

## Trail Description

### Delatite Drop



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| <b>Trail Name:</b>             | <b>Delatite Drop</b>   |
| <b>Primary trail used:</b>     | Delatite River Trail   |
| <b>Distance:</b>               | 14km   |
| <b>Trail type:</b>             | One way  |
| <b>Ascent/Descent:</b>         | 296m (+) / 1203m (-)   |
| <b>Grading:</b>                | BLUE   |
| <b>Start + Finish points:</b>  | Start at the Clock Tower in the Mt Buller Village Square. Finish at the Mirimbah picnic area.  |
| <b>Via trails:</b>             | Family Trail, Soul Revival, One Tree Hill, Gang Gangs, Picnic Trail, Delatite River Trail.   |
| <b>Highlight features:</b>     | Multiple log river crossings. Fern gullies. Transition from high alpine snowgum to mountain ash country. Abundant birdsong powered by insect life breeding along the waterways. A soft gradient that makes you feel like you're flying.  |
| <b>Descriptor:</b>             | <p><i>Running the magnificent Delatite River watershed, runners gather momentum with each passing creek. Crisp, high snowgums give way to mighty mountain ash as you descend from Mt Buller Village to the picnic grounds of Mirimbah at the resort entry point.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From the Clock Tower in the Village Square, head south 150m (between Cow Camp Plaza and the Kooroora Hotel), dropping onto the even graded gravel of Village Family Trail. Turn east (left) and run for approx. 400m before splitting left onto Soul Revival and One Tree Hill, sublime single tracks running gentle and fast with custom berms.</li> <li>2. You will rejoin Family Trail at approx. 1.2km. Keep straight on here, hitting Goal Post Road a few hundred meters along. Over the sealed dead-end road, turn directly right onto the steep berm of Gang Gangs.</li> <li>3. Roll along this magic trail for another 1km before turning left at a fork onto a short section of the tight-bermed, rocky and steep final descent of Gang Gangs that leads to Corn Hill Road.</li> <li>4. Take Picnic Trail singletrack located over Corn Hill Road, to the left side of the MTB skills park. At the next multiple trail junction (approx. 600m along from Corn Hill Road, which is still on your right), take the left hand trail (a wide, 4WD track leading down): the Delatite River Trail.</li> <li>5. Dropping steeply at first, the descent steadies off with some sharp turns, loose rock and soaked ground from springs and small creeks. Snowgum forest makes way to massive mountain ash and groves of riparian forest.</li> <li>6. You will descend for several kilometres, zig-zagging on a few switchbacks, before coming alongside the banks of the Delatite River. Maintain this close relationship all the way to the finish.</li> <li>7. Several trails merge as you continue to descend. Box Corner Link heads left at approx. 2.5km and Plough Shed trail, also to your left, is at approx. 6.5km. Both trails head back to the Mt. Buller Tourist Road, which is at all times high above on your left shoulder. Stay with the Delatite at all times to lead you home.</li> <li>8. You will cross a final log crossing and emerge into Mirimbah Park, where a quick dip in the rushing Delatite River is recommended for a bit of cold-water leg therapy.</li> <li>9. If you arrive at appropriate timing, the Mirimbah Store (<a href="http://www.mirimbah.com.au">www.mirimbah.com.au</a>) may be open, down the road a few hundred metres on your left. Have a pick-up arranged or time it to meet one of the Bike Shuttles (these service mountain bikers on weekends looking to return to the Mt Buller Village), which depart from the store.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Rating /45 (technical)</b>  | 23 / 45  |
| <b>Rating /10 (indicative)</b> | 5 / 10   |