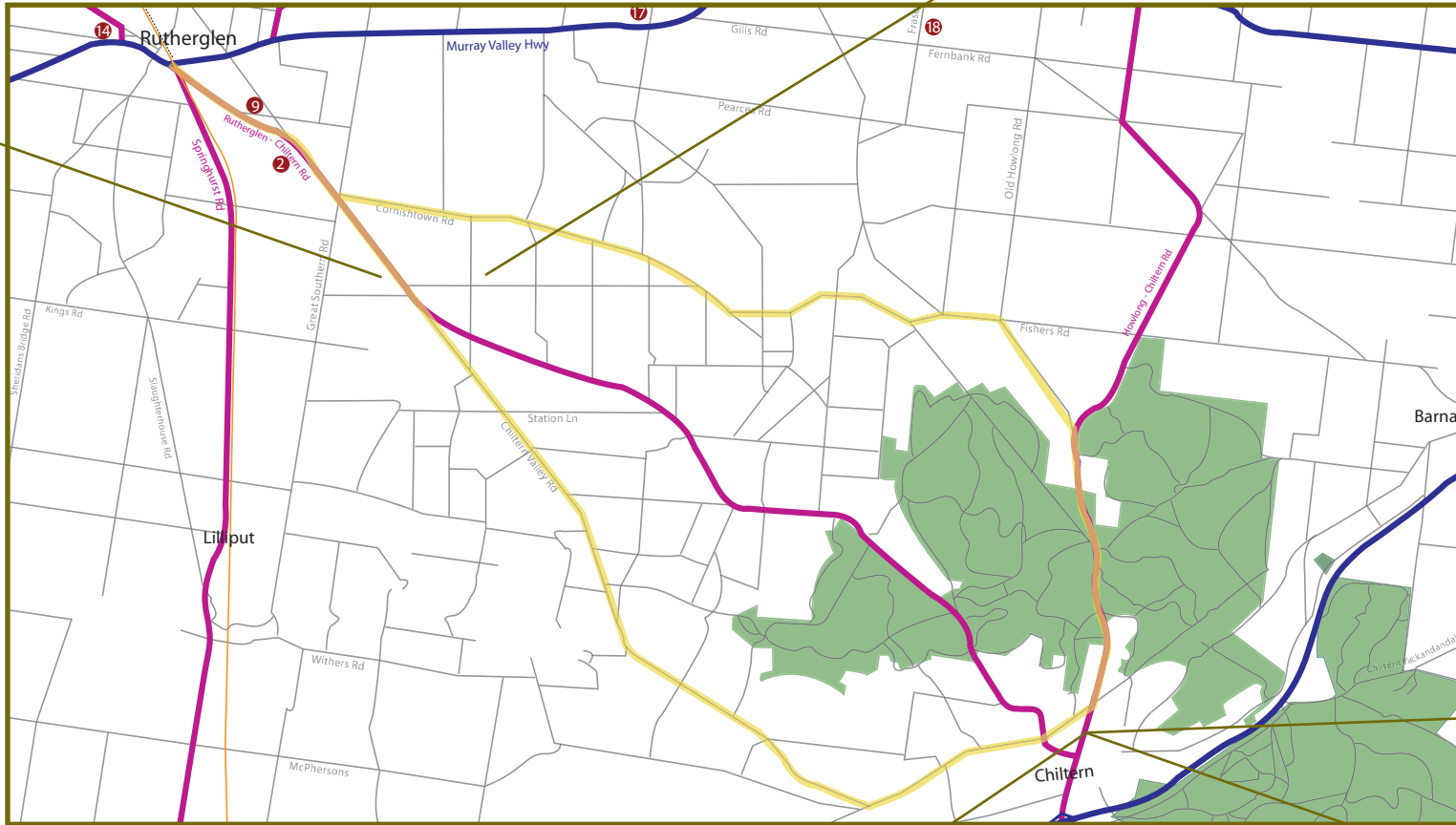
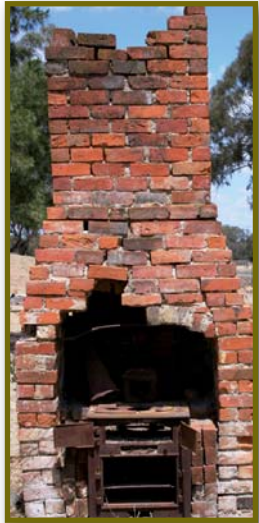









RUTHERGLEN CYCLE ROUTES

CHILTERN VALLEY LOOP

(Approx 40kms)



Legend

-  Road (gravel or minor)
-  Main Rd
-  Freeway/Highway
-  Cycle Route
-  Future Rail Trail
-  Railway line
-  Winery (numbers correspond with Rutherglen Visitors' Guide).



CHILTERN LOOP (Approx 40kms)

A leisurely ride through Historic Chiltern and down some lovely country back roads.

LHS = Left Hand Side RHS = Right Hand Side

| Approx Kms | Comments |
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| 0 | Commence the ride from the Rutherglen Wine Experience car park left towards Chiltern. |
| 1.7 | Pass Anderson Winery (RHS) renowned for its sparkling wines. |
| 5.2 | Chiltern / Chiltern Valley turn off ⇒ Take the right fork towards Chiltern Valley |
| 6.5 | Pass Rutherglen Research Institute (RHS). |
| 7.8 | Notice old gold mine tailings heap (LHS) just before Potters Lane. |
| 13.1 | Major Mitchell cairn ⇒ Mitchell's 1835 – 1836 expedition passed through here on the way to opening large tracts of Victoria for agricultural pursuits. |
| 15.5 | Notice old derelict buildings (LHS) and note the large tailings heaps. |
| 16.4 | At the 'T' intersection, turn left and proceed towards Chiltern. |
| 19.2 | At the 'T' intersection, turn right and proceed through the Main Street of Chiltern ⇒ Note the original and historic shop facades that take you back to when life was a lot simpler ⇒ Chiltern has been used as the backdrop for a number of movies, so authentic are its original street scapes. |
| 20 | Turn left at the main cross road towards Howlong. |
| 25 | At the Howlong / Indigo fork, take the left fork towards Indigo. |
| 27 | At the next fork, take the left road along Indigo Post Office Rd ⇒ Continue along this road as it turns into Cornishtown Rd. |
| 34.5 | Notice Mt Ophir (LHS) up on the hill as you pass Green Lane ⇒ Mt Ophir is now a B&B and organic vineyard ⇒ At its peak in the 1890s, Mt Ophir was the largest production winery in the southern hemisphere. |
| 37.2 | At the 'T' intersection, turn right and proceed back to Rutherglen. |
| 40.2 | Rutherglen Wine Experience car park. |

"On his third journey he followed the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Darling Rivers to where they joined the Murray. Crossing into what is now known as Victoria, Mitchell found the aborigines were friendly and traded a tomahawk for a beautifully woven native bag. The party killed 3 kangaroos and 2 emus. They also found a number of emu eggs which they used for breakfast for several days. Mitchell then mapped the western area of Victoria and named the Grampian Mountains. It was the middle of winter and the peaks were frozen".