

ACCESS POINTS

You can begin your O'Keefe Rail Trail adventure from numerous access points throughout the region.

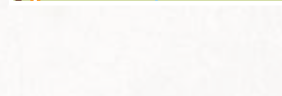
1. Lake Weeroona

Park in the Northern Car Park off Weeroona Avenue (adjacent the Bendigo Rowing Clubrooms). Cross Weeroona Avenue and follow the directional signage to arrive at the intersection of the O'Keefe Rail Trail (approx. 400m).



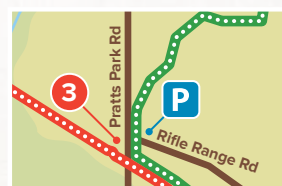
2. Bendigo Station

Exit the station platform under Mitchell St bridge to McLaren St then Williamson St until reaching Rosalind Park. From here, join the Bendigo Creek Trail to ride to the start of the O'Keefe Trail.



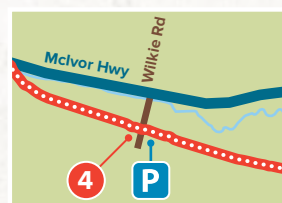
3. East Bendigo

Car parking is available at Pratts Park Road, corner of Rifle Range Road.



4. Junortoun

Car parking is available at the Wilkie Road Car Park, just off the Mclvor Highway.



- O'Keefe Rail Trail
- Bendigo Bushland Trail
- Bendigo Creek Trail
- Goldfields Track

5. Axedale

Car parking is available at the Axedale Hall Reserve Car Park, corner of Mclvor Highway and Mitchell St. Follow trail directional signs within the township area.



6. Knowsley

Car parking is available at the trail intersection with Moorabbee Road in Knowsley, at the Tennis Court car park.



Heathcote

The Heathcote Visitor Information Centre, corner of High St and Barrack St, provides trail information and car parking facilities.



7. Car parking is available adjacent to Herriot St, in front of the trail shelter.

8. Car parking is available at the intersection of Pink Cliffs Road and the O'Keefe Rail Trail.



RIDE PROFILE

Length	49km (one way)
Grade	Easy
Surface	Sandy gravel, small sections of asphalt and a number of bridge crossings
Access points	Multiple access points are available. Please refer to brochure
Cycling time*	Approximately 3 hours at 16km/h, 5 hours at 10km/h

Limited on time? Why not explore a shorter section of the Trail. Entry points are detailed on the brochure. See Access Points.

**Rest stops are not taken into calculation.*

- O'Keefe Rail Trail
- Bendigo Bushland Trail
- Bendigo Creek Trail
- Goldfields Track
- Mclvor Highway
- Northern Highway
- Rivers and Creeks
- B280
- B75
- i Information Centre
- P Car Parking
- ♿ Toilets
- 🚰 Drinking Water
- 🍴 Food & Drink
- 🍷 BBQ / Recreation

EXPERIENCE THE TRAIL

The O'Keefe Rail Trail is complemented by a variety of experiences and activities for the whole family to enjoy. These experiences are located just off the trail and are only a short ride or walk away (see below).

Please note that the destinations of Bendigo and Heathcote also provide a large diversity of experiences available for the whole family. Please visit www.bendigotourism.com or the Bendigo Visitor Centre for more information.

Wines

Meehan Vineyard

Enjoy a local drop of Shiraz and other regional varieties at this family owned vineyard just off the O'Keefe Rail Trail. Please refer to the website for directions.

4536 Mclvor Hwy, Heathcote
www.meehanvineyard.com
10am–5pm (Sat–Sun) and public holidays.

Armstead Estate

Historic picturesque boutique winery producing unique Heathcote wines. Try & buy wine and BYO picnic. An enjoyable ride from Knowsley Rail Trail junction. Please refer to the website for directions.

366 Moorabbee Rd, Knowsley
www.armsteadestate.com.au
11am–5pm (Sat–Sun) and public holidays.

Milvine Estate Wines

Milvine are boutique wine producers who specialise in wine made from estate grown Shiraz and local Cabernet Sauvignon. Please refer to the website for directions.

108 Warren Rd, Heathcote
www.milvineestatewines.com.au
11am–5pm (Sat–Sun) and public holidays, excluding Christmas Day.

Food

Axedale Tavern and Coffee House

This country tavern is the perfect halfway point for cyclists wanting to enjoy fresh food and variety of beverages including espresso coffee.

105 High St, Axedale
www.axedaletavern.com.au
Café: 11am–Late (Tues–Sun),
Tavern: 12pm–2pm, 6pm–8pm (Tues–Sun).

Farmers Arms Hotel

A large selection of local craft beers and wines to enjoy with a variety of traditional pub fare and premium steaks.

1027 Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun
12pm–11pm (7 days).

Accommodation

Axedale Farm Cottage and Vineyard

Comfortable 3 bedroom cottage on 50 acre farm property accommodating up to 7 guests, with a well equipped country kitchen.

Canny Rd, Axedale
www.bendigotourism.com
Pre-bookings required.

Big4 Bendigo Park Lane Holiday Park

Park Lane offers affordable accommodation, bike hire and plenty of activities for the kids including Parky's Wonderland, a 4 level indoor play centre.

761 Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun
www.parklaneholidayparks.com.au/bendigo

Yalooka Farm Farmstay Bed and Breakfast

A serene property that sits on the banks of the Campaspe River in Axedale and is perfect for that small getaway for up to 5 people.

89 Brownes Ln, Axedale
www.yalookafarm.com.au

Attractions & Entertainment

The Zone Family Entertainment Complex

The Zone is the ultimate venue for fun for the whole family including go karts, skating, laser tag, mini golf, paintball, and much more.

1 Gildea Ln, East Bendigo
www.thezone.com.au
3.30pm–8pm (Mon–Thurs),
12pm–10pm (Fri), 10am–10pm (Sat), 10am–8pm (Sun).

Bike Services

Bike Force Bendigo

Bike Force based in Bendigo provides new bike rentals, helmets and services available by appointment for the family. They will also bring bikes to venues within the Bendigo CBD.

66 Queen St, Bendigo
www.bikeforcebendigo.com.au
9am–5.30pm (Mon–Fri),
9am–1pm (Sat).

Goldfields Bike Trail Tours

Goldfields Bike Trail Tours supports cyclists through a variety of services and packages. From E-bike, hybrid and mountain bike hire to shuttle services along the O'Keefe Rail trail.

www.goldfieldsbiketours.com.au



TRAIL HISTORY

Travellers have been taking this historic journey from Bendigo to Heathcote since 1888, when the railway line first linked the towns. This line, including 50 bridges, took 21 months to complete at a cost of 88,409 pounds, with two derailments in the process.

Pioneer Andrew O'Keefe is recognised for his construction of many local railway lines. He migrated to the goldfields from Ireland in the wake of the great potato famine, finding his fortune in iron track.

Trains stopped running along the Bendigo – Heathcote line in 1956, and the route lay largely dormant until the first section of the O'Keefe Rail Trail opened in 1993.

Today the recreational trail beside the old railway line again allows users to journey the full 49 kilometres, albeit at a slightly slower pace. It's just as well too, as there's a lot to take in.

The safe, mostly-level walking and cycling trail is one of Victoria's great family-friendly journeys. It passes through some spectacular natural bushland; past waterways and recreation reserves perfect for picnics, wildflower or platypus spotting.

The half-way point of Axedale features the beautiful Campaspe River Reserve, ideal for re-charging by the water.



TRAIL ETIQUETTE

The O'Keefe Rail Trail passes through public land and areas of private property. People earning their livelihoods use many of these properties on a daily basis. Please respect their rights and those of other trail users by observing the following:



Remain on the rail trail



Keep left of oncoming traffic



Do not disturb livestock or machinery



No fires



Dogs must be on a lead at all times



Take your rubbish home



No motorbikes or unauthorised vehicles



No camping

Your respect for the trail's natural and cultural environment will greatly assist the local communities who care for this trail.

Bendigo Visitor Centre

A. 51 – 67 Pall Mall, Bendigo P. 1800 813 153
W. www.bendigotourism.com

Heathcote Visitor Centre

A. High Street, Heathcote P. (03) 5433 3121
W. www.heathcote.org.au

Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail

W. www.bendigokilmorerailtrail.com

The rail trail between Bendigo and Heathcote was completed in 2015, with funding from the Victorian Government and the City of Greater Bendigo.



It's all about the journey



Forged over a century ago by Victoria's rail pioneers, the O'Keefe Rail Trail takes you on a journey through majestic native forests, rich farm land, picturesque waterways and even time itself.

www.okeeferailtrail.com.au

