

# DOOKIE RAIL TRAIL

Walk or Ride

## Location

The start of the Dookie Rail Trail is directly opposite the Gladstone Hotel, Mary Street, Dookie (On the main street)

**Dookie is a short drive from four large regional City Centres:**

East of Shepparton	30 kms (25 mins)
West of Benalla	40 kms (30 mins)
South of Yarrawonga	70 kms (40 mins)
West of Wangaratta	65 kms (50 mins)

## Dookie Attractions

When you get to Dookie you will find a range of unexpected treasures ...

### Dookie CWA Gardens / Park

Provides lots of shade and lawned area, free Lions BBQ, with undercover seating & tables, toilets (inc. disabled) and has an extensive playground for children along with a lovely walking/kids gravel bike path.

### Dookie Emporium & Café

A large collection of antiques and collectables to excite you along with a boutique cafe selling local produce, lunch or enjoy a tea or coffee and be tempted by scrumptious desserts! (Open Fri-Sun)

### Dookie General Store

This original store has it all ... ice-creams, sweet treats, drinks, the post and papers and so much more!

### Dookie Gladstone Hotel

Enjoy a cool ale or taste a local wine and stay on for dinner ... you'll love the ambience of this local Dookie landmark ... Book a Sunday lunch and every 2nd Sunday afternoon enjoy the sounds of Jazz! Ph. 5828 6237

### Dookie Primary School

Wander up to our school at the top of Baldock St and see the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

### Tallis Wine Cellar Door

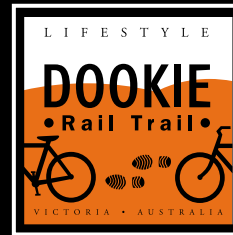
Relax with the taste of Tallis Wine... offering panoramic Dookie views and more. 7kms south-east of Dookie Open late Nov'11 (Sat-Sun) Ph. 5823 5383

### University of Melb - Dookie Campus

Also worth a visit is our historical Agricultural College & grounds (est. 1886) 9km south-east of Dookie.

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## Friends of the Dookie Rail Trail

**Enquiries & Friends are Always Welcome**

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For more information about Dookie & District please visit:

[www.lifestyledookie.com.au](http://www.lifestyledookie.com.au)

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**DOOKIE ...**  
Something for everyone!

For more Rail Trails information visit  
[www.railtrails.org.au](http://www.railtrails.org.au)

**Dookie Rail Trail extension (Stage 2) is underway:**

Stage 2 will be approx. 6kms South West of Dookie to Cosgrove  
Funding for Stage 1 (Completed 2010) was supplied in 2009  
by Local, State & Federal Governments

Total Distance: 4.7kms (one way) or 9.3kms (return)  
Timing: Brisk Walk (return) Approx. 2hrs  
Casual Ride (return) Approx. 1.5hrs

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## About the Dookie Rail Trail

The Dookie Rail Trail is a very picturesque trail. Albeit a relatively short bitumen trail at only 4.7kms (9.4kms return). This scenic trail is set at the base of Mt Saddleback and traverses some of the Goulburn Valley's most fertile farm land. After a gentle climb you can turn back to see the majestic view of Mt Major to the South, Gentle Annie hill to the South East. As you cross over the range you will gently meander onto the Yabba flats with their olive and orange groves, vineyards, cropping lands and the ever memorable Dookie Red loams.

## Look out for the Wildlife!

Keep your eyes peeled!! ... If you're lucky you might just happen upon 'Willy the Wombat', at the 3rd intersection (Hooper's Rd) ... Willy has made a den in the under-road drain! There have been many sightings of Echidna's, Blue Tongue Lizards, Kangaroos and even two Wedge-Tailed Eagles along with everyone's favourite the Koala! ... not to mention the possums, and incredible bird life that inhabit the trees along the trail and the odd rabbit or two! ... and although they are not so wild, there are always sheep, and often lambs, in the paddocks nearby ... See if you can spot the camels!!

## The Future

Friends of the Dookie Rail Trail are currently working with the Greater Shepparton City Council, Federal and State Governments to bring you Stage 2 of the Dookie Rail Trail which will extend from Dookie to Cosgrove, approx. 6kms South West of Dookie.

*We hope that the trail will be extended and open by 2013.*

## Become a Friend of The Dookie Rail Trail

To receive our newsletters, regular updates or to report trail maintenance concerns please contact:

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## An Undulating, Scenic Walk or Ride for the Entire Family

**9.4 kms RETURN**

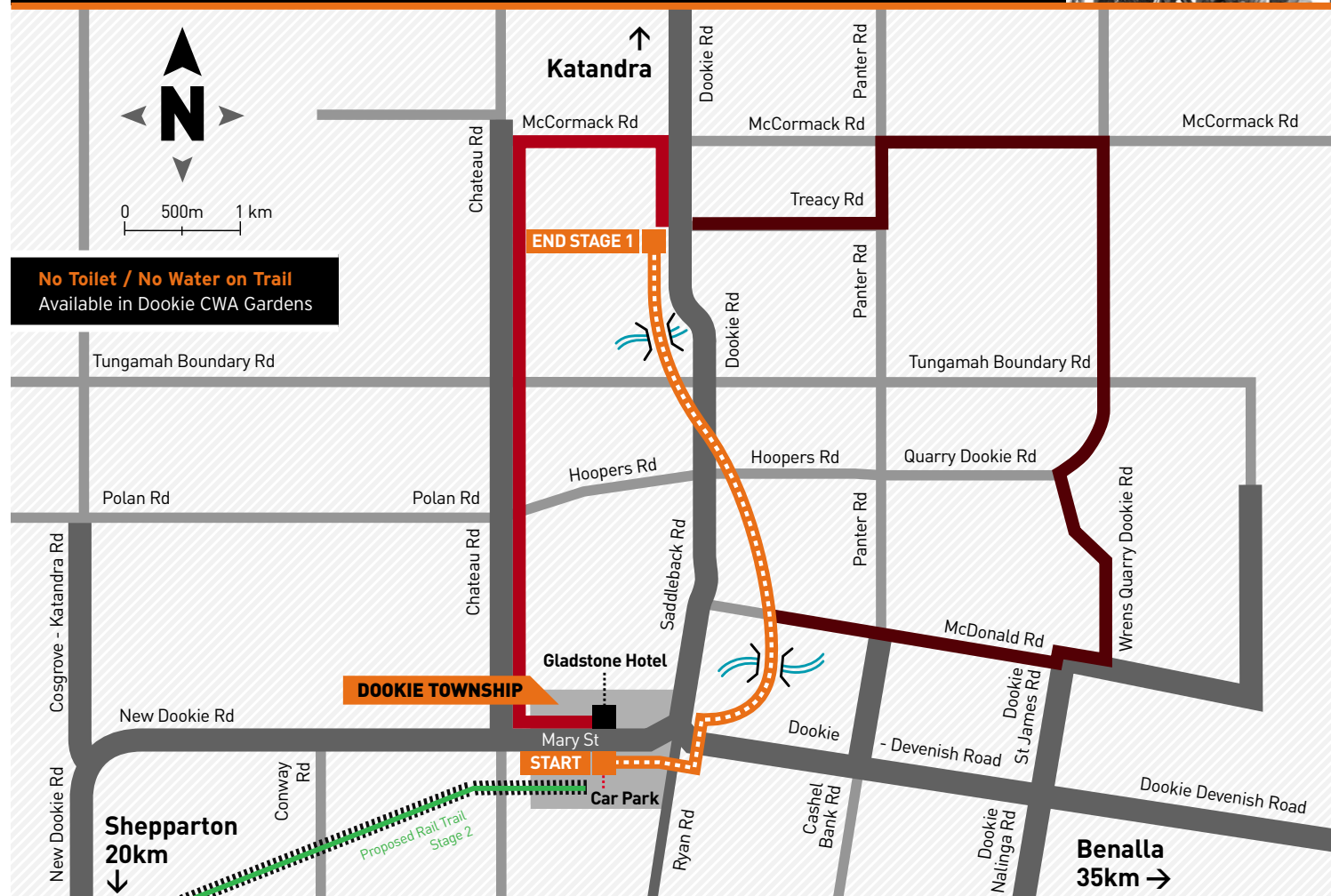
### Alternative 'Off The Trail Routes'

Shown are some alternate on-road routes which will take you off the Rail Trail onto some quiet, scenic roads.

These routes vary in length and offer alternative routes back to Dookie. Some are a little more challenging than others ... each have their own scenic highlights.



The Dookie Rail Trail is ideal for families with young children and those looking for a short, scenic walk or ride!



This trail is suitable for all ages ... with gentle hill climbs and great views of the Dookie & Yabba Districts.

