

CHAINMAIL January 2009

Firstly, thank you to all who contributed in various ways during the past year. The next big event for WBR is the GELANTIPY ESCAPE scheduled for April 17th – 19th.

Gelantipy Wilderness Escape

3 Day Event - Fri 17, Sat 18 & Sun 19 April 2009

Escape to the wilderness of East Gippsland

& explore the beauty of the Gelantipy and Buchan regions

- Recreational cycling challenge, catering to different levels of fitness and ability
- Your choice of ride distances and days of participation
- Enjoy either cabin or camp accommodation, and catered or self catered meals

Share the experience with your family There are lots of add-on activities for cycling and non-cycling participants to enjoy

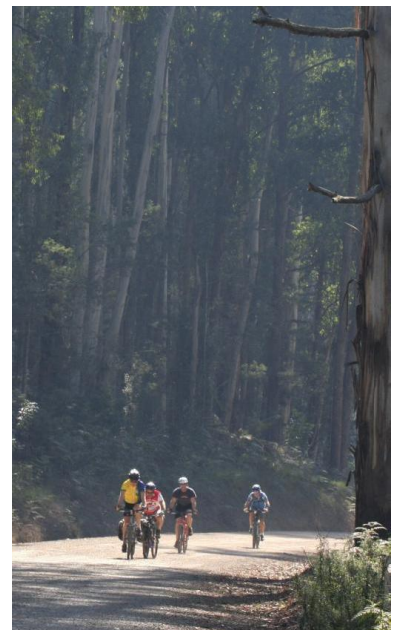
For more information about the Gelantipy Wilderness Escape including ride and accommodation options and bookings visit www.wildernessbikeride.com.au or call 0402 834 869

Base Camp at Karoonda Park, Gelantipy in Snowy River country

See the family friendly and comfortable facilities at www.karoondapark.com

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is our Project Officer for this event and is working with the WBR Committee of Management. As the event firms up, our band of experienced Volunteers will be asked if they would like to help out with tasks which are essential to staging another successful event. This is our first venture into the Buchan-Gelantipy area and we want to make it a memorable experience for riders and all WBR friends and supporters.



RIDE CALENDAR (Jan to July 2009)

SNOBS (Snowy Orbost Bicycle Society) and **BADMOB** (Bairnsdale and District Mountain Bike group)

SNOBS rides are usually on the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise arranged. May Leatch is convenor for SNOBS rides (phone 5154 2474). BADMOB rides are usually held on the third Sunday of each month with Jeff Steedman (phone 5152 2533) as convenor. Some of the rides on the February–July calendar are not yet firmed up, so please ring the ride leaders for full details. Also, make sure you keep your eye on the 'Snowy River Mail' for details of SNOBS rides.

JANUARY 16/17/18 Falls Creek Weekend. Leader is Jeff Steedman 03 5152 2533 (hm).

As you know this weekend coincides with the feast of Falls celebration and has been set as an annual event for BADMOB members. It doesn't get much better than riding in picturesque Falls Creek over the summer season! This weekend's rides will take in the aqueduct trails and the historic Wallaces' and Copes' huts. There will be a more challenging ride to the summit of Mt McKay and the Pretty Valley Lake, these rides are rated as easy to moderate. There is an opportunity for other rides, rated from easy to hard on tracks and trails surrounding Falls Creek. Phone Jeff for costs and details.

FEBRUARY Sunday 8th: Leader is Mark Lutze 03 5154 8388 (hm) Mob. 0429611364.
Glen Arte via McKenzie River Track. Total 40 km medium grade mostly on gravelled forest roads and tracks and a short section through farmland. Features forested river valleys and rainforests. Meet at Wolseley Street carpark in Orbost at 10am to organise transport to drive to the start of this ride. Drive to McKenzie River Track via Princes Hwy and Whittinghams Access Track. Assemble at ride start at McKenzie River property gate at 10:30am.

MARCH Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th: Leaders are Marlene Robb and Keith Law 03 5154 1232.
Weekend ride to Buchan

APRIL Sunday 5th: Leader is John Bremner 03 5154 2532.

APRIL 17th - 19th: Gelantipy Wilderness Escape; three days of riding with routes of different levels of difficulty. Refer to the Wilderness Bike Ride website for full details. www.wildernessbikeride.com.au

MAY Sunday 3rd: Leader is Jen Beck 03 5154 8430, Conran to Bemm River

JUNE Sunday 7th: Leader is David Palmer 03 5154 8428

JULY Sunday 5th: Leader is Marlene Robb 03 5154 1232

Note: Day rides with SNOBS and BADMOB are free to riders who are full members of WBR. Otherwise, non-members are required to pay a small fee of \$6 per person in order to cover insurance costs.

Riders are asked to

- Choose a ride within your capacity
- Ensure that you are medically fit for that level of ride
- Sign on and off at the beginning and end of each ride
- Carry a puncture repair kit
- Inform the ride leader of any relevant medical condition that you have.
- Wear a correctly fitting helmet
- Ride a well-maintained and appropriate bike
- Carry sufficient water and food
- Wear appropriate clothing

******* SNOBS and BADMOB** riders love exploring new routes. We are always looking for new ideas and new routes, so please contact any of the Committee of Management for WBR with your suggestions.

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Best wishes for 2009