

Riesling & Rattler Trails

Trails from Clare to Riverton

Map & Guide



The Riesling and Rattler Trails

Located 130km north of Adelaide, the Riesling and Rattler Trails are the reincarnation of an old railway line that provides a scenic and safe way to walk, run or cycle through the Clare Valley's renown wine growing region and adjacent farming region to the south.

These trails, from Riverton (in the south) to Barinia (in the north), have a well-maintained compacted gravel surface for travelling on foot or bike.

They are isolated from most traffic and town centres, making a secure and peaceful place for people to enjoy the outdoors. A relatively easy gradient with many access points allows you to create a route that suits your interests and fitness level.

The picturesque scenery encompasses views of vineyards, bushland, farms and tree-lined laneways. With every turn in the trail there's a chance to spot native flora and fauna, historical buildings, interpretive signs and an ever-growing display of sculptures. Take a break at one of the picnic tables and pause to read the series of story boards that reveal information about local history, the rail's development and some of the characters of our communities.

The Riesling Trail

From Auburn to Barinia - 33km

This covers the extent of the wine grape growing region of the Clare Valley. Car parking is available at many locations next to the trail, including at Auburn, Watervale, Sevenhill Cemetery, Clare and Barinia. Public toilets are near the trail at Auburn, Watervale, Sevenhill and Clare. Drinking water is available at Watervale and Clare.



The Rattler Trail

From Riverton to Auburn - 19km

The Rattler Trail, named after the so-called rattling trains that serviced this section, extends from the southern end of the Riesling Trail in Auburn to the Riverton oval. There is a rest shelter at Rhynie's old railway station. Car parking is available at Auburn near Mount Horrocks wines, at Riverton oval and Rhynie, with public toilets at all three towns.



Fast Facts

- Duration (depending on fitness and breaks):
Auburn to Barinia – allow 1.5 to 4 hours ride one way;
Auburn to Riverton – allow 1 to 2 hours to ride one way.
- The highest point is near Penwortham.
- Formerly part of a railway line between Adelaide and Spalding, the Riesling Trail was opened in 1994. The northern extension from Clare to Barinia was opened in 2009 and the Rattler Trail, from Riverton to Auburn, in 2007.
- The Riesling Trail was instigated by the Clare Valley Winemakers, funded by the Office for Recreation and Sport and local donations.
- The Rattler Trail was instigated by a small group of Riverton residents, Riverton Community Management Committee and funded by the OR & S and local donations. Trails are managed by volunteer management committees.

Facilities

Drinking water is available beside the trail shelters at Watervale, between Sevenhill and Quarry Road and at the Lennon Street car park in Clare.

Public toilets are located at Auburn Memorial Park, Watervale oval, Sevenhill cricket ground and Clare Skate Park.

Designated car parks are at Auburn, Watervale, Sevenhill, Clare and Barinia.

Sharing the trail

To allow everyone to enjoy our trail, please take care and follow these guidelines:

- Keep to the left where appropriate
- Alert other users when approaching
by calling out or sounding your bell
- Keep dogs under control
- Watch for surface damage caused by adverse weather
- Take all rubbish with you
- Motor bikes, unauthorised vehicles and horses are not permitted

Biosecurity matters

South Australia is one of the few places in the world free of the vineyard destroying pest phylloxera. Please refrain from walking through vineyards without authorisation and help us to keep South Australia phylloxera-free.

Wildlife

The Riesling Trail is part of a natural environment. For your safety, treat all wildlife with caution and only observe from a distance.

Bushfire Risk

Be alert to the dangers of bushfires during the summer months. Stay alert on days of high fire danger.

Bike hire

Clare Valley Cycle Hire (Clare)	0475 733 747
Cogwebs (Auburn)	0400 290 687
Discovery Holiday Park (Clare)	08 8842 2724
Riesling Trail Bike Hire (Clare)	0418 777 318

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance / Police / Fire	000 (Mobile users 112)
Clare Police Station	08 8842 2711
Clare Hospital	08 8842 6500

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