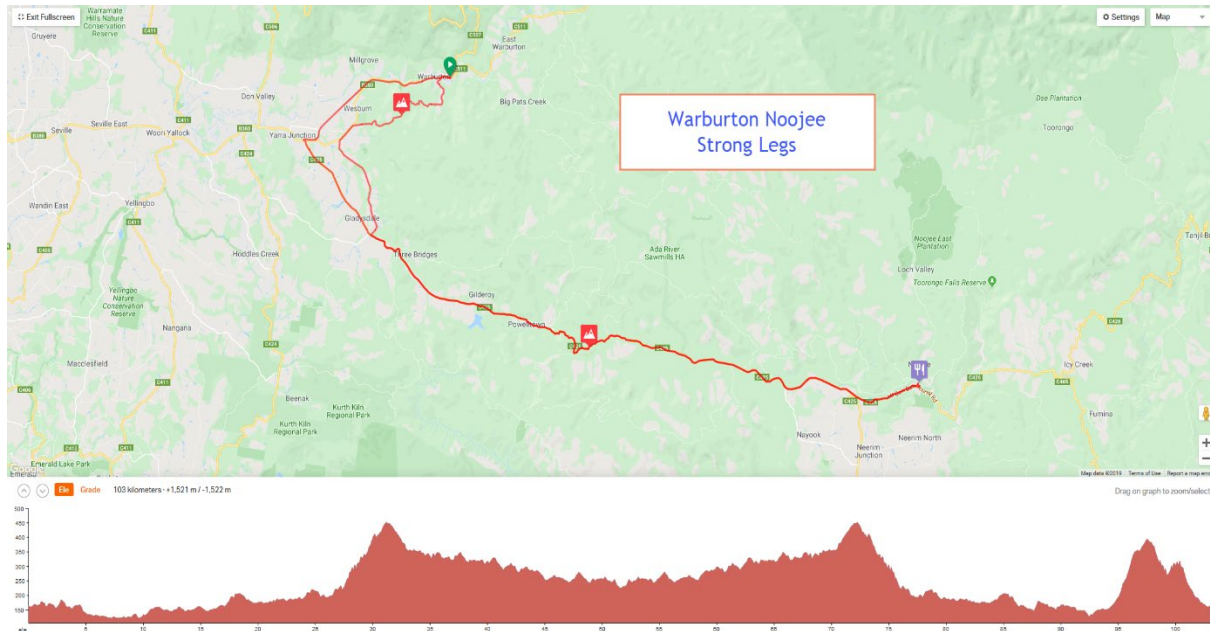




## Warburton - Noojee Return (Strong legs on return trip)

For those with strong legs there is an option on the return leg to follow the Old Warburton Rd.

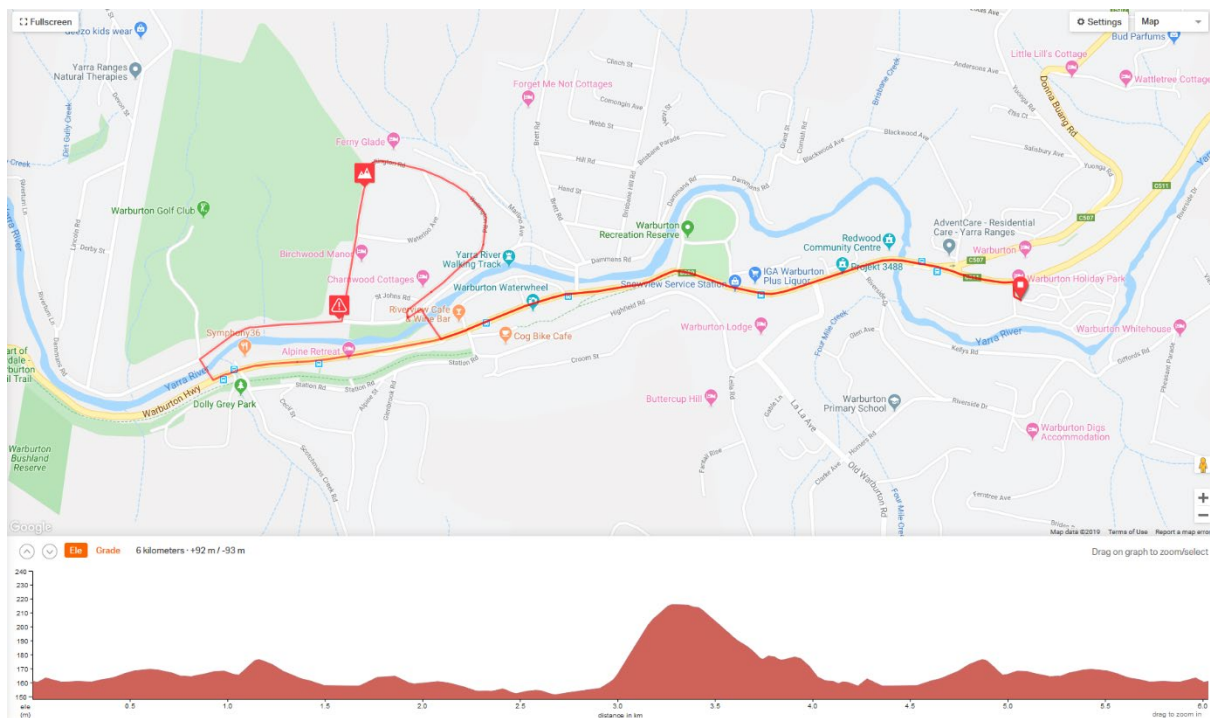
There is no direct support provided for this detour as the Sag Wagon will follow the main group.



## Martyr Road Climb

Hill climbers, there's also Martyr Road Warburton that stands at 30%.

Do this ride whenever you feel the challenge!



## O'Shannessy Aqueduct loop

Only for those that may wish to battle the obstacles as there are significant trees down across the trail towards the Don Road end. Suitable for those with wider tyres.

At the end of the aqueduct trail section there is a steep gravel track down to the road.

