



CYCLING FACT SHEET No. 63

Swan Valley has some great bike trails

A network of newly developed cycle trails is enabling tourists and locals to immerse themselves in the Swan Valley's culture and environment, while riding among the region's many attractions.

Nestled within the metropolitan area, this semi-rural precinct is now a year-round magnet for cyclists wanting to cruise between some of Western Australia's best wine producers. If wineries are not your thing, there is also a great range of microbreweries, distilleries, confectionery factories and craft shops to explore.

Thanks to the joint effort of several government and tourism authorities, you have a choice of designated routes ranging from four to 32 kilometres in length.

Shortest of these is the Meet the Winemaker Trail in Baskerville, using back roads that pass by five wineries including one with a restaurant.

The Swan Valley Heritage Trail is a 10km ride that can be accessed at one of three entry points, and features a series of distinctive signs along the route describing the area's rich history, interesting characters and natural elements. As it winds through the Valley's heart, the trail also passes many fruit stalls, galleries, wineries and restaurants.

The West Swan Road Ride is a 15km (or 30km return) route that begins in Guildford and uses a mix of shared paths and quiet back roads.

From this main ride, there are some short optional detours to nearby highlights such as Lilac Hill, Whiteman Park or the Swan River.

Longest of the established trails is the award-winning Swan Valley Food and Wine Loop – a wonderful 32km tour for more experienced riders, which visits every major attraction in the Valley.



Many businesses in the region are cycle-friendly, providing bike-parking facilities, water bottle filling stations and having a dress code that accepts visitors in bicycle attire.

Most of the Swan Valley trails are within easy reach of the Guildford train station, making them accessible to the whole of Perth.

All trails are shown in the *Cycling in the Swan Valley & Guildford* publication available from visitor centres or in pdf format on the DPI cycling unit's website.

This guide will also prove useful if you want to design your own route instead of using the designated ones.

This fact sheet is one of a series dealing with the use of bicycles for recreation and transport in Western Australia. The series looks at a range of cycling-related topics including ride routes, touring tips, maintenance, safety, road rules, insurance and product reviews. You can find more cycling fact sheets online at www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling

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