

COLLIE DARKAN RAIL TRAIL
April 23rd – April 25th, ANZAC DAY 2016

Venue: Anna Sheehan will be hosting this event. Camping will be at the old Bowelling Station Siding. Rides will take place up and down the Collie-Darkan Rail Trail and around the area.

If you want to find out more about this trail visit their Facebook page of the same name or

<https://www.railtrails.org.au/trail?view=trail&id=175>



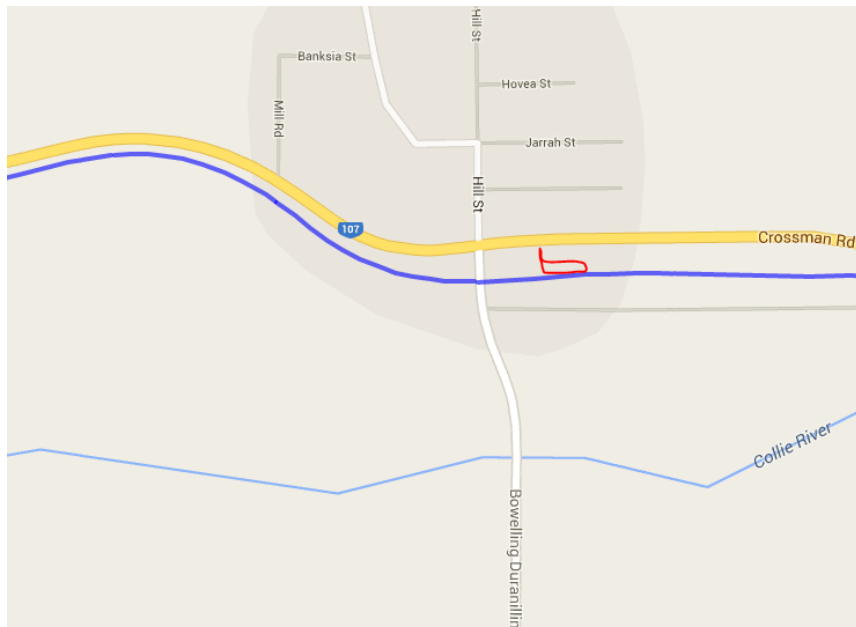
PLEASE NOTE: This is a multi-use trail and we may encounter walkers and bike riders along the trail. Please be patient and courteous at all times.

Directions: **Bowelling is located between Collie and Darkan on the Crossman Road** – The location of where we will be camping is marked red on the map below. Collie is to the left (West) approximately 35km and Darkan (East) is to the right approx. 29km. People from Perth can travel

1. Forrest Highway/Old Coast Road/Australind Bypass to Collie/Roelands turnoff, turning left into Raymond Road to South Western Highway and Coalfields Road junction, turning left then right at the dogleg, travelling up Coalfields Road to Collie.
2. Travel South Western Highway from Armadale to the Coalfields Road at Roelands, just before Burekup and turn left up to Collie.

Travel on through Collie to Bowelling Duranillin Road turnoff, travel a few hundred metres past and there will be a gravel entrance to the Bowelling Siding on your right. Turn in here.

Travelling from Albany Highway turn west into the Coalfields Road at Arthur River, drive through Darkan approx. 29km and you will find the gravel entry on your left. If you come to Bowelling Duranillin Rd crossing, you have gone too far.



Times: **Friday** – For those who would like to travel down on Friday and camp Friday night this is available, just let Anna know what you are doing.

Saturday – Half day ride – 18 km approx, starting at 12.30pm for a pre ride briefing, riding out at 1.00pm, **please don't be late** or we may leave you behind. Please ensure you sign Club Ride Register when you arrive and before mounting. Be prepared to carry your own and horses lunch. Tracks are gravelly and stony but generally flat as we will be riding the old railway formation back towards the Collie River. Horses should be shod or booted for this distance on hard ground.

Sunday – Full day ride – 35km approx. Pre-ride briefing at 8.30am, riding out at 9.00am. We will ride out towards Darkan for a few hours, stop for a lunch break and ride back to camp. Please be prepared to carry your own and horses lunch. **NO HAY, ONLY PROCESSED HORSE FOOD PLEASE!**

Monday – Half day ride – 15km approx. We will ride out into some of the local bush off from the trail and back to camp, arriving back about lunchtime.

Non-campers PLEASE LET ANNA KNOW WHAT DAYS YOU ARE RIDING!

Campers: Bowelling Station Siding has a small old building with limited cover available. Campers will need to be completely self sufficient camping in floats, tents or cars. The ground may be hard so be prepared with hammers/mallets for your yard stakes. Ground is flat for yards off the floats.

Hay: **If you bring hay, you must be prepared to clean it all up, we MUST leave the camping area as clean as we found it for other users. PLEASE CLEAN UP ALL HAY AND MANURE!! Be prepared to take it home!**

Yards: Bring your own and be prepared for hard ground. We will **not** be in a fenced area, although a good distance off the road, so make sure your electric fence unit is working properly with fully charged batteries.

Water Some Horse water may be available from rainwater tank, bring your own human water and as much horse water in plastic containers as you can carry.

Ablutions: There are no ablutions, so be prepared with a shovel or portable loo.

Meals: Bring your own. **NO FIRE, FIRE RESTRICTIONS WILL POSSIBLY STILL BE IN PLACE,** Please bring gas stove for cooking.

Children: This event is suitable for children

Tracks: Terrain will be flat and gravelly and horses should be booted or shod on all four feet to be able to travel the distance on hard ground.

Fees: **Members riding and non riding \$5**
Non-members riding and non riding \$50 per day
Late payment on the day add \$5 (this is not our preferred option)

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR FORMS WHAT DAYS YOU ARE ATTENDING AND IF YOU ARE CAMPING PLEASE!!

Entry forms to Anna Sheehan, P O Box 335, Mundijong WA 6123 with payment **ONE WEEK** before the ride please!! Further information from Anna on 0412 926 932

