

BRIEF HISTORY

The Camperdown Timboon Railway line was officially opened on the 5th April, 1892 after 3 years of construction. The line was built to serve the pioneers of the Heytesbury Forest - farmers, saw millers and merchants. The original plan included continuing the line to Port Campbell. This did not occur due to governments cutting spending during the Depression times in the 1890's.

Towns along the line, such as Curdies, Naroghid and Elingamite all boasted schools, community halls and service businesses up until the 1950's with other stations at Camperdown, Cobden and Timboon.

There were several crossing gates along the line - 34 bridges and a total of 84 culverts. The most significant of the bridges is the Curdies River Bridge which was restored and re-opened in November, 2010. This bridge is listed with Heritage Victoria and is easily accessible by road.

The line was closed to passengers in 1931, to freight in 1977 and eventually declared fully closed in May 1987.

The Camperdown Timboon Rail Trail Steering Committee was established in 1994 and the Rail Trail was officially opened in 2009. It is owned by the Victorian Government (Department of Sustainability and Environment) and is currently managed by a government appointed Committee of Management.



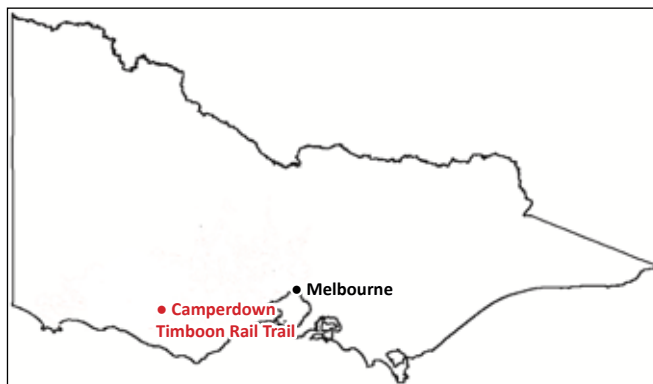
Timboon Station c1910 - Courtesy of Heytesbury Historical Society.

HOW TO GET THERE

Camperdown lies 200km. west of Melbourne on the Princes Highway. Vline train services operate daily from Melbourne to Warrnambool. You can start your Rail Trail experience at Camperdown Railway Station. Another option is to contact Vline for details of the timetable for the commuter bus to Timboon and then travel back to Camperdown.

If travelling by car, Naroghid Road is your best starting point.

Temporary Trail Detour Notice - all trail users are advised of a temporary closure of the section of the trail around Lake Bullen Merri. This road may be opened in the near future.



ACCESS TO TRAIL

The trail can be completed in short sections (see track notes) and in either direction. Stay overnight in hotels, caravan parks (with cabins), B & B's in Camperdown, Cobden or Timboon or drive (or ride) a further 19 km to Port Campbell.

A car shuffle will be required, unless you choose to return along the trail.

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ACCOMMODATION

Manifold Motor Inn

295 Manifold Street, Camperdown
ph. 5593 2666 www.manifoldmotorinn.com.au

Lake Purrumbete Cottages

658 Purrumbete Estate Road, Tesbury, Camperdown
3 unique cottages on the banks of Lake Purrumbete
ph. 0419 591 660
www.lakepurrumbetecottages.com.au

Anchors Port Campbell

Boutique 4½ star self catering villas with spa & fire.
2549 Cobden - Port Campbell Rd. Port Campbell
ph. 0417434400 www.anchorsportcampbell.com.au

Portside Motel

62 Lord Street, Port Campbell
Modern, unique & clean accommodation,
recommended by TripAdvisor
ph. 1800 629 343 www.portsidemotel.com.au

Great Ocean Road Tourist Park, Peterborough

Cnr. Great Ocean Road and Irvine Street
Quality accommodation to suit all budgets, 15 mins
drive from Timboon.
ph. 5598 5477 www.gortp.com.au

TRANSPORT

Crater to Coast Bicycle Hire

ph. 0438 407 777
www.timboonbikehireandtaxi.com

Timboon Taxi Service

Bicycle transfers ph. 0438 407 777
www.timboonbikehireandtaxi.com

CODE OF CONDUCT

For the safety of other users:

- Please keep left when passing oncoming traffic.
- Cyclists give way to walkers.
- Cyclists should indicate (use bell) in advance, when approaching traffic to overtake.
- Always overtake on the right hand side.
- Horses give way to all users.
- Keep dogs on leash at all times.
- NO trail bikes or motorised vehicles.
- Respect private property.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Take your rubbish home.
- Do not remove or disturb native vegetation or wild life.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Mobile phone reception may be difficult on some sections of the Trail.
- Beware of snakes and leeches along the Trail.
- No drinking water is available on Trail.
- Toilets are only available in townships of Camperdown, Cobden and Timboon.
- To enhance the enjoyment and safety of trail users, comprehensive signage is being progressively installed along the Rail Trail.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Wildlife Rescue: 1300 94535
All other emergencies: 000
or 112 (Mobile phone service)

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Website - www.visit12apostles.com.au
- **Tourist Information Centres**

PORT CAMPBELL

Opening Hours: 9-5pm daily except for Christmas Day
26 Morris Street Port Campbell. Ph: 1300 137 255
email: pcvic@corangamite.vic.gov.au

CAMPERDOWN

179 Manifold Street Camperdown Ph: 5593 3144

PLACES TO EAT & DRINK

Loaf and Lounge Café/ Bakehouse

223 Manifold Street, Camperdown
Amazing arrangement of edible delights, Jasper Coffee.
ph. 5593 1521 loafandlounge@bigpond.com

Cobden Oasis Café

Great Coffee, hot & cold food made here!
7 days, come and relax after a ride or walk in comfort
on the couches. ph. 5595 1896

Timboon Bakery

Fresh sandwiches, pies, cakes & coffee
100 m. from Rail Trail
Open Monday - Saturday ph. 5598 3035

Timboon Railway Shed Distillery

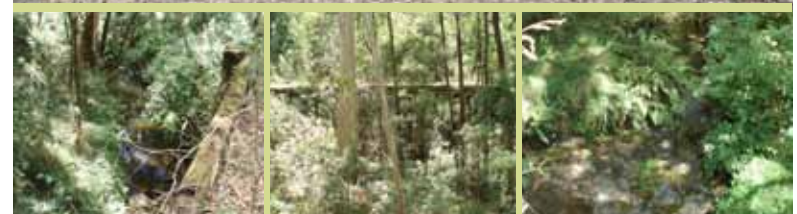
Enjoy lunch on the Trail at the Timboon Railway Shed
Distillery.
Local produce, great food, whiskey and spirits.
Open 7 days 10.00am - 5.00pm. ph. 5598 3555

Berryworld, 26 Egan Street, Timboon

Pick your own berries - Strawberries (Nov - March),
Blackberries (Dec - Feb). Open 10am - 4pm, Tues - Sun
and Public Hols. Closed Christmas Day ph. 5598 3240

Timboon Fine Ice Cream

Enjoy Timboon Fine Ice Cream - call in at the Timboon
Distillery to take home some local, luxury ice cream.
Open 7 days 10.00am - 5.00pm. ph. 5595 0390



**A 34km rail trail for walking,
cycling and horse riding.**



TRAIL MAP

NAROGHID - COBDEN

Distance: 7 km.

Approx Time: Walk: 1½ hrs. , Ride: ½ hr

Difficulty: Flat, easy walk or ride. Suitable for families.

Naroghid Station site has a shelter and picnic facilities. The trail proper passes through farmland as well as native vegetation. There are some farm crossings in this section. The trail continues through the Cobden Golf Course and has a short steep descent to a bypass bridge.

Horse riders must detour right at Bond Street and turn left at McKenzie Street to rejoin the Rail Trail and bypass the Golf Course. Follow the signs to the trail adjacent to the Landmark store or detour to the left into Cobden (1 km) for toilets or refreshments.

CAMPERDOWN - NAROGHID

Distance: 11 km.

Approx Time: Walk: 2 hr., Ride: 1 hr.

Difficulty: Steep hill out of town. Sealed roads.

From Camperdown Railway Station travel south along Pike Street, cross the Princes Highway to McNicol Street. Turn left at Brooke Street and right into Cobden Road, then immediately right into Fenton Street. Continue west (and up) along Park Lane, downhill past the Lakes Recreation Reserve and right into Sadlers Road. Travel 1.9 km to the T-intersection with Cross Forest Road. Turn left for 3.2 km along Cross Forest Road and turn left again onto Naroghid Road. Ride for 500m along Naroghid Road and turn right across Naroghid Road to join the Rail Trail. If travelling by car this is the best place to start walking or riding the Rail Trail.

Lake Bullen Merri , South Beach entrance, is a further 1.3 km. east along Naroghid Road and is well worth a visit. Picnic facilities, barbeque and toilets are available.

COBDEN - GLENFYNE

Distance: 11 km.

Approx Time: Walk: 2 hrs. , Ride: 1 hr.

Difficulty: Flat, easy walk or ride. Suitable for families.

Travel through farmland and native vegetation. There are 4 major road crossings in this section - Cobden - Terang Road (close to Cobden), Cobden - Warrnambool Road (3km. from Cobden), Cobden - Warrnambool Road at Elingamite Station site (8 km from Cobden) and Cobden - Warrnambool Road at Glenfyne Station site (11km. from Cobden). Picnic tables at Glenfyne Hall.

GLENFYNE - MERRETTS ROAD

Distance: 2 km.

Approx Time: Walk: ½ hr. , Ride: 15 mins.

Difficulty: Flat, easy walk or ride. Suitable for families

Rail Trail is through native vegetation with farm land abutting the rail reserve. Picnic facilities are available across Merretts Road.

MERRETTS ROAD - CURDIES RIVER BRIDGE

Distance: 5 km.

Approx Time: Walk: 1½ hrs. , Ride: 1 hr.

Difficulty: Difficult for bike and horse riders, steep descents, narrow trail with sleepers and track still in place.

This is a beautiful, environmentally sensitive area of native vegetation with some threatened species. This section includes five bypass bridges. Cyclists and horse riders are advised to dismount at any bridges with steep and slippery approaches. TRACK CLOSED ON STRONG WIND AND CODE RED FIRE ALERT DAYS. Picnic facilities at Curdies River Bridge.

CURDIES RIVER BRIDGE - TIMBOON

Distance: 5 km.

Approx Time: Walk: 1 hr. , Ride: ½ hr.

Difficulty: Flat, easy walk or ride. Suitable for families

Rail Trail passes through native vegetation. Timboon Station area has picnic facilities, playground and toilets, and is adjacent to Timboon township.

MAP LEGEND

- Toilets
- Food and Drink
- Seat / Picnic Table
- Parking
- Accommodation
- Former Railway Stations



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