

# Rail line broadens horizons

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The railway line to Mandurah is a boon for Perth-based cyclists because it opens up a range of new riding opportunities, simply by wheeling your bike on to a train.

With its local shared path network, flat terrain and many natural attractions, the Peel region is an ideal cycling environment.

From the Mandurah station, you have the choice of good routes heading east, south and west — all three starting near the platform's southern end.

The eastern route uses shared paths that run alongside Murdoch Drive, Mississippi Drive, Rio Grande Avenue and Pinjarra Road.

A right turn into the path adjacent to Wanjeep Road takes you all the way to the Coodanup foreshore, which overlooks the estuary.

You can then follow the waterside path that winds its way west into the Mariners Cove development and Creery Wetlands Nature Reserve.

The southern route uses a shared path on the western side of the bypass road that turns right into the Pinjarra Road path and left into a path alongside Coolibah Avenue.

This takes you to Waterside canals, where it joins a path running through Soldiers Cove to the old traffic bridge.

Over the bridge, the path runs



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alongside Mary Street and Halls Head Parade. Sticking to the coastline, it is possible to ride all the way to Port Bouvard using only shared paths or quiet streets, and many of the beaches along this stretch have bike trails.

The western route takes you into the town centre via Allnutt Street and a shared path alongside Peel Street. At Mandurah Terrace, you can either head left to the main foreshore/boardwalk precinct or straight ahead to Dolphin Quay, with its specialty shops, market stalls, restaurants and ample bike parking facilities. From Dolphin Quay, a shared path runs north along the coast past Silver Sands and San Remo, currently ending at Madora Bay.

A Mandurah cycling and walking guide on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's cycling website, shows all these routes, including the location of picnic areas, cafes, public toilets, lookouts and other places of interest.

**For more information, go to [www.dpi.wa.gov.au/cycling](http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/cycling).**