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**TRAIL HISTORY**

The safe, mostly-level walking and cycling trail is one that can be enjoyed by all, albeit at a slightly slower pace. It’s just as well too, as there’s a lot to take in.

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**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

- Remain on the rail trail
- Keep left of oncoming traffic
- Do not disturb livestock or machinery
- No fires
- No camping

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

**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.
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**ACCOMMODATION**

Axedale Farm Cottage and Vineyard
- Comfortable 3 bedroom cottage on 10 acre farm property accommodating up to 7 guests, with a well-equipped kitchen country kitchen.
- Enjoy a local drop of Shiraz and local Cabernet Sauvignon. Please refer to the website for directions.

Big Bendigo Park Lane Holiday Park
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**BIKE SERVICES**

Bike Force Bendigo
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Goldfields Bike Trail Tours
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- Pre-bookings required.

**WINES**

Axedale Estate Wines
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Farmer’s Arms Hotel
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