

Buxton Mountain Bike Park

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Buxton Mountain Bike Park is situated within the Black Range State forest, approximately 100 km north east of Melbourne. There is around 23 km of purpose built mountain bike single track in the park that can be ridden in a number of different length loops. The trails are ridden in **one direction** and are signed accordingly. The trails are characterised by gentle climbs and fast flowing descents. When ridden with care, the majority of trails are suitable for riders of all abilities, but when ridden faster, the tracks are more challenging.

Location and Access

From Melbourne, follow the Maroondah Highway to Buxton. Turn left onto Dyes Lane and follow the road for approximately 1 km. Cross the Acheron River and turn right to reach the trailhead and day visitor area. All **trails are closed during the wetter months** each year from the Tuesday after Queens Birthday weekend in June and re-open at the beginning of the September / October school holidays. This is to protect the track surface from erosion.

Mountain Bike Trails

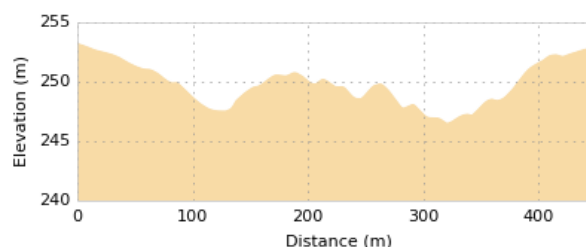
The trails are graded based on International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards. Trails at Buxton range from Easy to Difficult. Some of the technical trail features offer easier lines or by-pass routes. **All trails are one way and should be ridden in the direction as signed.**

Platypus (1)

1

Easy - Basic mountain bike skills required
0.6 km one way
1 m elevation gain

This circuit trail starting and finishing at the day visitor area is an easy trail suitable for young children and those new to mountain biking. It contains small rollers and berms.

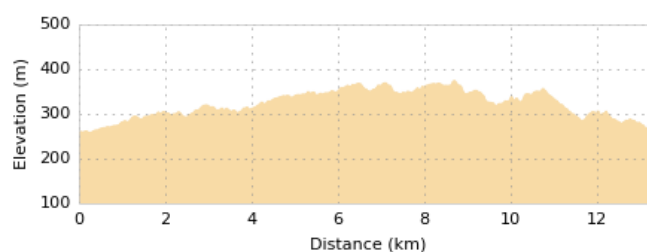


Acheron Ridge (2)

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Intermediate – Skilled mountain bikers
13.3 km one way
278 m elevation gain

Starting at the car park, this is the longest trail in the network and is filled with jumps, berms, log drops and loads of exhilarating fast single track. It includes the famous spider gully, which starts with a series of tight corners weaving through tall tree ferns before opening out and increasing in speed as it descends. This trail finishes back at the car park.

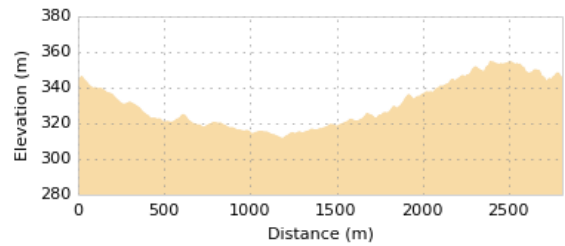


Boobook (3)

3

Intermediate – Skilled mountain bikers
2.8 km one way
46 m elevation gain

This trail starts and finishes in the same place on Acheron Ridge. With a fun filled steep start and a tight switchback climb, this trail adds a challenging extension to your ride.

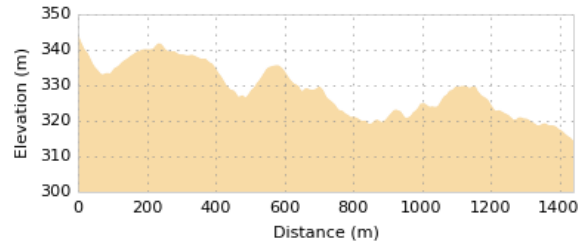


Off Camber (4)

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Intermediate - Skilled mountain bikers
1.4 km one way
15 m elevation gain

This fun filled predominately downhill trail is littered with potential for air time and grin inspiring berms.

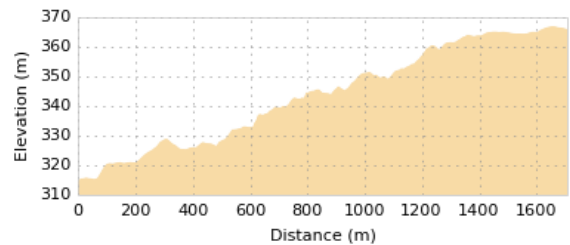


Snakes and Ladders (5)

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Intermediate - Skilled mountain bikers
1.7 km one way
62 m elevation gain

This climbing trail contains a number of tight climbing switchbacks and offers great views.

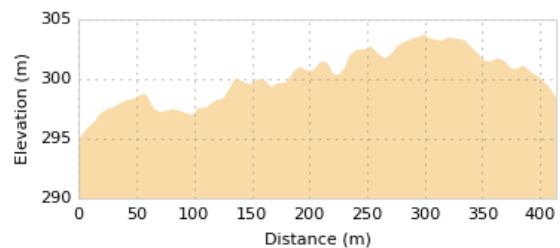


Midget (6)

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Intermediate - Skilled mountain bikers
0.4 km one way
6 m elevation gain

This trail creates a short-cut removing all the climbing on Acheron Ridge and re-enters at the bottom of spider gully.

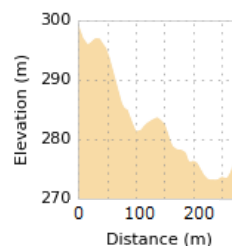


Friendly Fox (7)

7

Intermediate - Skilled mountain bikers
0.3 km one way
7 m elevation gain

This trail creates a short-cut removing the last climb and descent gully on Acheron Ridge. The trail is named after a fox that watched from a safe distance during construction.

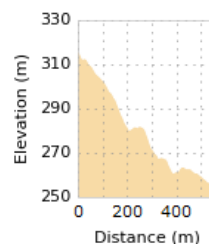


Skinny (8)

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Difficult - Experienced mountain bikers with good skills
0.6 km one way
0 m elevation gain

This old school hand-built trail drops steeply off Acheron Ridge straight to the car park, avoiding Spider Gully. It is skinny, steep, rocky and off camber with many exposed roots.

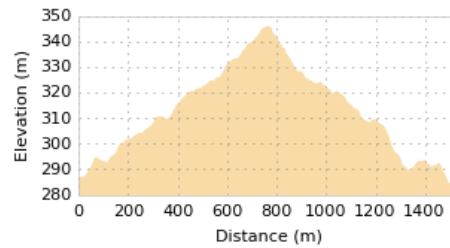


Cathedral (9)



Difficult - Experienced mountain bikers with good skills
1.6 km one way
60 m elevation gain

This trail starts with a long climb (Cathedral Climb) to the lookout, utilising numerous climbing switchbacks. It then heads down the hill (Buxton BOM) and the real fun begins with tight berms and lots of jumps. BEWARE of the gap jumps and don't let your ambition get confused with your ability. Keep your speed in check. This trail rejoins Acheron Ridge just before the carpark.



Suggested Combination Routes

The Taster (4.6 km)

Follow Acheron Ridge (2) and then onto Midget (6). Continue again on Acheron Ridge (2) to Friendly Fox (7) and finally back onto Acheron Ridge (2) to the car park.

The Highlights tour (9.7 km)

Follow Acheron Ridge (2) and then onto Snakes & Ladders (5) before returning to the car park via Acheron Ridge (2).

The Big Kahuna (19.8 km)

Start on Acheron Ridge (2) and then take Boobook (3). Back onto Acheron Ridge (2) then down Off Camber (4) and up Snakes & Ladders (5). Back onto Acheron Ridge (2) then up Cathedral (9) (black diamond trail) before re-entering Acheron Ridge (2) for the return to the car park.

The Mountain Bike Code

To ensure safe riding with minimal environmental impact and trail erosion/degradation, please observe the following:

SHOW RESPECT

- Be mindful of other visitors. When passing, slow down and communicate your presence and intention to pass.
- Trails are **one way only** as signed, and for the safety of other riders should not be ridden in the wrong direction.
- Be responsible and adhere to trail rules.
- Leave no trace. Take your rubbish home.

LOW IMPACT RIDING

- Ride on open trails only – respect trail closures including short-term or **seasonal winter closures**.
- Don't skid or ride in wet conditions.
- Don't ride around water bars – erosion is a trail's worst enemy.
- Stay on existing trails and don't shortcut switchbacks.
- Avoid spreading seeds. Help keep noxious weeds that threaten our ecosystems out of our forests by checking your socks, clothes and bike when you get back to the trailhead.
- Report fallen trees or limbs across trails to the Alexandra DELWP office on ☎ 5772 0200. Do not make tracks around these obstacles.

Forest use guidelines

- There is no rubbish collection service so please take your rubbish home.

- Dogs are allowed in State forest but must be under direct control at all times and are expected to be on a leash in picnic areas or when near other visitors.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles must not be driven off formed roads, on mountain bike tracks or walking tracks. All motor vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed.
- Use toilets where provided. At some sites, hand washing facilities and toilet paper may not be supplied. Come prepared.

Safety information

- On Code Red Fire Danger rating days, parks and State Forest are closed to the public. Do not enter parks or forests on Code Red days. If you are already there when a Code Red day is announced, you should leave the night before or early in the morning. For more information contact DELWP (see below).
- Be responsible for your own safety. Be aware of extreme weather events, carry your own first aid kit, always wear your helmet and let someone know before you go.
- Ride in control at all times. When riding, be prepared for the unexpected and anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners.
- When on forest roads, be prepared for the unexpected. Timber trucks, 4WD's, hikers, horse riders, trail bike riders, cyclists and native animals may also be using your chosen track.

For more information

The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact DELWP's Customer Service Centre ☎ 136 186 (TTY: 1800 555 667) or visit DELWP's website at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au>

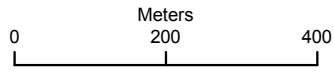


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