

**Our next away weekend:****AUGUST 24th,25th & 26th 2018****What is The Away Weekend**

The away weekend is primarily organised as a social weekend, a get together with other like minded folk with the option to ride. Do your own thing. Bring your family and friends.

Arrive Friday: meet and greet, do your own thing/join us for drinks at the pub. Open discussion and plan of attack for Saturday. Organise a ride yourself and discuss if anyone wishes to join in.

Saturday: Walk, Ride, Tour and take in the sites. It's up to you.

Saturday evening: BYO BBQ (food & drinks) Saturday night and/or sit around the fire.

Sunday: Breakfast, goodbye and check out, unless you are staying on.

Where: FORREST

Forrest, is a small rural township in the Otway Ranges, Victoria, 2 h 2 min (159 km) via M1 and Cape Otway Rd from Melbourne CBD.

'Make your own booking and travel arrangements'

(It is advisable to book early)

Forrest is a small rural township in the Otway Ranges originally established to support the forestry industry of the area. In modern times the town has become known as the Gateway to the Otways and consists of a microbrewery, upmarket restaurant, "pub", general store, bike hire cafe, guesthouse, and a variety of accommodation rentals. Modern times have seen the town rapidly become a hub for foodies and adventure tourists.

Things to do and see <https://www.forrestvictoria.com/activities>

On ya Bike

Darren Smith has mapped out rides for the skinny tyred brigade "these are for you". Check out on RidewithGPS links below.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27554516> (Beech Forrest)

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27433564> (Birregura)

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27444591> (Skenes Creek)

NOTE: these are not organised rides, just suggested routes you may wish to ride.

For those of you with mountain bikes - there are 60 kilometres of sign-posted single track that circles the town. In nearby Beech Forest there is Old Beechy Rail Trail which provides 50km of gradual downhill all the way in to Colac. If gravel is more your style there is the Tiger Rail Trail departing from Forrest, although only 7 km in length. Of course, there is plenty of 'undulating' roads in the area for the skinny tyred brigade.

Forrest Walking Tracks & Hiking Trails

Whether it is an afternoon stroll with the whole family, or a challenging hike, Forrest's nature walks, walking tracks and hiking trails have something to suit everyone. Brochures with details on the variety of walks, and general Forrest tourist information are available from local visitor information centres.

Forrest Brewing Company is an equal parts microbrewery, eating place and mountain biking hang-out. Offering a true boutique product not widely available outside of Forrest, all beers are brewed using water from the Otways rainforest.

Otway Estate Winery and Brewery occupies a forest clearing in the northern foothills of the Otway ranges, 10 minutes south of Colac. Set amidst the backdrop of native eucalypts, the estate is home to a winery, brewery, function centre and café, as well as three self-contained spa cottages.

Accommodation Accommodation in Forrest is a booming industry. While the number of places to stay has markedly increased in recent years, it's the wide variety of accommodation types now available in Forrest that is most impressive. There is something for just about any holidaymaker and budget.

- **Forrest Caravan Park/ The Wonky Stables Holiday Park** - Located at no 1 Station Street in the beautiful township of Forrest. The park is set on approx. 20 acres (8 hectares) with a lovely panoramic view taking in undulating landscape & bush surrounds. - Wonky Stables Holiday Park.

Note: If you choose to stay here mention to Rob that you are with the VetRide Group

1 Station St, Forrest VIC

Call 03 52 36 6275

Email: info@wonkystables.com.au

Website: <http://wonkystables.com.au/>

- **Otways Forrest Retreat** - Otways Forrest Retreat is a fully self contained two-bedroom holiday house. Comfortable accommodation in the heart of the Otways - <http://www.otwaysforrestretreat.com.au/>

Note: 2 minute walk from Wonky Stables

- **Forrest River Valley B&B** - Situated only 2 hours from Melbourne or 30 minutes

from the Great Ocean Road and in the heart of the Otways, Forrest River Valley B&B offers that unique experience for the visitor seeking a quiet restful weekend away with nothing to do but lay back and soak up the peaceful ambience of our rural property adjacent to the Great Otway National Park. - <https://www.forrestrivervalley.com.au/>

Note: 4 Minute drive. 9 minute on your bike. 29 walk if so inclined. 2.9 K's from Wonky Stables.

- Full list of accommodation can be found here - www.forrestvictoria.com/accommodation

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Fuel is not available in Forrest – the closest petrol station is 35 minute away in Colac**
- **Cash out is available in Forrest from the Terminus Hotel - ONLY IF YOU MAKE A PURCHASE.**
- **Make your own accommodation and travel arrangements.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions please contact us:

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