

Exploring the depths of the natural Barossa environment bushwalking expedition. advice, knowledge, or company on my Barossa this project, and for anyone who has offered to me their

healthy.... what our bodies have evolved to do to stay fit and hectic lives, delve into in-depth conversation and do Hiking in nature allows us to take a step back from our thankfulness for the beauty we have at our back door. gives appreciation toward our finite resources and

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www.barossabushwalks.com resources for each individual hike, visit For directions to entrance locations via Google Maps, and

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Take only photographs, leave only footprints

If there is an emergency, dial 000

HAPPY WALKING!

can be a biosecurity threat)

 Do not enter any vineyards along the way (as this expected return time

Let someone know where you are going and your

bandage if possible.

you get bitten, stay as still as possible, call an leave it alone and never try to catch or kill it. If

If you come across one of our slithery snake friends,

ambulance and compress bitten limb with a

•Be respectful of our wildlife and watch from a

Carry a first aid kit

anything from the area.

Be sun safe and slip, slop, slap

•Ensure the weather is suitable before you go out

Always take at least 2L of water per person

roads Keep to the right hand side when walking on main

where you place your feet.

and scan the ground in front of you, being mindful of Always respect the land, stick to the trail provided

walking on:

access, along with not touching or removing

due respect by not entering areas of restricted

be entering are sacred land. Please demonstrate

lands and some of the conservation parks you may Aboriginal nations were the first to care for these

you, and other people and/or vehicles on the same

the land you're on, the native flora and fauna around

incorporating walks of varying difficulty and lengths.

be explored through its walking trails. This map is a

and wine, there is also an abundance of nature to

On top of the Barossa's offering of exceptional food

Moculta Sports Club, Hutton Vale Road,

Very east end of Krondorf Road, Krondorf

2129 Barossa Valley Way, Rowland Flat

G.B.A. Parsons Lookout, Trial Hill Road,

Just after Bowdens Cottage, Allendale

443 Humbug Scrub Road, Yattalunga

Warren Road (3km from Williamstown)

289 Watts Gully Road, Mount Crawford

Cricks Mill Road, Cromer (15km from

Williamstown)

Crawford

Road, Eden Valley

Mount Road, Mt Crawford

Mount Road (near Fry Road), Mt

Corner of Keyneton & Angaston -Swan Reach Roads, Keyneton

Corner of Eden Valley Road and Rushlea

653 Research Road, Nuriootpa

Tanunda Creek Road, Tanunda

Moculta

Rowland Flat

Altona Road, Lyndoch

154 Pimpala Road, Lyndoch

Road, Barossa Goldfields

A key element of these hikes is to be respectful of

There is something suitable for everyone.

guide to help you decide on a path to take,

For your safety and to protect the land you're

# 1: BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS

Barossa Bushgardens is one of the first regional native flora centres in SA and features a community nursery and Natural Resource Centre. Strolling along the meandering paths will allow you to discover display gardens (such as the Dementia Friendly Garden and CFS Fire-wise Garden) showcasing plants that are native to the Barossa region. The paths which are walking, riding and wheelchair accessible, also lead to the 'The Old Gum Tree', which is over 400 years old, the Labyrinth and various other artworks. Barossa Bushgardens' walking trail is open 7 days a week during daylight hours. Check their website for nursery opening times.











This loop will take you past picturesque vineyards, wheat fields and grazing lands while passing the beautiful Gnadenberg Church. Starting in the small town of historical Moculta (near the hockey grounds) this loop also connects you to a portion of the Lavender Federation Trail (LFT). The LFT is a 325km South Australian trail running From Murray Bridge to Clare. This trail has been entirely constructed by volunteers and is a full experience in itself. Although the hike is well signed, we highly recommend the purchase of these maps through their website to fund maintenance of the trail and to gain the best possible experience.





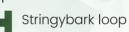
#### 3: KAISERSTUHL CONSERVATION PARK

Translated from German as 'the King's seat', this renowned Barossa conservation park received its name because it overlooks Krondorf - in German; the Crown Village and Tanunda. By taking either the short Stringybark loop hike, or the longer, one-way Wallowa Hike, you will be surrounded by beautiful vegetation including ancient stringybark and grass trees. If you take the longer Wallowa route, you will be rewarded with granite outcrops, and vast views of the Valley Floor. Whichever route you decide to take, you're bound to come across plenty of native animals, especially Western Grey Kangaroos and echidnas.





















# 4. LITTLE KAISERSTUHL

Beginning at the end of historic Krondorf Road, this picturesque hike will allow you to experience some sensational views of the Barossa and take you past a granitic rocky ridge line with roaming cattle grazing in the pastures. At the end of the hike there is plenty of temptation to finish with a glass of fine Barossa wine, as Krondorf Road is host to an abundance of quality wineries.







# 5: JACOB'S CREEK VISITOR CENTRE

An easy stroll for a young family, or for access to a quick picnic spot. This short walk will have you roaming along the Jacob's Creek waterway. Commencing at Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre, wander the banks to listen to the calming sounds of the creek, discover the historic Gramp family (founders of Orlando Wines) picnic ground, or explore further along the Barossa Trail for a view over-looking the original Jacob family property. There are plenty of tables and benches along the way if you don't have a picnic rug. Insiders tip: pick up a bottle of Steingarten Riesling from the Cellar Door to enjoy on the next hike on the list; the Steingarten walk.





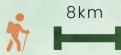




# 6. STEINGARTEN WALK

Steingarten lookout is renowned as one of the best views in the Valley. An ideal spot to start from is G.B.A. Parsons lookout, then head up the hill until you reach the heavy timber gate which is the entrance to the Steingarten lookout trail. Admire the vineyards, planted in 1962 by Colin Gramp of Orlando, which were an experiment to resemble German Mosel style vineyards. If you happened to pick up a bottle of Steingarten Riesling from Jacob's Creek, you can enjoy it on the lookout deck (hopefully with a delicious bite to eat as well) while taking in the view.







#### 7: ALTONA CSR LANDCARE RESERVE

Used for mining sand until the 1960s, Altona Reserve has since undergone a successful restoration and now features 70ha of native vegetation. This reserve consists of multiple loop trails, with views of the old sand mine cliffs, the North Para River and Rowland Flat vineyards. Keep your eyes peeled for plenty of native bird life including Hooded Robins, Restless Flycatchers, Diamond Firetails and Black Chinned Honeyeaters. Each individual loop is around 2km and will take around ¾ hour each, but there is the option to do one long loop.







## 8. SANDY CREEK CONSERVATION PARK

This park will particularly appeal to bird watchers, as the vegetation here is renowned for housing an abundance of native species. Nearly 150 species have been recorded including Superb Fairy-Wrens, Yellow-Rumped Thornbills, Australian Owelet Night-jar, White-Winged Trillers and Zebra Finches. Surrounded by farmland, this park is a haven that conserves some of the last remaining woodlands in the Barossa. By following the Honeyeater Link to the Wren loop you'll wander over sandy, undulating dunes through dense Peppermint Box and Pink Gum woodland. Both loops are similar in distance, difficulty and time.







# 9: BAROSSA GOLDFIELDS

Following the discovery of gold in 1868 by the Sandy Creek publican, Mr. Job Harris, around four thousand people came to the area to try their luck. However, by the 1950s all mining had ceased and now you can wander the Barossa Goldfields trails to explore the remnants of their mining efforts. With all hikes beginning at Bowden's Cottage, you can choose one or all three to explore.



# 10: PARA WIRRA CONSERVATION PARK

The name Para Wirra is derived from Kaurna language and means 'waterway flowing through forest'. It is an important area, because it connects three Indigenous nations: Peramangk, Ngadjuri and Kaurna nations. This conservation park also incorporates the Barossa Goldfields, so subsequently features a large variety of hiking trails. Entry to Para Wirra does require you to purchase a daily pass for a small fee, which can be done online prior to arrival.



# 11: HALE CONSERVATION PARK

A slightly more challenging trail due to steep rocky inclines which rewards with vast views and amazing scenery. If the area has received enough rainfall, a waterfall will feature during the winter months and on any sunny day the mica mine is a spectacular sight. The area also conserves the Oyster Bay Cypress Pine.





### 12: WARREN CONSERVATION PARK

One of the longest hikes, but one of the most rewarding. Views through the valley and over the pine forests unveil as you advance along the trail. The area around the watchtower is an ideal lunch spot to enjoy a break with a view. It is recommended you take the trail anticlockwise for ease with path directions. A richly diverse area, so keep your eye out for plenty of native animals roaming through the vegetation.







### 13: MT PLEASANT LOOP TRAIL

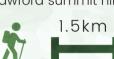
This trail consists of three different loops, so depending on time restraints, you can decide how far you wish to explore. You can also choose to begin at either Cricks Mill Road or Cromer Picnic Area. These loops will take you predominantly through pine forest, however there are also patches of native vegetation to add to the scenery.



#### 14: JENKINS SCRUB WALKING TRAIL

A short loop which features plenty of wildflowers throughout September and October. You'll also pass by an old gold mine shaft, which was used in the late 1800's. This hike can also be connected up to the Mt Crawford summit hike





### 15: MT CRAWFORD SUMMIT HIKE

A hike taking you to the summit of Mt Crawford at a height of 562m, where an old trigonometric station (no longer needed) exists. To start off you will pass by pine trees lining the track which were planted in 1936 to celebrate the State's centenary. This area also bypasses the South Para River and is a perfect spot for lunch.









### 16: EDEN VALLEY LOOP

Starting and finishing at the Eden Valley Hotel, this gives you the perfect opportunity to wrap up at the pub for a drink and a meal. You will also pass by Fernfield Wines if you feel like trying a local drop along the way. The full loop is an 18km hike taking you along a portion of The Lavender Trail (see mention in Moculta Loop Trail). However, you can cut it short (4hrs) for an easier hike. For the shorter option, continue along Rushlea Road until you reach the end, where you will veer onto private property and begin to follow the Lavender Trail signs. You will follow this trail along a beautiful rocky ridge line, and continue to walk this trail until you turn left onto Keynes Hill Road. When you reach the end of this road you will take a right onto Rushlea and follow it back to the pub. This hike will take you along a creekline with long grass and reeds, so be careful of snakes in warmer weather and be aware a creek may have to be crossed during the wetter months.





# 17: KEYNETON SPUR TRAIL

Connecting to a portion of the Lavender Trail and Keyneton Heritage Trail, this pleasant roadside hike takes you past many historical sites linking to Keyneton's settlement history.











Very Easy: Predominantly flat surfaces, short stroll, suitable for a leisurely walk and for young families, low level of fitness required

Easy: Longer in length, may have a few small

inclines and some uneven surfaces, average



level of fitness required Moderate: Reasonable fitness and some hiking experience required, multiple inclines and



Hard: Reasonable fitness and hiking experience required, many changes in inclination, some steep descents and inclines, uneven surfaces





uneven surfaces



Wheelchair accessible. Suitable wheelchair access with some areas needing minor assistance



Dog friendly. These hikes allow dogs to be walked on short leads. Owner needs to take responsibility by taking own bags to clean up