

“Suggested Trail Rides”

Bring your own bikes, or hire them from any of the local bike-hire businesses – details are on our website.

Clare to Sevenhill (6 km)

Park at Lennon Street carpark, then ride or walk the delightful journey to Sevenhill and follow signs to Little Red Grape bakery where you could enjoy lunch and a few wines at their cellar door. You will return swiftly back to Clare downhill and enjoy tapas at Mr Mick's or a hearty meal at the Bentleys or Middle Pub.

For the kids...

1. Ride to Sevenhill Cellars and borrow the sports equipment to play on the lawns under the shade while parents enjoy a wine platter and packed cheese platter.
2. Head from Lennon St north to the 'Mob of Sheep' on New Road intersection, then down New Road and with care cross the Farrell Flat Road near Elders and continue north to Melrose Park and Inchiquin Lake on your left. There are miniature train rides at the Model Engineers Railway Station at designated times, or feed the ducks and take in the scenery of the lake and adjoining Clare Country Club.
3. Stay at the Discovery Caravan Park, Clare, (on-site cabins and bike hire are available) and be sure to grab some of Australia's best sausages from Mathies' Butcher Shoppe at the northern end of the Main Street. Any additional camping, walking and biking needs can be obtained at Sports Power shop not far from Mathies'.
4. Hire a novelty go-cart from 'Funwheels' at the Caltex Service Station, just north of the Discovery Caravan Park, and hit the trail. From there go either north or south as far as your legs will take you – but don't forget to save some energy for the ride back!

A 'mum and dad' getaway option

If you're keen on golf, hire some sticks at the Clare Golf Course pro shop and stay at the Clare Country Club. Clare Central Motel and Clare Valley Motel also offer great accommodation options close to the trail as well.

Restful and relaxing

Staying at Clare Valley Cabins is the perfect hideaway. Close to the trail, you could incorporate a Riesling Trail experience by heading north or south from the Hubbe Road crossing. Travelling south will ensure you take in the Lennon Street Trailhead adjacent to the town centre (4kms) and 'Mob of Sheep' sculpture, or, head north toward Barinia amongst the vines, gums and kangaroos (please be wary if walking with your dog) . Be sure to arrange that relaxing massage from Clare Valley Massage at the end of the trip. Perfect!

Wine lovers

Wineries are very welcoming of foot travellers and bicyclists and if you wish to purchase, credit card and deliveries make it easy or you can collect your favourite bottles when you have a car handy. Wineries close to walking distance from the trail include Tim Adams Wines, Sevenhill Cellars next to the historic St. Aloysius church, O'Leary Walker and Claymore at Leasingham, and Mt Horrocks at the southern end of the trail. A short 200 m walk or ride off the trail in Clare at Wendouree Road is Kirrihill Wines beside the Clare Rise Bakery. Crabtree at Watervale, where a warm welcome is assured, and Little Red Grape Cellar Door at Sevenhill are also worth a visit.

You could leave your vehicle at any of the following locations - Lennon St Carpark, Sevenhill Cemetery, O'Leary Walker Wines or where public roads cross the trail.

Experience the Riesling Trail from Leasingham

Situated at the half-way point of the combined Riesling and Rattler Trail journey (52 kms) is Leasingham, the perfect place to base your cycling adventure. Budget accommodation is well situated by the Riesling Trail at the Leasingham Village Cabins; also close to Claymore Wines and Vine Art Studio. Choose one of the rides below to suit your needs from Leasingham.

Long and Strong

From Leasingham, travel 7 km south to the boutique township of Auburn where you can stock up on necessities at Becker's IGA in readiness for the 19 km journey further south on the Rattler Trail. Connecting at the old Auburn Railway Station, now home of Mt Horrocks Wines, the 'Rattler Trail' has been recently upgraded and takes you all the way to Riverton. Make sure you go all the way to the duck pond and check out the magnificent old Railway Station. The ride back should ensure you sleep well after visiting Vine Art Studio, O'Leary Walker or Claymore Wines at the end of a 52 km ride for the day.

The following day, head north to Clare (18 kms) and even further to Barinia (7.5 km) to experience the whole Trail from your half-way point at Leasingham. After the return trip to Leasingham you will have notched up another 50 odd kilometres and 'cracked the ton' in two days!

Downhill and delightful

If you intend to ride as a family or group with various abilities, leave your car at Leasingham, and enjoy the gentle decline into Auburn (7 kms). Stop at O'Leary Walker Wines, which has easy access from the Trail, for a wine and cheese platter. Travelling further south towards Auburn, you will see some picturesque scenery, particularly stopping at 'Gathering', a locally

produced art display. The township of Auburn offers a wonderful range of gourmet delights for all tastes. You could even arrange your own epicurean pleasures from Becker's IGA and picnic or barbecue under the shady trees of the park, complete with playground and toilet facilities. Too full to cycle back? ... arrange one fit person to ride back for the car!!

Art Lovers

There are a number of outdoor artworks worth checking out, with the metal sheep sculpture, *'Mob of Sheep'* by Ty Manning, just north of the Lennon Street carpark in Clare. While at Clare don't miss a great photo opportunity to remember your Riesling Trail experience next to 'The Riesling Trail' sign on the stone wall at the Lennon Street carpark, a work of art in itself, by Paul Leditschke.

South of Leasingham is the Viv Zeirsch sculpture, *'Powerlines'*, and closer to Auburn is the relatively new piece *'Gathering'*, featuring local stone, by Verity Jasmin Burley & Kath Inglis. There are picnic shelters at both *'Powerline'* and *'Gathering'*, where rest breaks provide scenic Valley views.

Abstract artist Andrew Quixley has a studio at Leasingham, complete with Devonshire Tea and local produce available. Follow the signs from the trail at Leasingham.

Auburn

Don't miss checking out Auburn!

Hire a bike at 'Cogwebs', home of great coffee and food, and arm yourself with some local knowledge from the friendly staff there. Take in Mt Horrocks Wines at the old Auburn railway station, Australia's best pub meal at the Rising Sun Hotel or any of the other wonderful facilities and attractions that the tourist-friendly town has to offer.