



Trial for bike transport with V/Line coach services

4 March 2010 Currently people cannot carry standard bicycles on any V/Line coach service. This rule affects casual users and large groups of bike riders alike.

Bicycle Victoria is about to begin a bike transport trial on the **Melbourne–Leongatha** coach service. The trial involves a bike specific trailer running alongside a specific V/Line coach service, the details are as follows:

- Riders can book their bike on the Friday 1.10pm service from Southern Cross station to Leongatha and Meeniyan.
- At Southern Cross station riders go to coach loading area and load their bike onto the bike trailer between 12.15pm and 1pm.
- The car and trailer carrying the bikes will meet the coach upon arrival at Leongatha and Meeniyan and riders can collect bikes from trailer.
- Riders can book their bike on the Sunday 5.46pm service from Meeniyan and Leongatha to Southern Cross station.
- The car and trailer carrying the bikes will meet the coach upon arrival at Southern Cross station and riders can collect bikes from trailer.
- Booking is not required but will ensure a place for the bike.

There is no fee for the service.

The trial will run on the following weekends:

Friday March 19 – Sunday March 21

Friday March 26 – Sunday March 28

Friday April 2 – Monday April 5

Friday April 9 – Sunday April 11

Friday April 16 – Sunday April 18

Friday April 23 – Sunday April 25

The Leongatha service has been chosen for the trial because of the high demand generated by the Great Southern Rail Trail. Riders can choose to hop on or off the service at Leongatha or Meeniyan (so the gap in the rail trial can be avoided).

This trial project is managed by Bicycle Victoria for the Victorian Government. Taylor's Coachlines of Leongatha will operate the service.

This trial aims to provide a short term option for bike riders who wish to travel to the Great Southern Rail Trail. It will also test the feasibility and efficiency of a bike specific transport service.

