Leon and Cathy's How To Map

"Churinga" at Madalya in the Strzeleckis



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## Please do NOT use a GPS, trust these directions or you may end up lost on logging tracks!

## Coming from Melbourne

Approximate time from Melbourne GPO is 3 hours.

Follow the Princes Highway/Freeway east towards Morwell. There are numerous turn offs to Morwell from the Morwell by-pass section of the freeway. The exit you need nominates Churchill, Federation Uni.

Times and distances are approximate only

	Mins	Km	Miles
Princes Hwy/Monash Way Junction. <b>Turn right</b> at the intersection controlled by	Note time. Reset		
traffic lights (toward Federation Uni)	odometer.		
Past Churchill township sign followed by useless monument (supposedly Churchill's	6	8.8	5.5
cigar). Last chance to purchase goodies, grog, gas, etc.			
Past Billy's Creek (still on Monash Highway).	9	12.8	8
At Walsh's Road, Sign post to Yinnar South. <b>Turn left</b> up slight grade.	11	15.4	9.6
At T-intersection, Jumbuck Road. <b>Turn left.</b>	12	16.2	10
Caution. Next turn is about 100 metres past T-intersection.			
Y-intersection. <b>Turn right</b> down steep grade. Middle Creek Road.	12.5	16.5	10.3
Past Martin Walker Reserve – left side of road just over unnamed creek. Continue	15	20.3	12.6
with no turns. You are now on Gilberts Road and start climbing for about 4 miles or			
6km.			
T-intersection, end of bitumen. <b>Turn left</b> onto dirt road (Whitelaws Track) but not	18	23.3	14.5
signposted.			
At junction of Whitelaws Track and Budgeree Road (formerly Midland Highway.	25	27.1	16.8
Continue straight, do not turn right Gravel road has many bends, many potholes,			
often wallabies and wombats! As you drive on Budgeree, you will see number			
markers on the left side of road			
<b>②</b> Just past the 51 number marker you will come to a T-intersection at	38	35.5	22
English's Corner (sign for English's Corner may be missing) <b>Turn left</b> on to Grand			
Ridge Road (Going toward Tarra-Bulga National Parks).			
Y-intersection sign posted Yarram 32 km and Madalya 8km. <b>Turn right</b> off Grand	42	38.3	23.8
Ridge Road on to Yarram-Morwell Road.			
Grey farmhouse on right with large sheds, a big green one on the road's edge	54	46.4	28.8
☑ At the 17.5 K marker and the Y-intersection, <b>Stay to left</b> uphill onto Turpins Road,	55	46.5	28.9
Madalya Estate sign. 6 colourful <b>mailboxes</b> on right. 🗗 🗗 🗗 🗗 🗗 (if you've			
hit the 17 K marker, you've gone 500m too far)			
Past Brown house on left, view to Port Albert, Yarram and Wilsons Prom to right.	56	47.1	29.3
Continue to River Road intersection. <b>Turn left</b> , steep descent. Caution. If wet, low	57	48	29.8
gear.			
Only a few hundred yards/metres to go now. Continue descent, River ahead, ignore lef	t hand tra	ick. Tu	rn

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	Note time. Reset			
Watch for the Wellington Shire sign just past Hedley – note time/odometer there.	odometer to 0			
Turn left on to Lanes Road	3	5.2		
At T intersection - turn left on to Gelliondale Rd	7	9.3		
At next intersection - Turn right to stay on Gelliondale Rd (this is confusing as the	9	11.7		
road is called that again)				
At T intersection - turn left to again remain on to Gelliondale Rd	11	14.4		
Continue to Yarram Morwell Road (at base of the hill) – sharp turn left up the hill on	14	18.6		
to gravel road.				
Keep going past the Quarry/ road will intersect with another road coming up. You	17	20.2		
will now notice number markers on the road. Stay heading up on Yarram Morwell				
Road				
•••Follow Yarram Morwell Road to 500m past the 17 K marker	31	29.6		
Turn right on to Turpins Road – sharp turn uphill with 6 mailboxes on your right		29.8		
Brown house on left, view to Port Albert, Yarram and Wilsons Prom to right	32	30.4		
At River Road intersection. Turn left, steep descent. Caution. If wet, low gear	33	31.3		
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For the simplest (though longer route) continue on the South Gippsland Highway into Yarram. Use the Sale directions below, **turning left** into Church Road.

## Coming from Sale (into Yarram and up to Madalya)

Take South Gippsland Highway to Yarram, approx 75km. Then take first **right turn** onto Church Road, signposted Tarra-Bulga National Park etc. Follow bitumen through several dog legs for approx 12.5km. At the base of the "hill", cross the bitumen and **travel straight up** on Egan's Track, a gravel road (the bitumen turns left and right) Continue travel on the gravel road which runs directly into the Yarram Morwell Road to Madalya. Now follow the above directions from ••• on the Yarram Morwell Road.

## Once You've Crossed the River:

Cross the river and face a gate with *Churinga* sign (You have arrived!) Through gate, the house is 1.8km up from the river. The track is quite narrowin most places with only the odd spot for cars to pass. **Do not speed**. 20-25kph is fast enough, up or down. Remember the bush law is that the car going up backs down for the car going down to pass.

NOTE: WAYS TO CARE FOR THIS ENVIRONMENT! (E=MC<sup>2</sup>?!!!) There are lots of native fauna around such as Lyrebirds, bush rats, antechinus, bandicoots, platypus, echidnas etc etc etc, that are often not seen by humans. Naturally, the native animals have priority. Therefore, dogs will be tolerated – just – but please keep them on a leash at night. If they are lively, they should be kept under control during the day as well. If you bring a cat you won't get it back. Please leave cats at home as they are too destructive with their natural hunting instincts.

Also: from experience it is strongly recommended, in case of fire, flood, snake bite or any other little problem, that you have your vehicles facing out, UNLOCKED, WITH KEYS IN THE IGNITION. The local wallabies have promised not to steal vehicles of any type and "Have you seen my keys?" is a cry no-one needs to hear.

FINALLY, if you have any suggestions for improvements PLEASE TELL US.