



YARRA VALLEY TRAIL

Yarra Glen - Loops and Connections





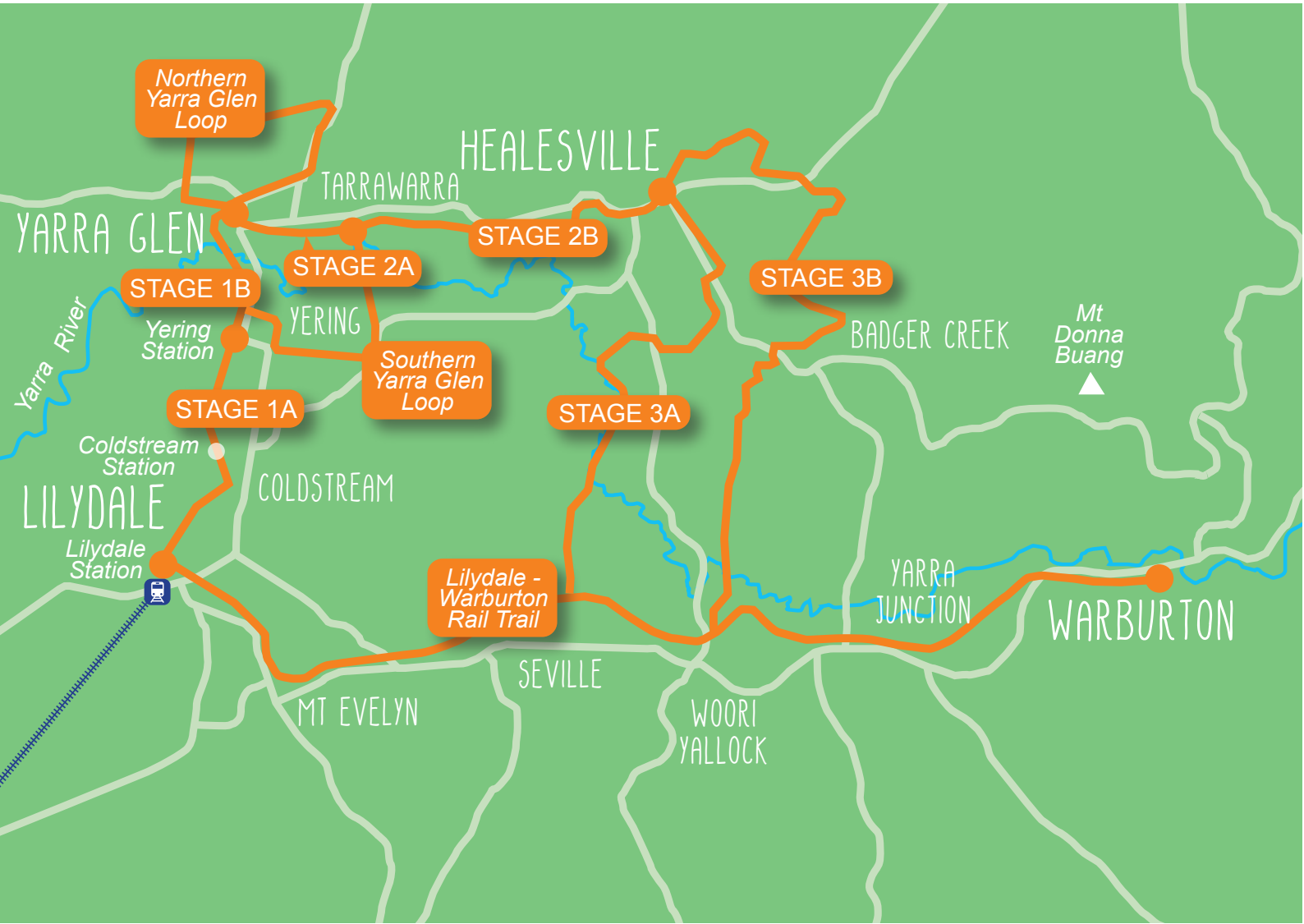
Yarra Valley Trail - Overview

The Yarra Valley Trail (YVT) will be a shared-use trail that:

- Connects Lilydale with Yarra Glen and Healesville, then to the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail, creating a valley-wide loop.
- Provides an outstanding spine of infrastructure for local communities encouraging opportunities for walking, cycling, running, horse riding (in sections), improved accessibility and local trail safety.
- Showcases unique landscapes; linking local producers with trail users, whilst allowing visitors to experience the natural and cultural beauty of the Yarra Valley and Yarra River.

What's Happening Next?

- Stage 1B – Construction will extend the trail from Yering to Yarra Glen Railway Station. To be completed by end of 2022.
- Yarra Glen Northern Loop – recently funded by the State Government, trail works will commence on the existing Steels Creek Trail.
- Stage 2A (Yarra Glen to Tarrawarra Road) – planning is underway with the Yarra Valley Railway and funding is being sought.
- Yarra Glen Southern Loop – currently in initial planning stages.



Northern Yarra Glen Loop

HEALESVILLE

TARRAWARRA

YARRA GLEN

STAGE 2B

STAGE 2A

STAGE 3B

STAGE 1B

Yering Station

YERING

Southern Yarra Glen Loop

BADGER CREEK

Mt Donna Buang

STAGE 1A

STAGE 3A

Coldstream Station

COLDSTREAM

LILYDALE

Lilydale Station

Lilydale - Warburton Rail Trail

YARRA JUNCTION

WARBURTON

SEVILLE

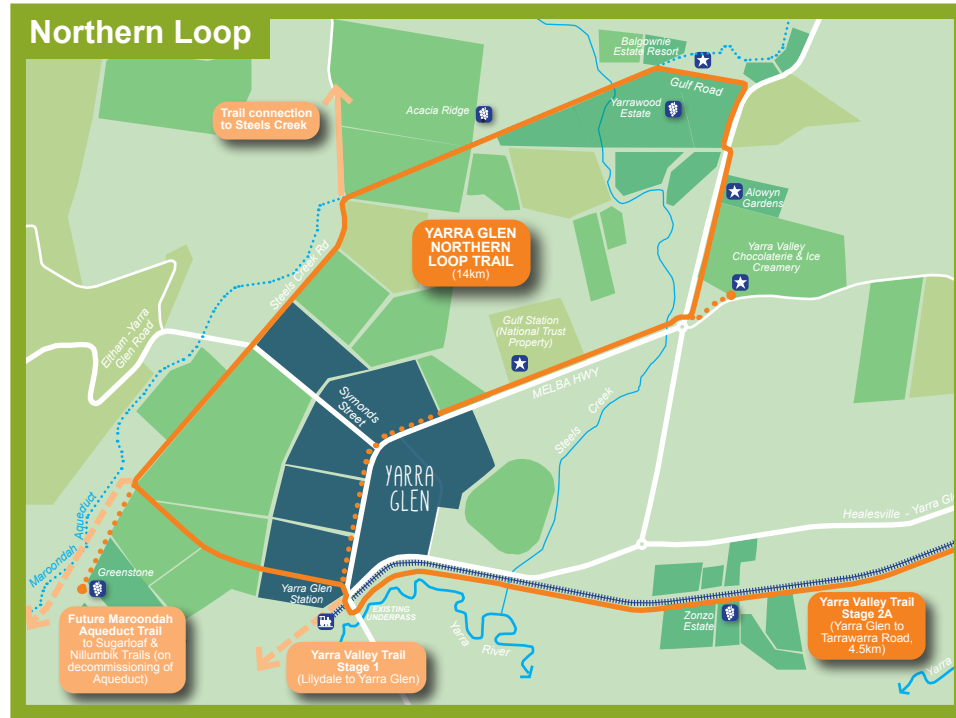
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Trail Route: Loops and Connections

The loop trails will be an expansion of the trail network in Yarra Glen. They will provide a safe, easily accessible and moderate length circuit from the trail head at Yarra Glen Railway Station.

These trails connect to a range of spectacular view points and some of Melbourne's best wineries, speciality food, art and cultural experiences and iconic tourism destinations.



Yarra Glen - Northern Loop

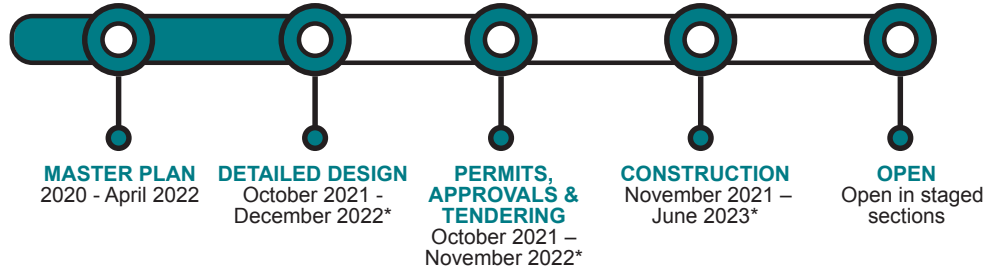
The northern loop trail creates a 14km journey north and east from Yarra Glen Railway Station.

This trail will be delivered in four sections, with different delivery timeframes and contracts. Where possible, existing paths and trails will be upgraded. Fencing, furniture and signage will be part of the trail.

This loop has been funded by the State Government under the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Stimulus Round Projects.

Northern Loop Timeline

Yarra Glen - Loops and Connections Northern Loop



**Please note:*

The trail sections will be delivered in stages between late 2021 and June 2023.

Further YVT stages (Stage 2A and Yarra Glen Southern Loop) are yet to be finalised and are currently unfunded.

Yarra Glen - Southern Loop

The proposed southern loop trail will create a detour from the Yarra Valley Trail in Yering, back to the Yarra Valley Trail in Tarrawarra.

Combined with Stage 2A, it will create a 18km return circuit from Yarra Glen township.

The southern loop trail is currently in the initial planning stages.



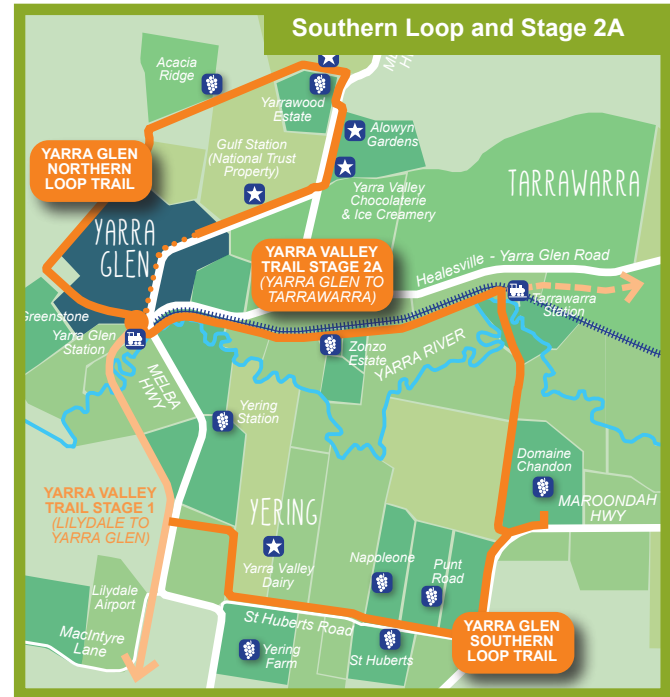
Yarra Valley Trail- Stage 2A

Stage 2A of the YVT will connect Yarra Glen township and Tarrawarra Road.

The trail will run parallel to the railway, offering connections to key tourism destinations.

This proposed trail extension will contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community, enable stronger connections to the natural environment and increase business opportunities for Yarra Glen and surrounds.

The precise route and design of both Stage 2A and the Yarra Glen Southern Loop are yet to be finalised and are currently unfunded.



Key Outcomes:



Increase in people visiting the region for tourism purposes



Catalyst to create additional tourism jobs



Cement the region as an adventure and nature-based tourism destination



Increased economic benefits through cycle and walking tourism



\$9 million benefit in health and recreation outcomes

Engagement

Yarra Ranges Council has engaged the community throughout planning phases of the Yarra Valley Trail since 2016. As trail planning continues, we are keen to understand the views of the local community and are committed to providing opportunities for people of all abilities.

Economic Impact Assessment

Combined it is expected that Stage 1, 2 and Yarra Glen Loops will attract 520,000 users once complete. The projection for future use is 610,000 users over the subsequent 10 years. It is estimated that trail users will spend \$33.5 million in year 1, increasing to \$40.7 million in year 10. Employment opportunities will be increased generating 161.2 full-time equivalent local jobs in year 1, increasing to 196.0 full-time equivalent local jobs in year 10.

Next Steps and Find Out More

We encourage your feedback on the latest trail planning and design and will be seeking community feedback at different stages of the project. You can visit www.rideyarraranges.com.au for more information and to join the mailing list. By subscribing, you will receive project updates as they become available and be notified of future trail planning.

Key factors being considered



Best Practice Design



Accessibility



Governance & Sustainability



Tourism Infrastructure



Natural Environment



Cultural Heritage



Connecting communities

We thank our Project Partners

Project working group; Project Reference Group; Wurundjeri; local businesses and landholders; Department of Transport (DoT); Melbourne Water; Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning (DELWP); Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR); VicTrack; Yarra Valley Railway; and Rail Trails Australia.



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