



Saturday, May 15 & Sunday, May 16 // 2010

How to navigate the Tortellini Trail

The Tortellini Trail is a round trip of about 47km from the Myrtleford Visitor Information Centre. There are nine places to visit. If you feel this is a bit too arduous you can either do just one section or split the two sections over the two days. If you get tired, call Bus-a-Bike on 5752 2974 and have them pick up you and your bicycle. The map over the page shows each location. The terrain is undulating with no big hills to contend with. You will be riding along the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail but some of the time you will be on public roads so take care!

No.	Places to visit	Distances from previous stop (assumes starting at Visitors Centre)	
		Actual	Cumulative
Section 1 - 21.4km (towards Wangaratta)			
1	Michelini Wines: Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford. On your left towards Wangaratta.	0.8km	0.8km
2	Gapsted Wines: Great Alpine Road, Gapsted. Take the Rail Trail towards Wangaratta. It passes their entrance.	5.6km	6.4km
3	Valley Nut Groves: Schlapps Road, Gapsted. Continue on the Great Alpine Road for 2.6km. Turn left into Schlapps Road for 2.2km where Valley Nut Groves is on the right.	4.8km	11.2km
4	Myrtleford Savoy Sporting Club: Great Alpine Road (Lunch break). Ride back to Myrtleford. The Club is on your left opposite Rotary Park. They will be offering a real Italian pasta feast!	10.2km	21.4km
Section 2 - 25.8km (towards Bright)			
5	Eaglerange Estate Wines: Ride the Rail Trail to Ovens then turn left on C534 for Mt Beauty. Eaglerange Estate is 2km along on your right.	8km	29.4km
6	Souter's Vineyard: Located on C534 about 1.6km past Eaglerange Estate on your right.	1.6km	31.0km
7	The Homestead Estate: Located on C534 about 3.1km past Souter's Vineyard on your left.	3.1km	34.1km
8	Barwidgee Lavender: Directly opposite The Homestead Estate	-	34.1km
9	Ovens Hotel (aka Happy Valley Hotel): Ride back along C534 and turn right on the Great Alpine Road. The pub is about 150m on your left.	7.3km	41.4km
	Ride back to the Myrtleford Visitor Information Centre	5.8km	47.2km

Closed during the weekend of May 15 & 16th

Along the Trail

- 1. Michelini Wines:** It's a short ride to their Tuscan-style cellar door where you will find that traditional wine making techniques have been used to produce Italian Pinot Grigio, Barbera, Sangiovese, Teroldego, Marzemino and Fragolino wines, as well as the Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Cuvee, Sparkling Merlot and Isabella. Open 10am-5pm.
- 2. Gapsted Wines:** Their cellar door looks over rolling vines and the surrounding hills. Inside, you can taste and select wines from either their premium Gapsted Wines, or the Victorian Alps range which is all about fantastic wines at affordable prices. Open 10am-5pm.
- 3. Valley Nut Groves:** Tucked away in a serene setting, their range of walnut products include unshelled or pickled walnuts, walnut oil and walnut shampoo. With luck, you might find they have items crafted from old trees from the orchard which were carefully dried and transformed into delightful pieces. Open 10am-5pm.
- 4. Myrtleford Savoy Club:** The club is regarded as the hub of the Italian community. They are offering you a traditional pasta lunch, including Tortellini!
- 5. Eaglerange Estate:** Overlooking beautiful Happy Valley, their wines are made by hand following the Burgundian style of winemaking which enhances the fruit flavours and aromas. You can taste and select from Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, Testa Rossa (a blend of Cab Sav and Merlot) plus Riesling and Viognier. Open 10am-5pm.
- 6. Souter's Vineyard:** This boutique winery produces classic cool climate wines. The vineyard is traditionally managed, the vines hand-pruned and the grapes hand-picked. The reds are Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz and the whites are Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer and White Gold Late Harvest Chardonnay/Gewurztraminer. Open 10am-5pm.
- 7. The Homestead Estate:** Located in the homestead built by the first settler in Happy Valley in 1869, and which now operates as a Bed & Breakfast, you can taste their limited release wines made from Sangiovese and Savagnin grapes plus their extra virgin olive oil and Dukkah, a dry mix of chopped Mt Buffalo hazelnuts. Open 10am-5pm.
- 8. Barwidgee Lavender Farm & Café:** On sale in the gift shop is a range of products made from lavender essential oil grown and distilled on the farm as well as their extra virgin olive oil. There are also other gift ideas plus coffee and gourmet treats. Open 10am-5pm.
- 9. Ovens Hotel:** Built in 1854, this classic bush pub has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Still known by the locals as the Happy Valley Hotel, this is where you can enjoy a dish of soothing and delicious Italian Gelati. Of course, if their extensive range of beers happens to catch your eye, well, who's going to say anything!

