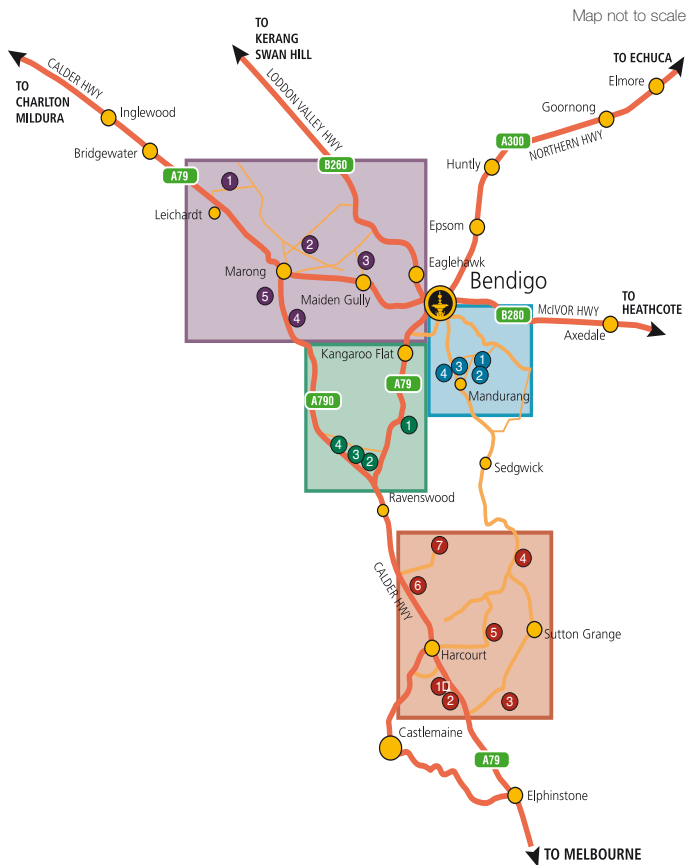


Bendigo

Winery Cycling Trails



Mandurang Valley Wine Trail

Harcourt Valley Wine Trail

Big Hill Wine Trail

Loddon Valley Wine Trail



Fondly referred to as “The Winemakers’ Region”, the Bendigo wine region is characterised by small family owned wineries with the cellar door outlet set amongst the vines from which the wine is made. Visitors will often meet the winemakers, sleeves rolled up, tending to their vines or working in the winery.

The climate of Central Victoria, its rich soils, spring rain and long hours of summer sunshine, are ideal for growing shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. The region is famous for its bold and deeply flavoured varietal wines. The history and stories behind the vines of the region are as rich and deeply flavoured as the wines!

Bendigo can be said to be a “City in the Forest.” Hence the stunning countryside and quality wineries that surround Bendigo are perfect for exploring by bike. Another highlight is the natural environment of native bush, wildlife, birdlife and magnificent Box-ironbark forests. Roads and tracks are good and other attractions like eateries, picnic spots and gold-mining relics may be found along the way.

Four Winery Cycling Trails have been created to guide you to just some of the many treasures that can be discovered in the Bendigo region. The trails lead you to the cellar door of wineries and alerts you to other stops along the way. Information about opening times is included for each trail. The distance of each cycling trail is indicated, but the time it takes is left to you! As you may choose to enjoy a picnic along the way, to leisurely partake in wine tasting at each vineyard or to dine in a café or restaurant on the trail.



Mandurang Valley Wine Trail

Distance	Ease of Ride	Type of Bike
21km	Varied surfaces & minor hills.	Suitable for hybrid & mountain bikes.

Experience the beautiful Mandurang Valley by bike. This trail takes you in a loop from the Alexandra Fountain on Pall Mall, out through Spring Gully to the stunning Mandurang area. Located around 10km south-south-east of Bendigo, the centre of Victoria is considered to be on the steps of the Mandurang Uniting Church. No longer in use, the church sits on the site that corresponds with centroid calculations – it’s the true heart of Victoria.

There are four vineyards to visit along the way with a variety of wine styles including Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot, Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc to tempt your tastebuds. Two of the vineyards also offer a range of food to sustain you along your journey.

The terrain is varied from sealed roads through to gravel roads, and all are rolling and undulating with some minor hills to climb.

An easy ride for any person of average fitness.





- Follow this for about 1km and turn left into Lynnevale Estate.

A boutique winery with a cellar door featuring estate wines and gourmet meals. Quality B&B accommodation also available here.

NEXT STOP.....BENDIGO CITY

- To return to Bendigo, go back to Mandurang Road and turn left onto it. Follow this for about 6kms back along Spring Gully Road. At the end of Spring Gully Road, turn right back into Carpenter Street, which changes into Mitchell Street taking you back to the Alexandra Fountain.

In The Area

Accommodation

Lynnevale Estate – Quality B&B

PH: 5439 3635

Maze Bendigo – Modern Self-contained

PH: 5444 4788

Other Attractions

One Tree Hill Lookout, Mandurang Orchid Nursery and Bendigo's Indigenous and Wildflower Nursery-Goldfields Revegetation.

Take care!

General traffic and the possibility of kangaroos on roads.

So Let's Go...

- Start at the Alexandra Fountain on the corner of Pall Mall and View Street in the centre of Bendigo. If parking a car, you may wish to begin further along Mitchell Street, or even into Carpenter Street.
- Go along Mitchell Street (over the railway line), this changes into Carpenter Street (at traffic lights), for approximately 2.5kms until you reach Spring Gully Road, across from the Bendigo Cemetery, and then turn left.
- Follow Spring Gully Road, as it changes into Mandurang Road. Continue for approximately 6kms, until you reach Tannery Lane on the left.

FIRST STOP.....MANDURANG VALLEY WINERY

- Travel 2.2kms along Tannery Lane. You will pass Tannery Lane Vineyard on the right. It is open by appointment. A little further along you see the intersection of Faderson's Lane. Turn right onto this and follow along for about 1km, until you reach Mandurang Valley Winery on your left.

There is a café here, which is open for lunch and afternoon tea, serving anti-pasto platters, cheese plates, foccacias, cakes and coffee/teas. Gourmet BBQs are also on offer for group bookings only and need to be arranged prior to arrival.

NEXT STOP.....CHATEAU DORÉ WINERY

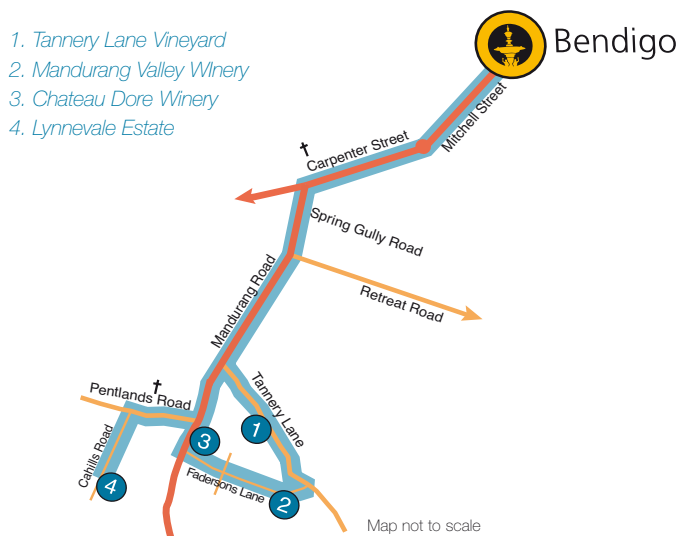
- Continue along Faderson's Lane, veering right onto a gravel road.
- Travel along this road for 2kms until you come to an intersection. Go towards the next stop sign directly ahead via the gravel road.
- Turn right onto the bitumen road and travel a short distance (over De Ravin bridge) to the gateway leading into the Chateau Doré Winery on the right.

Extra caution should be taken as you turn into the driveway, as there are some bends in the road that may impair motorists vision.

This historic winery was established in 1856 by Jean T. deRavin and it still stands today in its original grandeur. The beautiful gardens make it a great spot to relax.

NEXT STOP.....LYNNEVALE ESTATE

- On leaving here, turn right onto the bitumen road, this is Mandurang Road. A short distance along, turn left onto Pentlands Road. You will pass the former Mandurang Uniting Church, that is said to be the centre of Victoria, and then you turn left onto Cahill's Road.



The Winery Experience

1. TANNERY LANE VINEYARD

Tannery Lane, Mandurang
PH: (03) 5439 3227
Open only by appointment.

2. MANDURANG VALLEY WINERY

77 Faderson's Lane, Mandurang
PH: (03) 5439 5367
Open each day from 11am – 5pm,
except Wednesday and Thursday.

3. CHATEAU DORÉ WINERY

303 Mandurang Road, Mandurang
PH: (03) 5439 5278
Open everyday from 10am – 5pm.

4. LYNNEVALE ESTATE

83 Cahills Road, Mandurang
PH: (03) 5439 3635
Open weekends and public holidays
from 11am – 5pm. Other times by
appointment.

Wine Trail Two



Harcourt Valley Wine Trail

Distance	Ease of Ride	Type of Bike
35km	Challenging terrain & steep hills.	Suitable for touring, hybrid & mountain bikes.

The Harcourt Valley is known for its orchards and wineries, and apple production gives it the title of Victoria's Apple Centre. The magnificent Mount Alexander Regional Park is a highlight in this area, with spectacular views, wildlife and flora.

Rising some 350 metres above the surrounding area, Mount Alexander is a prominent landmark next to the Calder Highway at Harcourt, 8 km north of Castlemaine. With a well-made tourist road traversing the ridgeline, the mountain offers panoramic views. A stunning Oak Forest is located on the western slope of Mount Alexander offering the perfect location for a picnic.

The trail takes you in a loop from the township of Harcourt, through the valley, around the mountain and back to town.

There are four vineyards to visit along the way with a variety of wine styles including Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling. A local cidery offers meals in a farmhouse setting, in addition to delicious cider.

The terrain is varied with mostly sealed roads, and all are rolling and undulating with some steep hills to climb.

A ride for people of above average fitness.

So Let's Go...

Make your way to Harcourt, you may be coming from Bendigo, Castlemaine or beyond.

FIRST STOP.....BLACKJACK VINEYARD

- From the centre of Harcourt, turn right onto the Midland Highway heading towards Castlemaine. After about 2kms turn left onto Blackjack Road. On the right, the Central Victorian Farmers Market is located every first Sunday of the month from 9.00am – 1.00pm, with local entertainment from 1.30pm. Follow Blackjack Road around back to the Calder Highway for about 2kms. Turn right onto the Calder Highway (take care narrow shoulder on road and fast moving traffic), and Blackjack Vineyard is on the right about 400m along.

Blackjack was the name given to an American sailor who, during the gold rush era of the 1850s jumped ship and found his way to the Castlemaine goldfields.

NEXT STOP.....HARCOURT VALLEY VINEYARDS

- Just a short pedal next door and you'll find the Harcourt Valley Vineyards. Into Big Reds? They are too! Taste these superb handcrafted wines in a stunning granite cellar which has been hewn out of local stone. Sampling Barbara's Shiraz is a must. Take the opportunity to enjoy the creek, dam and garden. Just relax and soak up the atmosphere of this exquisite vineyard setting, or play a game of petanqué. BBQ facilities are also available.

NEXT STOP.....LANGANOOK WINES

- To continue turn right to re-enter the Calder Highway. There is often heavy traffic in this section of the trail, so travel with caution! Travel along 3.5kms and then turn left onto Faraday Sutton Grange Road. Travel for about 3.5kms until you come to McKittericks Road.
- Turn right, then travel for about 1km before crossing a ford and turning left into Langanook Wines.

This winery is tucked away in secluded Sutton Grange and relies exclusively on solar power. The Langanook farm has "Land for Wildlife Status" and also runs a herd of fine cashmere goats.

NEXT STOP.....HENRY OF HARCOURT CIDERY

- Re-enter the Faraday Sutton Grange Road by turning right. Continue along down the steep hill for about 6km. Turn left at the first cross intersection, at the Sutton Grange Hall, into the road towards Bendigo. On the right you will pass by Carnochan's Lane where Sutton Grange Winery is located. It is open by appointment.
- Continue along Bendigo-Sutton Grange Road in total for approximately 2.5kms and turn left onto the Harcourt-Sutton Grange Road towards Harcourt. It is a dirt road and is located directly across the road from the gateway to the Sutton Grange Stud.
- Travel along this dirt road for 2.5kms and then the road becomes a sealed surface. Go a further 5kms with a number of steep climbs and descents. At the end of the Harcourt-Sutton Grange Road, turn left onto McIvor Road. Shortly after turn left again onto Reservoir Road. Travel along for about 2kms to arrive at Henry of Harcourt Cidery on the left.

This cidery offers a variety of still and sparkling ciders made only from apples and pears grown on this and other Harcourt orchards. Pickers Lunches (traditionally known as Ploughman's Lunch) are available in a farmhouse setting by appointment.

NEXT STOP.....HARCOURT

- To return to Harcourt, turn left as you depart the cidery and follow the road to the right for about 1km towards Harcourt. To visit the Oak Forest rather than following this road to the right, turn left at the first intersection after the cidery and follow this, before veering left when the track branches.
- Other wineries in this region include Bress Wine, Cider and Produce, and Jindarra Springs Vineyard.

In The Area

Accommodation

Jardines – Luxury Japanese-inspired B&B

PH: 5474 3177

Millduck Strawbale B&B – Luxury Self-contained

PH: 5439 6451

Harcourt Motel – Standard Motel Style

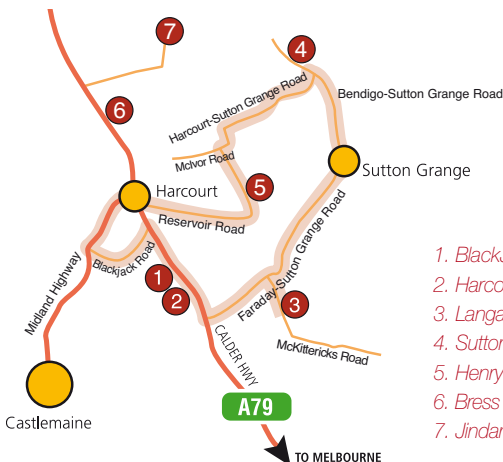
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Other Attractions

Mt Alexander Western Ridge Walking Track, bush, wildlife, birdlife, Koala Sanctuary and Fruit Picking at Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens.

Take care!

High volume of traffic on the Calder Highway and a ford on McKittericks Road that gets slippery when wet.



Map not to scale

1. BlackJack Vineyard
2. Harcourt Valley Vineyards
3. Langanook Wines
4. Sutton Grange Winery
5. Henry of Harcourt Cidery
6. Bress Wine, Cider & Produce
7. Jindarra Springs Vineyard

Wine Trail Three



Big Hill Wine Trail

Distance	Ease of Ride	Type of Bike
33km	Varied terrain & hills in parts.	Suitable for touring, hybrid & mountain bikes.

This trail takes you in a loop from the Alexandra Fountain in Bendigo, to the Big Hill region and back around into Bendigo via the Lockwood South area.

The Big Hill region has significant areas of Box-Ironbark trees. Northern Victoria's Box-Ironbark forests and woodlands are unique. They have enormous environmental values, strong cultural and community ties, and traditions. Since European settlement, the Box-Ironbark forests and woodlands have been extensively cleared for agriculture, gold mining, urban development and timber. Today only 17 percent of the original Box-Ironbark vegetation remains.

There are four vineyards to visit along the way with a variety of wine styles including Shiraz, Cabernet Merlot, Semillon and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The terrain is varied from sealed roads through to gravel roads, through rolling, undulating country with some quite hilly sections.

A good ride for any person of average fitness.

The Winery Experience

CENTRAL VICTORIAN FARMERS MARKET

Midland Highway, Harcourt
PH: (03) 5470 6340

Held on the first Sunday of every month from 8.30am – 1pm.

1. BLACKJACK VINEYARD

3379 Calder Highway, Harcourt
PH: (03) 5474 2355

Open weekends and public holidays from 11am – 5pm.

2. HARCOURT VALLEY VINEYARDS

3339 Calder Highway, Harcourt
PH: (03) 5474 2223

Open everyday from 11am – 6pm.

3. LANGANOOK WINES

91 McKittericks Road, Sutton Grange
PH: (03) 5474 8250

Open weekends and public holidays from 11am – 4pm.

Other times by appointment.

4. SUTTON GRANGE WINERY

Camochan's Lane, Sutton Grange
PH: (03) 5474 8277

Open only by appointment.

5. HENRY OF HARCOURT CIDERY

219 Reservoir Road, Harcourt
PH: (03) 5474 2177

Open from Wednesday to Sunday.

6. BRESS WINE, CIDER & PRODUCE

3894 Calder Highway, Harcourt
PH: (03) 5474 2262

Open weekends and public holidays from 11am – 5.00pm.

Other times by appointment.

7. JINDARRA SPRINGS VINEYARD

191 Fenton Drive, North Harcourt
PH: (03) 5439 6206

Open weekends and public holidays.

Other times by appointment.



So Let's Go...

- Start at the Alexandra Fountain on the corner of Pall Mall and View Street in the centre of Bendigo. If parking a car, you may wish to begin further along High Street.

FIRST STOP.....CHATEAU LEAMON

- Head south along High Street through Golden Square and Kangaroo Flat, and continue out of Bendigo on the Calder Highway. There is often heavy traffic in this section of the trail, so travel with caution! Chateau Leamon is approximately 10kms on the left hand side at the town boundary.

Chateau Leamon was established and the property was planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Semillon and Riesling in 1973. It was the 3rd winery (after Balgownie and Water Wheel) to establish itself in Bendigo during this renaissance period of the Australian wine industry.

NEXT STOP.....BIG HILL VINEYARD

- Turn left on departure from Chateau Leamon to re-enter the Calder Highway. Follow the highway for approximately 3kms over Big Hill until the right hand turn off signposted at Belvoir Park Road for Big Hill Vineyard.

Sit back and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere on offer. Wine tasting, coffee & cake available.

NEXT STOP.....BELVOIR PARK ESTATE

- From here turn left to continue along Belvoir Park Road. Just down the road (about 1km) you reach Belvoir Park Estate on the left hand side of the road. Turn into the driveway and follow it along past the vines to the cellar door.

Set beautifully on the picturesque granite slopes of Big Hill. This boutique vineyard produces handcrafted red wines. These rich full-bodied wines reflect minimal intervention winemaking philosophy and are unfiltered to maximise colour and flavour.



1. Chateau Leamon
2. Big Hill Vineyard
3. Belvoir Park Estate
4. Bullock Creek Vineyard

NEXT STOP.....BULLOCK CREEK VINEYARD

- On leaving Belvoir Park Estate, turn left onto Belvoir Park Road, past the golf course until you reach the gate of Bullock Creek Vineyard.

Handpicked grapes and wines handmade by traditional methods are a feature of this boutique vineyard

NEXT STOP.....BENDIGO CITY

- On leaving Bullock Creek Vineyard, turn left and follow Belvoir Park Road to the end. This is a continuation of the dirt road, with climbs and winding sections through farming countryside.
- At the end of Belvoir Park Road, with caution turn right onto the Calder Alternate Highway. Continue on this through Lockwood South for approximately 1.5kms.
- Then turn right into Crusoe Road (if you're thirsty, the Happy Jacks Store is on your right - just before you turn). Follow this sealed road through farming country for 9kms and you will be back in Kangaroo Flat on the outskirts of Bendigo.
- At the end of Crusoe Road, turn left back onto High Street and follow this for 6.5kms back to the Alexandra Fountain in the centre of Bendigo.

In The Area

Accommodation

Gilgae Country House – Quality B&B PH: 5435 3666
Ravenswood Homestead – Historic Homestead PH: 5435 3284

Other Attractions

Bush, wildlife, birdlife and farmland settings.

Take care!

High volume of traffic on the Calder Highway.

The Winery Experience

1. CHATEAU LEAMON

5528 Calder Highway,
Big Hill, Bendigo
PH: (03) 5447 7995
Open daily except Tuesday from 10am – 5pm.

2. BIG HILL VINEYARD

Corner Calder Highway & Belvoir Park
Road, Big Hill, Bendigo
PH: (03) 5435 3366
Open everyday from 10am – 5pm.

3. BELVOIR PARK ESTATE

Belvoir Park Road,
Big Hill, Bendigo
PH: (03) 5435 3075
*Open weekends and public holidays
from 11am – 5pm.
Other times by appointment.*

4. BULLOCK CREEK VINEYARD

111 Belvoir Park Road,
Big Hill, Bendigo
PH: (03) 5435 3207
*Open weekends and public holidays
from 10am – 5pm. Other times by
appointment.*

Wine Trail Four



So Let's Go...

- Start at the Alexandra Fountain on the corner of Pall Mall and View Street in the centre of Bendigo. If parking a car, you may wish to begin further along the trail at Maiden Gully.
- Go up View Street, then turn left onto Barnard Street at the traffic lights. Follow this around to Eaglehawk Road. Continue for about 1.5km to the next set of traffic lights (Marong Road turnoff). Turn left here to go along Marong Road.

FIRST STOP.....CONNOR PARK WINERY

- Continue along through the Maiden Gully and Marong townships, until you reach High Street (Marong), approximately 25kms from the start point. Turn right onto High Street (this becomes Marong Serpentine Road) and travel along for about 8kms until you reach Connors Road. Turn left and continue for about 2kms until you reach Connor Park Winery.

Nestled within farmlands, Connor Park Winery has one of the oldest blocks of Shiraz in the Bendigo region. Today wine enthusiasts seek them out for the diverse ranges of wines that include Durif, Sangiovese and Mourvedre.

NEXT STOP.....SANDHURST RIDGE WINERY

- Turn right from Connor Park Winery, go to the end of Connor Road and turn right back on to the Marong Serpentine Road. Follow this for approximately 8.5kms to Forest Drive. Turn left onto the gravel road.
- Follow Forest Drive along for about 1.5kms, veering left all the way. Sandhurst Ridge Winery is on the right. The vineyard is sign-posted at the corner of Forest Drive and Old Bridgewater Road.

The setting at Sandhurst Ridge Winery is picturesque, surrounded by forest. Take the time to bush-walk through the forest to the top of the ridge. The panoramic view of the surrounding countryside is stunning.

NEXT STOP.....BALGOWNIE ESTATE

- Turn left back onto Forest Drive, travel for about 1km to the Old Bridgewater Road intersection. Turn left and travel for about 3kms to the intersection with Allies Road.
- Turn left into Allies Road at the giveaway sign and then a quick right into Hermitage Road. Follow this road for about 1.5kms until you reach Balgownie Estate on the left.

Established in 1969, Balgownie Estate incorporates the Bendigo Wine Museum and a café that is open for lunch from 12pm to 4pm everyday. Luxury self-contained accommodation is available here.

NEXT STOP.....BENDIGO CITY

- On the return trip, turn left at the Balgownie Estate gate, travel 1km and then turn left into Marong Road to head back to Bendigo. It is approximately 8kms, and a steady climb back. You may choose to stop for a refreshing drink at the historic Goldmines Hotel, 49 Marong Road, along the way.
- At the end of Marong Road, turn right at the traffic lights back onto Eaglehawk Road. Follow this to the next set of traffic lights, and again turn right. This will take you down View Street and back to the fountain where you started.
- Other wineries in this region include Marong Vineyard and Burnt Acre Vineyard.

Loddon Valley Wine Trail

Distance	Ease of Ride	Type of Bike
50km	Varied terrain & mostly flat.	Suitable for hybrid & mountain bikes.

This trail takes you in a loop from the Alexandra Fountain in Bendigo, to Maiden Gully and Marong. This area is highlighted by the Box-Ironbark trees and the stunning springtime wildflower showings. Some of the superb flowers that can be seen include the Matted Bush Pea, Running Postman, Chocolate Lily, Tufted Blue Bell, Bendigo Waxflower and the numerous varieties of wattle.

There are three main vineyards to visit along the way with a variety of wine styles including Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot, Semillon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Durif, Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and more. Balgownie Estate offers a range of food to sustain you along the journey.

The terrain is varied from sealed roads through to gravel roads, through easy, flat countryside.

An easy ride for any person of average fitness.

Fast Facts



In The Area

Accommodation

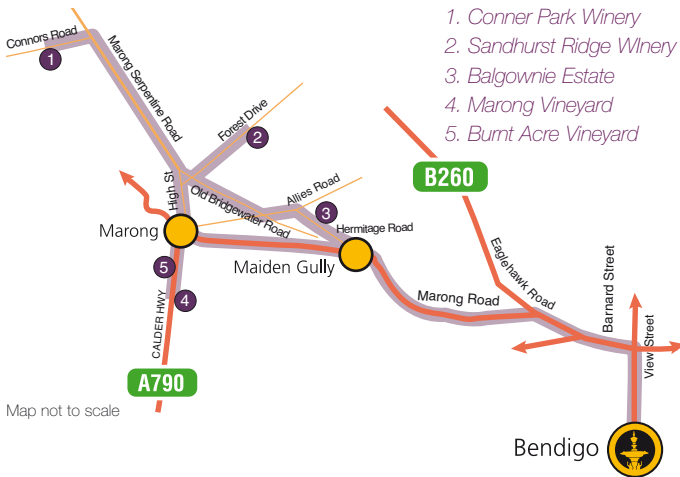
Balgownie Estate – Luxury Self-contained PH: 5449 6222
Byronsvale – Luxury Self-contained PH: 5447 2790
Marong Caravan & Cabin Village – Caravan Park PH: 5435 2329

Other Attractions

Wildlife, birdlife, State Forest, Bullock Creek & Victoria Hill.

Take care!

High to medium volume of traffic on the main roads and cattlestop at entrance of Connor Park Winery.



1. Connor Park Winery
2. Sandhurst Ridge Winery
3. Balgownie Estate
4. Marong Vineyard
5. Burnt Acre Vineyard

LAW ON DRINK RIDING

Under Section 16 of the Summary Offence Act there is an offence in being drunk in charge of a carriage, and the definition of carriage is extended to include a bicycle.

TAP WATER

Tap water is of a very high quality in the region.

BIKE HIRE

Moroni's Bikes, at 104 Mitchell Street, Bendigo on (03) 5443 9644, are open 7 days a week and are only too happy to help with all your cycling needs.

BUYING WINE

Should you wish to purchase wine along the way in bulk, winery operators will be happy to keep this aside for you to collect later in your visit to the region.

MORE INFORMATION

Some handy websites for more information
Bendigo Tourism
www.bendigotourism.com
Bendigo Winemakers Association
www.bendigowine.org.au
Goldfields Tourism
www.visitgoldfields.com
Bicycle Victoria
www.bv.com.au

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BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY HERE

BENDIGO VISITOR INFORMATION & INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Historic Post Office Building,
51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo
PH: 5444 4445 or 1800 813 153
Email: tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au
www.bendigotourism.com

CASTLEMAINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Historic Market Building,
Mostyn Street, Castlemaine
PH: 5470 6200 or 1800 171 888
Email: visitors@mountalexandervic.gov.au
www.maldoncastlemaine.com

ACCOMMODATION

Each trail includes some accommodation options, should you wish to break your cycling trip up. For more accommodation options in the Bendigo region contact the freecall Accommodation Booking Service at Bendigo Tourism on 1800 813 153.

OTHER CYCLING TRAILS

For more information about other cycling trails in the region, contact the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre.

The Winery Experience

1. CONNOR PARK WINERY

59 Connor Road, Leichardt
PH: (03) 5437 5234
Open everyday from 11am – 5pm.

2. SANDHURST RIDGE WINERY

156 Forest Drive, Marong
PH: (03) 5435 2534
Open daily except Tuesday
from 11am – 5pm.

3. BALGOWNIE ESTATE

Hermitage Road, Maiden Gully
PH: (03) 5449 6222
Open everyday from 11am – 5pm.

4. MARONG VINEYARD

811 Edwards Road, Marong
PH: (03) 5435 2473
Open Thursday to Monday
from 11am – 6pm.
Other times by appointment.

5. BURNT ACRE VINEYARD

O'Sullivan's Road, Marong
PH: (03) 5435 2519
Open only by appointment.