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BE ON TOP of the World

Join us on top of the world at Mt Buller and experience the exhilaration of biking at altitude, no matter what your interests. From the freedom of our cross-country trails, to the rush of the downhill course and the burn of the uphill road challenge, there's something to suit you at Mt Buller.

Regardless of your skill level, take your riding to new heights at Mt Buller, where the mix of varied terrain, stunning alpine views and cool summer climate combine to create the ideal biking escape.

Mt Buller is not just for riders – a great range of events and activities make it perfect for a day trip or extended stay for all ages and interests. From thrilling 4WD adventures, rock climbing and horse riding tours to relaxing walks and sunset picnics on the summit, Mt Buller has something to suit all tastes. Enjoy a variety of bars, restaurants and accommodation options and immerse yourself in a unique alpine experience, just three hours from Melbourne.

For further information about what to do and where to stay at Mt Buller during summer, visit mtbuller.com.au.

MORE TO DISCOVER

Mt Buller is solidly cementing itself as a premier mountain biking destination, with a range of developments in place and more to come. Over the past six years, we have worked hard to develop the XC offering, teaming up with renowned trail designer Glen Jacobs and his team from World Trail to construct some seriously good trails as part of a five-stage plan.

Stages one and two of this plan were completed between 2007 and 2009, with new beginner and intermediate trails constructed around the Mt Buller Village plus five new loops between the Village and the Corn Hill area. Stage three saw the completion of Stonefly in January 2011, our signature 10km advanced endurance trail that stretches from Howqua Gap to Mt Stirling and back, and marks the completion of a trail network that allows mountain bikers to ride from the summit of Mt Buller to the summit of Mt Stirling.

In December 2011 as part of stage four, we launched Copperhead – brought to you by Specialized, Australia's very first flow down trail. Copperhead is a unique trail concept that incorporates a flow country style with a downhill edge suitable for both downhill and cross-country bikes and all types of riders. According to Glen Jacobs this trail is all about funk and flow, and marks the creation of a new style of riding that's never been seen before.

WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER?

Over summer 2011-12 as part of stage five, we completed works on several important linkage trails that better connect the XC trail network. World Trail also completed stage one of a two-stage upgrade to the Delatite River Trail, undertaking reshaping alignments and flow on the iconic trail to improve the rider experience.

Arguably the most exciting of these developments was the creation of Split Rock, a linking loop, which connects the Mt Buller Village with the Skills Park area. This loop bypasses the fire road at the waste water treatment plant, an important feeder trail to the Corn Hill area, Mt Stirling and Stonefly, the Delatite River Trail and more.



Previously, it was a tough climb to the Mt Buller Village, and now riders can enjoy Split Rock in two ways: a short descent from Gang Gangs trail to the Skills Park, or a climb with a series of switchbacks and a 40m boardwalk that connects with the Village Family Trail.

Another trail constructed last summer is a new link that connects riders from Copperhead back to the Village, avoiding the climb up the road. Named Snowgums, the trail crosses the road at Tip Corner and brings riders back onto Gang Gangs. World Trail has also realigned some sections of Skyline, creating an easier climb back to the top of Copperhead. These trails now combine to create a giant loop around the mountain, presenting riders with a challenging new ride.

WHAT'S NEXT?

What's happening this summer? Stage six! Glen and the team will be back to complete the second stage of the Delatite River Trail upgrade, carry out improved drainage works on Copperhead, resurface the Village Circuit and add the finishing touches to Snowgums. And stage seven? Yep! We've already got plans in the pipeline so be sure to visit us again next summer.

For further information on what's new at Mt Buller this summer, plus a full list of events visit mtbuller.com.au.

X-COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mt Buller is home to over 100 kilometres of quality trails, stretching around the mountain, over to neighbouring Mt Stirling and down into the Delatite and Howqua Valleys. Trails are open from December to April.

Visit the Resort's iconic landmarks and enjoy stunning sights including fields of wildflowers, forests of Snow Gums and Mountain Ash and the impressive view from the summit. All levels are catered for, meaning beginners right through to hardened experts can explore the area using pedal power.

The trails have been designed and built by renowned trail designer Glen Jacobs and his team from World Trail, and are designed to be low maintenance, sustainable and blend seamlessly with the alpine environment. All cross-country trails on Mt Buller and Mt Stirling are free to use and are suitable for conventional mountain bikes, ranging in altitude from 600 metres to 1805 metres and including a variety of technical features and obstacles.

The cross-country trails around the Mt Buller Village tend to be shorter and easier to use, located within easy access to bars, restaurants and medical assistance. The more difficult trails are those that tend to take you further away from the Mt Buller Village and into more remote areas, where it is recommended that you carry a supply of food and water. This particularly applies to back-country adventurers, who will enjoy tackling the distant and rugged tracks available throughout the alpine region.

MIRIMBAH BIKE SHUTTLE

A mountain bike shuttle operates from Mirimbah (at the base of the mountain) to Mt Buller each weekend from 24 November to Easter. Run by the Mirimbah Store, the shuttle makes four runs to Mt Buller a day (9am, 11:30am, 2.00pm and 4:30pm), and costs \$13 for one run or \$30 for all four. Special times can be arranged for group bookings. Contact 03 5777 5529 or email enquiries@mirimbah.com.au for more information.

LOCALS' TIP

The Delatite River Trail is a sensational ride that takes you on a thrilling and scenic tour down to Mirimbah, at the base of the mountain. Head down the Box Corner loop and follow the signs, on your way you'll cross the Delatite River a number of times – a perfect way to end a summer day's riding! Head to the Mirimbah Store when you get to the base of the mountain for a cool drink and one of their many homemade delights.

LOCALS' TIP

The famed Klingsporn Trail, an old stockmen's track, starts at the Mt Buller summit and takes you out of the Mt Buller Resort and into state forest, finishing at Mirimbah at the base of the mountain. This gruelling ride will test your skills and leave you feeling exhilarated.





BIKE BULLER ROAD CYCLING

Test your strength and endurance by cycling up to the Resort on the Mt Buller Tourist Road - a 16km uphill grind that stretches from the base of the mountain to the Mt Buller Village.

This climb rises 909 vertical metres, with an average grade of 6% and some sections that reach a gruelling 12%. Regular signposts allow you to chart your progress up the mountain, advising you of the altitude you have reached and the number of kilometres to go until you get the Mt Buller Village. Elite athletes train on the Mt Buller Road, including champion cyclist Simon Gerrans, who completed the climb in an impressive 39 minutes and 50 seconds - a personal best time.

Start the ride at Mirimbah at the base of the mountain or stretch it out even further and leave from Mansfield, the closest major town to Buller. The 48km run from Mansfield to the base of Mt Buller features relatively easy rolling hills and offers some great views on the approach to Buller. While the uphill ride to the Mt Buller Village is best suited to experienced road cyclists, riders of any level can undertake the exhilarating journey back down the mountain - and it's a worthy reward after the gruelling climb.

7 PEAKS ALPINE ASCENT CHALLENGE



Take the 7 Peaks Alpine Ascent Challenge and pedal your way through the Victorian High Country to be in the running for some great prizes. Climb four of the seven participating Victorian peaks (Mt Buller, Hotham, Dinner Plain, Lake Mountain, Falls Creek, Mt Baw Baw and Mt Buffalo) during the period of 1 November 2012 - 31 March 2013 and you'll go in the draw for the major prize - and, if you ride one, two, three or all of the peaks, you'll also be in the running for some fantastic 'Peak Prizes'. Find out more and pre-register for the Alpine Ascent Challenge at 7peaks.com.au.

TRAIL MAP

Check out the trail map on the reverse side of the page and start planning your visit to Mt Buller right now. When you hit the mountain be sure to grab a full version of the trail map from Alpine Central – this is just a sample to get you excited and is intended for information purposes only.




















CROSS-COUNTRY TRAILS

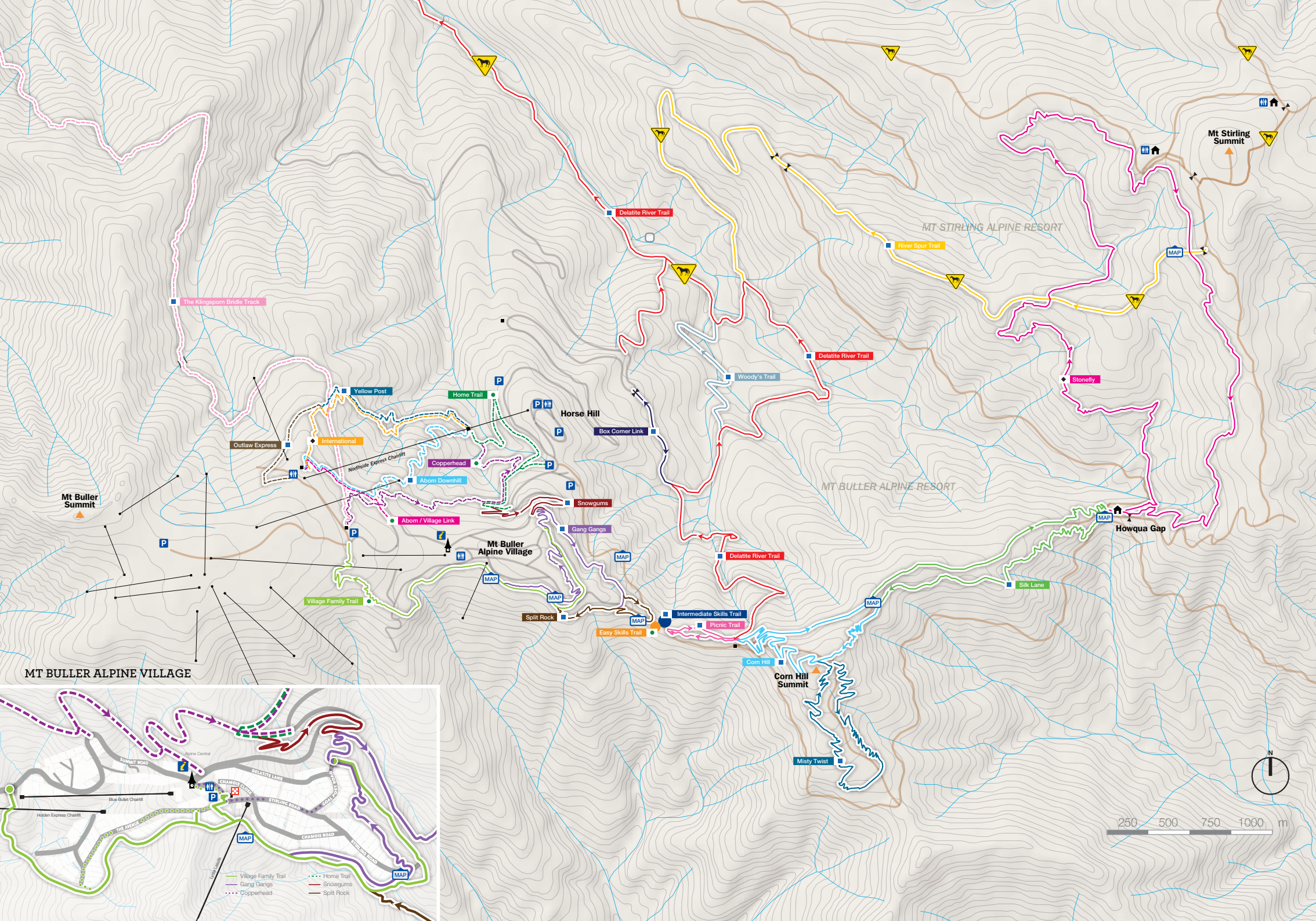
Trails are open December to April. Cross-country trails are available free of charge to riders and are suitable for conventional mountain bikes. They consist of a variety of terrain that may incorporate challenging technical features or obstacles. The trails are multi-use, so please ride appropriately and be courteous to other trail users.

DOWNHILL TRAILS

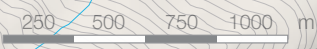
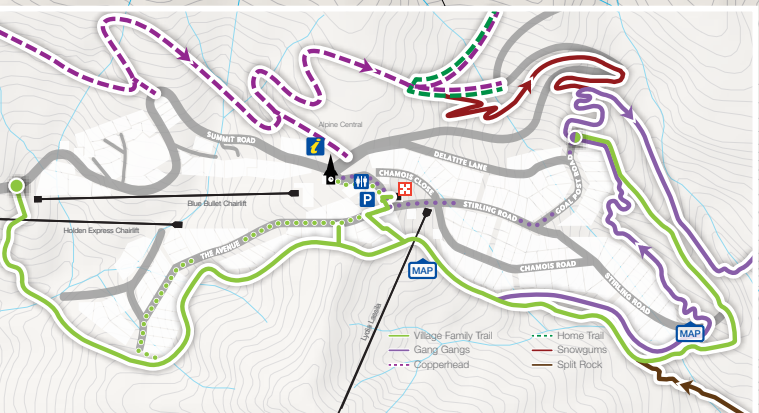
Trails are open December 26 to January 28. Mt Buller's downhill trails begin at the Northside Discovery Centre and are marked with trail-head signs detailing their degree of difficulty, length and elevation loss – green for easiest, blue for more difficult and black for most difficult. Read the sign at the start of each track for specific trail information. Obey trail closures.

MAP LEGEND

	Easy		Village Family Trail
	Intermediate		Delatite River Trail
	Advanced		Gang Gangs (Trail No. 6)
	Sealed Road		Picnic Trail (Trail No. 7)
	Unsealed Road		Silk Lane
	Water course		Stonefly
	Chairlift / T-Bar		Misty Twist (Trail No. 10)
	Refuge shelter		Corn Hill (Trail No. 8)
	Gate		River Spur Trail
	Toilets		Box Corner Loop
	Parking		Klingsporn Track
	Information		Abom / Village Link
	Medical Centre		Home Trail
	Clocktower		Abom Downhill
	Easy Skills Trail		Outlaw Express
	Intermediate Skills		Yellow Post
	Split Rock		International
	Snowgums		Copperhead



MT BULLER ALPINE VILLAGE





DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING

In summer, Mt Buller's premier snow runs turn into the ultimate downhill mountain biking course with a variety of challenging technical trail features such as berms, ramps and jumps.

Mt Buller features four downhill mountain biking trails that are serviced by the Northside Express Chairlift. All riders must have a valid pass that covers the use of all mountain bike trails and the chairlift. A Downhill Day Pass costs \$58 per person, a Two-Day Value Pass is \$103 and Season Pass is priced at \$357 per person. The downhill trails begin at the Northside Discovery Centre, at the top of the Northside Express Chairlift, and are marked with trail-head signs detailing their degree of difficulty, length and elevation loss. Full face helmets approved to Australian bicycle riding standards are compulsory for all downhill mountain bikers. Other protective equipment such as gloves, body armour and protective eyewear are also recommended. The Northside Express Chairlift is open 10am-4pm each day from December 26 through until January 28.

ACCOMMODATION AND PACKAGES



BIKE BULLER RECOMMENDS

Mt Buller has a selection of accommodation properties that have been given the Bike Buller Recommends stamp of approval for cycle-friendly facilities. Look for the Bike Buller Recommends logo on accommodation listings on the Mt Buller website.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS GALORE

A range of accommodation options are available to suits all tastes and budgets – a sample is below. For a full list, visit mtbuller.com.au.

- * Mt Buller Chalet Hotel & Suites: from \$210 twin share including full breakfast.
- * Buller Backpackers: from \$45 per person
- * Ski Lib Alpine Club: from \$43 per person
- * Self-contained apartments: 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments available from \$225 per night.

For further details and to book, call 1800 BULLER or email reservations@mtbuller.com.au.

SUMMER THRILLS AND RIVER SPILLS

Take up the Delatite River Trail challenge and ride to Mirimbah, at the base of Mt Buller, crossing the Delatite River a number of times.

Package includes:

- * 1 night accommodation at Ski Lib Lodge
- * 2 day cross-country mountain bike hire including helmet
- * 1.5 hour 'MTB Skills 101' guided instruction on 1 day
- * Downhill XC Rush Tour including bike hire, guide, skills instruction, lunch, return transport & mechanical support

FROM \$287 per person

For further details and to book, call 1800 BULLER or email reservations@mtbuller.com.au.

Valid from 1 Dec 2012 - 30 April 2013. Minimum numbers required. Conditions apply.



BIKE BULLER TOURS & CLINICS

Whether you're an absolute beginner or love to tear it up with the pros, you can make the most of biking at Buller with our qualified mountain biking experts from **Altitude** and **All Terrain Cycles**, as well as specialised clinics with elite coaches from the teams at **MTBSkills.com.au** and **Gravity OZ**.

Let the professionals take you on a cross-country tour, intense downhill skills session, general mountain biking skills clinic or a camp with an elite athlete - even women's-specific clinics. Cross-country tours with qualified guides are a great way to explore the extensive trail network of and around Mt Buller – head out on the Downhill Rush Tour with All Terrain Cycles and explore the Delatite River Trail that snakes its way down the mountain to Mirimbah.

Downhill skills sessions are the way to go for those with the need for speed who want to learn from the very best. Pick up skills and improve your downhill riding with the people that ride Mt Buller's tracks on a daily basis. General skills sessions are perfect to improve your overall riding skills and learn all about your bike. All guides and instructors are fully qualified and hold current first aid certification for your safety.

For further information, contact: Altitude on (03) 5777 7560 and All Terrain Cycles on (03) 5775 2724.

SPECIALIST MTB CLINICS

A number of clinics and camps - for all types and levels of rider - are run at Mt Buller over summer, and include specialist coaching from world class riders, accommodation, some meals and much more. Join a clinic and take your riding to new levels – all while having a fantastic time as well as meeting new people!

MTBSKILLS MT BULLER RIDING RETREAT

2-6 November 2012

GRAVITY OZ WOMEN'S TRAIL MASTER SKILLS CLINIC

17-18 November 2012 / 16-17 February 2013

GRAVITY OZ TRAIL MASTER SKILLS CLINIC: FUNDAMENTALS

24 November 2012 / 9 February 2013

GRAVITY OZ TRAIL MASTER SKILLS CLINIC: SKILL FOCUS PUMPING & CORNERING

25 November 2012 / 10 February 2013

GRAVITY OZ WEEKEND WARRIOR TOUR

1-2 December 2012

GRAVITY OZ TRAIL MASTER SKILLS CLINIC: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCE SKILLS WEEKEND

8-9 December 2012 / 23-24 March 2013

GRAVITY OZ SUMMER GRAVITY CAMP

11-13 January 2013

MTBSKILLS WOMEN'S SKILLS CAMP

1-3 February 2013 / 1-3 March 2013

2012-13 EVENTS CALENDAR

Mt Buller holds a series of sensational bike events throughout summer, with something to suit all skill levels and disciplines.

MTBA NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

16-20 January

This national event will see the best cross-country and downhill mountain bikers in the country convene on Mt Buller for a massive weekend of riding over a range of stages.

Info: www.mtba.asn.au / Telephone: 07 4959 1913

DOWNHILL STATE MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

26-27 January

The best downhill riders in the state will tackle the Mt Buller downhill tracks in an epic battle, competing for cash and prizes.

Info: www.vicdhseries.com / Telephone: 03 5777 7800

BIKE BULLER MTB FESTIVAL

9-11 March

The Bike Buller MTB Festival will hit Mt Buller for a fourth huge year, bringing hundreds of riders of all ages together for a massive weekend of competition.

Info: www.bikebuller.com / Telephone: 03 5261 5511

SCODY HIGH COUNTRY CYCLE CHALLENGE

16 March

A multi-stage road-cycling event that sees riders hit various areas in the Mansfield-Mt Buller region.

Info: www.bikeevents.com.au / Email: info@bikeevents.com.au

MANSFIELD-MT BULLER ROAD RACE

17 March

The event will take in the stunning scenery and gruelling challenge of the Mt Buller Tourist Road from Mansfield to the Mt Buller Village.

Info: mtbuller.com.au / Telephone: 03 5777 6077

Mt Buller holds a range of other events over summer, from food and wine festivals to car races and even a summer school – for a full event calendar visit mtbuller.com.au.



JOIN THE BIKE BULLER CRANK CREW

Want to hang with the cool kids? Then join the Bike Buller Crank Crew! Become a member and you'll be the first to hear about Mt Buller's latest bike news, as well as benefiting from some great perks available only to members. It's free to join – so what are you waiting for? Visit mtbuller.com.au for further details and to register.

STAY CONNECTED

Make sure you download the Mt Buller Live app for iPhone and Android. Have all the information you need at your fingertips, including event details, activities, webcams, MTB trail map, plus maps for bushwalking and getting around the Village. You can even track your riding or walking using the GPS tracking function and brag to your mates on Facebook and Twitter! Check it out today at the App Store or Android Market.





SPECIALIZED AND MT BULLER

Mt Buller has once again teamed up with leading bike manufacturer Specialized for the 2013 season, in what is shaping up to be an even bigger year for both organisations.

Specialized is an ideal fit for Mt Buller, with both brands experiencing considerable growth in the Australian market in recent years. Specialized offers a wide range of bikes and gear covering road, XC, DH and more, ideal for the thrills and challenges of Mt Buller's extensive trail network and gruelling uphill road climb. Mt Buller has put a lot of work into developing the bike product, and we're thrilled to have Specialized on board supporting the Bike Buller name and helping to cement Mt Buller's reputation as a premier mountain biking destination.

Specialized is linked to the hottest new trail in the country, Copperhead – brought to you by Specialized, which was launched in December 2011 and remains the only flow down trail in Australia.

ABOUT SPECIALIZED

Specialized was founded in 1974 by riders for riders. Headquartered in Northern California and with local offices in Melbourne VIC, Specialized focus on the rider's need for functional and technically advanced products that provide a performance benefit.

