

Yarraman to Wulkuraka 2025 Event Guide  
**Yarraman to Wulkuraka**  
***A Brisbane Valley Rail Trail End to End Experience***  
***July 4 - July 6, 2025***



## Welcome aboard the Yarraman to Wulkuraka – a 3-day adventure on the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail!

Bicycle Queensland are excited to bring this popular event back for 2025, in partnership with the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Users Association. This 3-day ride is along a trail that is both unique and showcases the iconic Brisbane Valley. So, what can you expect? Below is a day-by-day, town-by-town breakdown so you know exactly what's happening and in what order.

### Thursday 3rd July

It's the night before the event starts. All your gear is laid out on the lounge room floor ready to pack. We bet you wish you had a list of "what to bring" to check it off against... well, here it is! Remember – less is often more! Whilst your luggage will be transferred from site to site for you, you will still need to carry it from the luggage truck to your campsite and back again.

#### The important stuff:

- ☐ Ride Ticket (**print out or screenshot**)
- ☐ Bicycle! **Very important!**
- ☐ Helmet! **Also very important!**
- ☐ Pump, spare tube x2 and repair kit
- ☐ Any tools you want (a multi-tool is useful). There will be a Route Mechanic, but it's best to be as self-sufficient as possible
- ☐ Something to carry your day gear in (backpack or pannier bag)
- ☐ Bike lock if you want to lock up your bike at night or in towns

#### For ON the bike:

- ☐ Pants (two or three pairs)
- ☐ Shirts (two or three)
- ☐ Shoes
- ☐ Socks (two or three pairs)
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Helmet and gloves
- ☐ Long riding tights, leg warmers or thermal pants (the mornings will be cool)
- ☐ Wind shell / rain jacket
- ☐ Wallet and money (to buy your morning tea and lunch in the towns)

#### For OFF the bike:

- ☐ Casual wear - for hot and cold
- ☐ Shoes
- ☐ Socks, underwear, PJs
- ☐ Waterproof jacket (maybe use your cycling one)
- ☐ Towel and toiletries (lightweight camping towels are best)
- ☐ Thongs or crocs for wearing to/from/in the shower
- ☐ Hat or cap
- ☐ Beanie (good on cool nights)
- ☐ Personal care kit

#### Simple first aid kit (keep in your jersey pocket or tent):

- ☐ Hand cleaning gel
- ☐ Sunscreen and lip balm
- ☐ Band-aids (approx. 10)
- ☐ Antiseptic cream (for cuts, scratches, bites, minor burns)
- ☐ Analgesic (painkiller)

#### Essential Items:

- ☐ Waterproof tent or swag
- ☐ A lightweight hammer for tent pegs on hard ground is useful

- ☐ Sleeping bag, small pillow and a sleeping mat
- ☐ Mug for tea and coffee
- ☐ Plate, bowl and cutlery
- ☐ Small torch or head lamp
- ☐ Ear plugs (if you have difficulty sleeping in a thin walled tent)
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Bags to put your clothes in
- ☐ A small collection of plastic bags – small resealable and garbage size

#### Optional extras:

- ☐ First aid kit (small)
- ☐ Bike lights - essential for people staying off the campsite, optional for others
- ☐ Small folding stool or groundsheet to sit on at your tent or meal times
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Mobile phone and charger (charging station will be at Ride Reception for \$2 for 2hrs)
- ☐ Dilly bag for carrying your gear to the shower (because it's best to take only what you need and to be able to hang the bag up)
- ☐ Snacks for the trail (or you can buy in the towns)

Pack everything into your bag and put a label on it with your name and best contact number – and you're ready! Keep what you need to start the ride on hand – once you load your luggage at Wulkuraka, you won't see it again until you arrive in Linville – so load what you need for the day into your riding bag or pannier.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

You've woken early, loaded the car and are now making your way to the Check-in Site at Ipswich Grammar Sports Field (cnr Pearse Dr and Mellor Pl). Parking at the Check-in Site will open from 6.45am, and Ride Reception will open at 7am. Buses will leave when full, starting from 7.30am. The last bus must depart by 9.00am.

When you drive through the gates, you will be directed to the carpark area where you can leave your car over the weekend. Then carry your luggage and wheel your bike over to Ride Reception (the BQ Tent).

Ride Reception will be open at both campsites over the next two nights and is your first port of call if you have any queries, questions or concerns. But for now, hand your Ride Ticket (or confirmation email) in at Ride Reception and in return you will receive:

1. A wristband – this will act as your event ID.
2. A numbered bike bib to be attached to your bike before it's loaded.
3. Your numbered luggage tag for your **one** luggage item.

Once you've attached your numbered bike bib to your bike, the numbered luggage tag, and your wristband to yourself, head on over to the luggage truck to load your bag. There will be spare luggage tags there if you need them. This is the last time you will see your luggage until the campsite in Linville, so make sure you have everything you need for the ride that day – helmet, gloves, shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, snacks, wallet, phone and anything else you think you'll need. There are two luggage trucks – be sure to remember which one you loaded your bags onto!

From there it's over to the bike transport trucks to load your bike. Your bike will be protected with a bike blanket, ensuring it's safe and warm for the journey. It's a 2-hour trip to Yarraman, so grab your water bottle from your bike if you need it. You may very well get to Yarraman before your bike does, or vice versa! Again, take note of which truck you loaded your bike into.

The drive to Yarraman will be a sneak peek of the terrain and countryside you'll be cycling through over the next few days. Don't want to spoil the surprise? Then by all means sit back, close your eyes and have a nap. Upon arrival in Yarraman, you and your bike will be dropped at the Yarraman Heritage Centre – there will be tea, coffee and cakes available for purchase before embarking on the trail.

Be sure to be at the Start Site (Yarraman Station Park at the end of Millar St) by 11.15am, ready for the rider briefing at 11.25am, just before the ride begins at 11.30am.

Come 11.30am, you'll be raring to get on board your bike and head off down the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail on the 2025 Y2W (Yarraman to Wulkuraka).

**Watch our event briefing online:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Aox9fml9l0>

### **General Route Information**

Over the next three days you will be riding on the disused rail easement of the Brisbane Valley rail line. The trail surface will consist of a mixture of smooth gravel with some rougher dirt sections. You will also pass through a few gates, navigate gullies and cross many bridges. The off-road nature of this event is far more mild than in previous editions over 5 years ago. However as an off-road ride, the trail can still throw all sorts of obstacles at you. Some of the creek crossings and descents to those creek crossings may best be approached by dismounting your bike and walking down, across and up. In some places, concrete paths and causeways have been installed to make the trail safer for users, but just because there's concrete doesn't mean it's smooth sailing. The smoother surface means you'll pick up pace quickly and, once the concrete ends, you'll be back on the dirt and going much faster than you were before. The point being made is to be safe and sensible, ride to the conditions and look out for your fellow riders.

There are many road crossings along the trail, some of which will be marshalled and others that won't. When crossing roads, please come to a complete stop, check left and right for traffic and proceed only when it's clear. Do not rely on the rider in front of you telling you it's clear – check for yourself.

The trail is already very well marked but we will also install our event signage. Keep an eye out for safety signage, informing you when a steep descent is coming up. Whilst we make every effort to sign every hazard, some are in difficult locations to reach, so again, ride to the conditions and look out for your fellow riders.

The BVRT has safety markers installed along the full route, located every km along the trail, starting at BVRT161 (Yarraman) and counting down all the way to BVRT001 (Wulkuraka). The markers are wooden posts in the ground with the BVRT symbol and the marker number i.e. BVRT161 etc. Please pay attention to these as you ride so if you do require assistance for any reason or come across someone in need of help, you can quickly identify your location and relay to our route control or medical support team. We will still have route marshals positioned along the route.

Pay extra attention to where they are as you pass so you know how far back you have to track if required. These marshals will have access to radio communications and can get messages to the Route Manager or Ride Reception. Especially useful if you need non-urgent medical attention, a mechanic, or a lift to the campsite.

As you ride along, you will be passing through many small towns. These towns represent communities as historic as the rail line that are now benefiting from the rail trail and your welcome visitation. It's for this reason we have left it up to you to purchase your own food and drinks for morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Get into those small towns and experience the famed country hospitality you've only heard about! In these towns you will also find places to refill your water bottles\*, bicycle repair stations (pumps and tubes), ATMs, public toilets, medical centres and hospitals.

First aid along the route will be provided by Salus Group. When not in motion, they will be stationing themselves at key locations along the route and in towns, so you may pass them as you are riding along. Please note they will not always be in those positions, as they could be in transit either to or from that point.

## **IMPORTANT**

If you are in an emergency that requires immediate attentions, please call 000 (or 112 if in an area of poor reception) in the first instance, and then the Route Manager or Ride Reception to let us know what has happened. Save these numbers into your phone now:

Number	Who?	When to dial
000	Emergency Services	In an emergency
112	Emergency Services	In an emergency when in an area with poor phone reception
0408 623 841	Salus Group	For non-emergency medical assistance, and to alert the team once the emergency services have been notified
0411 688 460	Event Director	In need of non-emergency assistance while on route, or after emergency services have been notified to let us know what has occurred
0459 410 558	Ride Reception	In need of non-emergency assistance while on route, at the campsite or in the campsite host town. Or after emergency services have been notified to let us know what has occurred.

Some of the route is in remote areas and even some of the towns have very poor phone service. Telstra is the most reliable service in the area, but also bear in mind if you need to make a phone call, many of the shops have landlines and would be willing to help.

## **Campsite Information**

Each day the campsite will be open for riders around midday. At each site, you will find:

- A suitable space to pitch your tent
- The Ride Reception BQ Tent, including information about dinner and BQ items to purchase
- Toilets, showers and wash tables.

## **Pitching Your Tent**

In case you missed that detail, this is a camping event. The deal is you bring a tent to sleep in each night. You may prefer a swag and that's fine, so long as the total weight including your bag doesn't exceed 20kg per person. A mattress of some sort is certainly also recommended, not so much for comfort as for insulation from the ground. The mean temperature range for the whole region (July) is between 8-21 degrees – but we've experienced close to zero in July so be prepared for it to get frosty! The early mornings can be very fresh. We recommend a good quality sleeping bag to sleep in at night. This event is also an all-weather activity, meaning if there's rain, we will still be riding and camping, so please make sure you take that into account when deciding what to sleep in or under. You will be responsible for erecting and dismantling your tent each day.

## **Ride Reception**

Ride Reception is what we call the Bicycle Queensland tent you will encounter at the Check-in Site, the campsites and the Finish Site (same place as Check-in Site). If inanimate objects could be friends, then Ride Reception would

be your best friend – for three days at least. At Ride Reception you will find some very helpful and knowledgeable people to assist you with any queries or concerns you have about the route, the campsites, or the towns we are visiting. Ride Reception will also be able to help with phone and e-bike charging (for a small donation), transporting any medication or CPAP machines, and lost and found. Our event mechanic, Nick from Pedal Inn Bicycle Garage, will also be based here in the afternoons. All in all, it's a handy friend to have.

### The Hub

The Hub is where all the fun happens! It will host the nightly rider briefings and will be where dinner will be served.

At the first campsite at Linville, The Hub will be located at the Linville Memorial Hall - catering will be provided by The Linville Hotel. It's barely a 200m walk from the campsite (torch recommended). Linville has a general store and of course the Linville Hotel, who both have options for lunch, coffee or a beverage. The nightly rider briefing will begin at 6.30pm.

At the second campsite in Esk, The Hub will be onsite at the Esk Civic Centre. Catering will be in the hall. As with the previous day, Esk has a variety of places to buy lunch or afternoon tea, or grab a drink. Be mindful of traffic when crossing Esk-Hampton Road or the Brisbane Valley Highway as you make your way into the centre of town. The nightly rider briefing will begin at 6.30pm.

You need to bring your own camping plates, bowl, cutlery, and a mug. This is part of BQ's sustainability policy to reduce waste via our events and operations.

### Toilets and Showers

There will be toilets and showers provided for you at both sites. We will endeavour to have them open by midday at each campsite but, depending on the situation, there may be a delay. Toilets are your standard port-a-loo and showers are also the single cubicle style. The showers will close at 9pm so they can start getting packed up ready to move the following morning, but the toilets will remain open all night. These units have spring loaded doors, so when using at night, please be considerate of those sleeping nearby and close the door gently behind you so it doesn't slam.

There will also be a wash bar set up to wash your dishes – in the hall at Linville and at the Civic Centre in Esk.

And really, that's about it! The only thing left to do is settle into your saddle and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

Here is a table of key dates and times during the event.

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
6:45am	Check-in Site and carpark open.
7:00am	Ride Reception will open.
7:30am	The first bus will depart the Check-in Site. Bus services will depart once full.
9:00am	Last bus must leave by this time.
9:30am	First bus arrives in Yarraman and drops riders off at the Yarraman Heritage Centre.
9:30am	First truck arrives to drop off bikes at the Yarraman Heritage Centre.
10:00am	Welcome morning tea (to purchase) at Yarraman Heritage Centre, courtesy of the Yarraman Progress Association.
11:00am	Last bus arrives in Yarraman.
11:15am	Riders start assembling at the Start Site.
11:25am	Rider briefing starts.
11:30am	Start of the 2025 Yarraman to Wulkuraka!
Midday	All riders must have departed the start site.
1:00pm	First campsite at Linville opens for riders.
5:30pm	Dinner serving begins at The Linville Hotel
6:30pm	Nightly rider briefing at The Hub.
9:30pm	The Hub closes.

10pm	Lights out at the campsite.
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
6:30am	Breakfast serving begins.
7:30am	Breakfast serving ends.
8:00am	Bicycle route opens.
9:00am	All riders must have departed by this time.
Midday	Second campsite at Esk opens for riders.
5:30pm	Dinner serving begins at The Hub.
6:30pm	Nightly rider briefing at The Hub.
9:30pm	The Hub closes.
10pm	Lights out at the campsite.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
6:30am	Breakfast serving begins.
7:30am	Breakfast serving ends.
8:00am	Bicycle route opens.
9:00am	All riders must have departed by this time.
Midday	Finish Site and carpark opens.
1pm	Or when last rider arrives, packs up and leaves in their vehicle – Finish Site and carpark closes.