

GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

This 7.8km journey from South Gippsland's regional centre to Koonwarra is a relaxing, gentle descent past dairy farms, lowland forests and wetlands. Take in expansive views of the Strzelecki Ranges as you leave the busy atmosphere of Leongatha. Breathe in the native flora and be welcomed by an avenue of trees as you approach Koonwarra.

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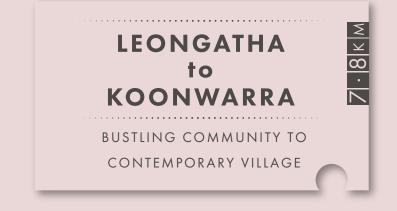
Nestled in the foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, Leongatha is the key commercial centre for South Gippsland, offering a range of retail and recreational opportunities, educational and medical facilities. The town's historic railway station can be seen from the trail at Horticultural Park. The original Mechanics Institute (1912) serves as a local history museum and the Memorial Hall (1925) houses a gallery showcasing local art and craft.

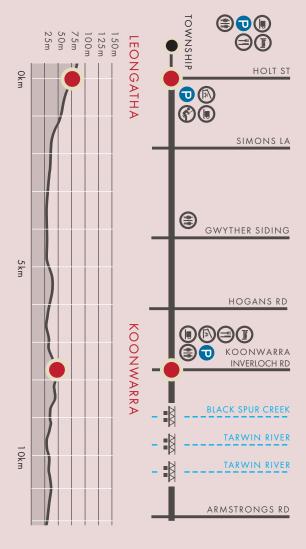




KOONWARRA

Koonwarra is a picturesque village known for its fresh produce, proud community spirit and sustainable living. Stop to savour some local fare, or pick up some fresh, seasonal produce at the Memorial Park Farmers' Market, held on the first Saturday of each month. The town is also an important site on Australia's fossil record with the Koonwarra Fossil Bed found by accident in 1961 and dating back to the early Cretaceous 115 million vears ago.





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