

# Off the beaten track

Keen to challenge yourself on Clare Valley's back roads? The following three loops are only suited to experienced cyclists with a high level of fitness. The loops take you on public roads with unsealed, narrow and winding sections, rough surfaces and steep inclines. As you'll share the road with vehicles, they are not recommended for groups or families with young children. For your safety, be visible and travel during daylight hours only.

## Spring Gully loop (17km - difficult)

Starting at the Clare Valley Wine Food and Tourism Centre, head west along Spring Gully Road, following the Scenic Tourist Drive. At the Spring Gully Lookout, turn east at Sawmill Road. A few twists and turns will take you down to Hughes Park Road. From here it is either northbound towards Sevenhill and back via the Riesling Trail to the starting point; or connect onto the John Horrocks Loop heading southbound.

## John Horrocks loop (10.3 km - moderate)

At Penwortham, exit west at Pawelski Road, crossing Horrocks Hwy, continuing on Horrocks Road. Then ride north along Hughes Park Road, past several wineries, until you reach the eastbound turn on to Bayes Road, taking you into Sevenhill. Cross Horrocks Hwy again, heading east on College Road will take you back to the Riesling Trail.

## Father Rogalski (Polish Hill) loop (16.5 km - difficult)

At Penwortham, exit east on Pawelski Road and head eastbound. The steep ride up Trillians Hill Road will reward you with magnificent views. Crossing Jolly Way onto Polish Hill Road will take you into the Polish Hill Valley. This loop is not for the faint-hearted, but it includes some of the most scenic parts of the Clare Valley.

# More trail options

## Riverton trails

There are five trail options around Riverton, including the Lookout Trail with spectacular 360° valley views and the Duck Pond Trail that takes you to the Gilbert River Lake.

## Mawson Trail (900km)

This trail starts in the Adelaide Hills and ends at Blinman in the Flinders Ranges. It is for mountain bike enthusiasts looking for an outback challenge. The trail merges with the Riesling Trail between Auburn and Clare then diverges off towards Burra, via White Hut Road.



## The Lavender Federation Trail (325km)

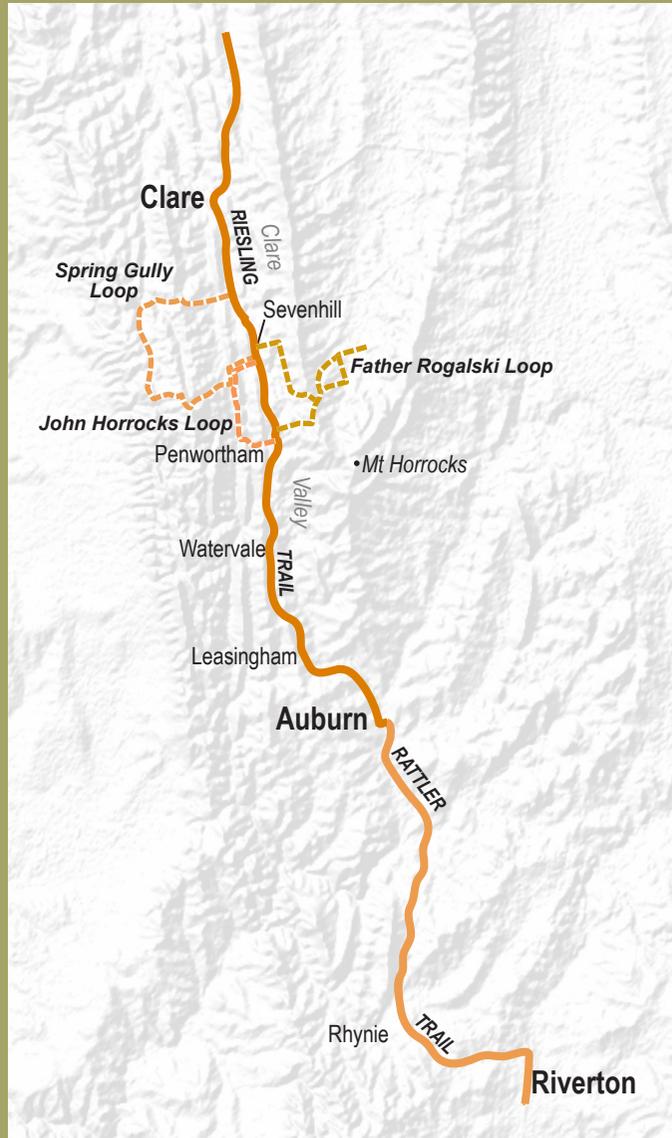
Designed for walkers only, this trail travels from the River Murray at Murray Bridge to the Clare Valley via the Barossa Valley. More than 80% of the trail is 'off road', using road reserves and little-used back roads or tracks. It merges with the Riesling Trail at Watervale and shares the trail until it takes a turn towards the west at Tatkana Road, just north of Penwortham. Walkers need to follow these directional signs.



# Fun for the family

## Gleeson Wetlands (1km)

A family-friendly optional loop is the Gleeson Wetlands in Clare, which features a gravel trail around three ponds. Home to a variety of native vegetation and birds, it is also a place to pause and enjoy the surrounds. Access Gleeson Wetlands by taking a detour from the Riesling Trail at York Road (near the sheep sculptures), cross Farrell Flat Road and ride past the Lakeside Railway. It can also be accessed via Christison Avenue.



"The cyclist" - located between Quarry Road bridge and College Road, Sevenhill.

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