

# Useful Apps:

*Apps are only useful while you have mobile data coverage. Some are free, and some require paid subscriptions to access some features or extended locations.*

## Emergency Management:



### VicEmergency

On Google Play and Apple Store. Victoria only.

- Provides warnings and information on Bushfires, Flood, Air Quality and other Emergency Incidents.
- Set a watch zone around the area you are operating in to receive live warnings.
- Other states have similar apps but may need multiple apps for full emergency notification.



### EmergencyPlus

On Google Play and Apple Store. Nationwide coverage

- Provides local emergency contact numbers – can call from app.
- Provides location, address, gps co-ordinates and what3words.
- Links to First Aid advice



### what3words

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Divides the world into 3mx3m squares with unique 3-word addresses
- Allows you to find someone from a What3Words address

## Communications



### Whatsapp

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Voice & Text based communication using mobile data services
- Allow quick communication to a group
- Useful to broadcast information and for check-ins

Other apps like Messenger and SMS could be used.

## Weather



### Bom Weather

On Google Play and Apple Store. Nationwide coverage

- Can set a location to get local weather alerts
- All sorts of weather-related information
- Tip: Save screenshots of weather reports for offline access

There are other apps like Willyweather

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/activity-teams/cycling/>



# Navigation



## Trailforks

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Free service gives access to a map around your home location
- Saves maps for offline use, provides user generated trail reports
- Great for MTB trails.



## Strava

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Mapping, route finding, trip recording and digital logbook
- Trip planning
- Heatmaps are useful to find where people ride
- App and website



## Alltrails

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Mapping, route finding, trip recording and digital logbook.
- Heatmaps are useful to find where people ride
- App and website
- Great topographic maps



## Google Maps

On Google Play and Apple Store. International wide coverage

- Has a reasonable bike navigation filter
- App and website
- Streetview and satellite maps can be useful for activity planning

There are many more: MapMyRide, Kamoot, Ride with GPS etc.

## Notes on Apps:

Mobile phone apps can provide some great assistance in planning and running a cycling activity. Unfortunately, they are only good while your device is charged and for many, you are in mobile signal range. Plan for redundancies: printed map. compass and 2 way radio.

