



Mt Donna Buang Run

**Good morning fun-seekers ...
we are going for a little drive into the hills.**

From our starting point at Doncaster Shoppingtown (Melway ref 33 D 12) we head for Kinglake, via Eltham and St Andrews. The climb up to Kinglake is via the famous 12km Mt Slide Road. This is a particularly “bent” road and is moderately challenging. Care is needed ... so ***drive only at your own pace and level of confidence.***

Our first stop is at Kinglake ... a chance to let the intercoolers drop a few degrees and clean the windscreen, etc etc.

Then it's off to Healesville via Toolangi and Myers Creek Road. The road into Healesville is one of the favourite downhill stretches of mountain road.

From Healesville we head to Warburton on the Woori Yallock Road and Dalry Road and through the township of Launching Place. This is a reasonably easy section and is quite relaxing.

Our second stop is at Millgrove. Time to freshen-up and have a cool drink.

From Millgrove it is a casual ride of 5km through Warburton.

Then as a special finale ... our drive finishes off with a spectacular 17km climb to the top of Mt Donna Buang. It's so good you may want to do it all over again.

Our picnic point is actually 3km down from the top of the mountain. So it's ... turn around at the top and head back down to the pavilion and some good chatter.

Hope you enjoy the drive, the countryside and the company.

Rob and Carolyn Spargo
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Total distance = 126.9km Trip time = 1hour 42.37 minutes (plus stops)

Remember ... the Club's convoy rules apply to all participants.

Courtesy, safety and stay within legal (and safe) speed limits at all times.

Drive within your own capabilities ... respect others.

Run notes

| | Odometer | Action | Where | Place |
|----|-------------|-----------|--|---|
| 1 | 000 | | Set odometer to 00 | Doncaster Shoppingtown car park exit |
| 2 | 0.0 | TR | ... and keep in right-hand lane | Doncaster Shoppingtown car park exit lights to Williamsons Road |
| 3 | 0.6 | TR | into Williamsons Road and head north to Eltham. Continue SO over Porter Street <i>(note: Williamsons Road becomes Fitzsimons Lane here)</i> and over the Yarra River. | lights on corner of Williamsons and Manningham Roads |
| 4 | 6.2 | TR | at roundabout on to Main Road, then head towards and through Eltham on Main Road. | roundabout at end of Fitzsimons Lane |
| 5 | 12.6 | SO | towards Yarra Glen | Research township lower roundabout |
| 6 | 12.7 | SO | towards Yarra Glen | Research township upper roundabout |
| 7 | 15.7 | TL | This is a <u>very sharp left</u> and should not be taken at over 80km/h if your partner is in the car! | Weller's Restaurant corner |
| 8 | 16.5 | SO | towards Kinglake | roundabout |
| 9 | 23.4 | VL | to take C728 to Kinglake | Panton Hills roundabout |
| 10 | 28.6 | TR | to Kinglake and head on up the very winding road with care. Be aware of blind corners and keep to the left of the centre line at all times. No passing. <i>Watch out for motorcyclists and other nutters doing the mountain road thing at high speed.</i> | "T" intersection at St Andrews |
| 11 | 41.9 | TL | towards Whittlesea and continue for 150m | Kinglake East roundabout |
| 12 | 42.1 | TR | into comfort stop place beside the pub. Time to compare notes. | Road to comfort station |
| 13 | 42.2 | | depart comfort station and head back to (11) Kinglake East roundabout. Go through roundabout and head towards Healesville. | Kinglake East roundabout |
| 14 | 51.3 | TL | travel 100 meters and then | Melba Highway intersection |
| 15 | 51.4 | TR | towards Healesville along C724 | Melba Highway intersection |
| 16 | 56.8 | | | enter Toolangi |

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| 17 | 58.9 | TL | into Myers Creek Road. This is an interesting road and is a favourite for down hill bends and curves. <i>Be on the lookout for Porches and WRXs coz we seem to come up on them rather fast and it can frighten them dreadfully.</i> | Myers Creek intersection |
| 18 | 72.8 | | | entering Healesville |
| 19 | 73.7 | TR | into Healesville and continue through township on B360 (now heading towards Melbourne for a few km) | intersection Myers Creek Rd and Healesville |
| 20 | 77.0 | TL | to Woori Yallock (C411) | turn off to Woori Yallock |
| 21 | 86.7 | TL | into Dalry Road | turn off to Daly Road |
| 22 | 91.5 | TR | to Launching Place (C506) | "T" intersection with Dalry Road |
| 23 | 93.3 | TL | to Warburton (B380). <i>Most of the road speed here is 80km/h or below.</i> | "T" Intersection at Launching Place |
| 24 | 102.0 | Rest stop | Rest stop on right-hand side of road when passing through Millgrove. | Millgrove rest stop |
| 25 | 102.2 | | Resume road to Warburton | |
| 26 | 106.7 | VL | take Road to Mt Donna Buang (C507). <i>After a fairly leisurely 80km/h zone the road opens up a little into a spectacular climb.</i> | intersection after Warburton township |
| 27 | 114.9 | TL | for the last 9km of the climb to top of Mt Donna Buang. <i>Watch out for cyclists, bushwalkers, hikers, mountain climbers, small children and others of this type who wander on public roads on weekends. Also ... look out for other road users not in MX-5s: they can be quite silly.</i> | Cement Creek tree top walk |
| 28 | 120.9 | | continue to top of mountain | toilet and pavilion |
| 29 | 123.9 | | turn around and go back 3km to the pavilion | end of road at top of mountain |
| 30 | 126.9 | Stop | ... and enjoy the company a while | toilet and pavilion |

Legend: TR – turn right TL – turn left SO – straight on VR – veer right VL – veer left

It should now be about noon time for a drink and to spread the blanket for a lunch in the sun (or shade).

On the way home why not stop over at the Cement Creek tree top walk?

Thank you for coming along and have a safe journey home. See you on the next run.

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