

Some Facts About Rail Trails

- ✚ Rail trails are not something new.*
- ✚ There are over 2,000 rail trails in the USA - totalling over 20,000 miles (that's 32,000 kilometres!). First one developed in the 1960s.*
- ✚ There are rail trails in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Spain, France, Germany, numerous other European countries and other countries around the world.*
- ✚ There are already 100 rail trails in Australia (30 in Victoria, 20 in WA, 20 in Tasmania, 15 in Queensland, 8 in SA, 5 in NSW and 2 in NT).*
- ✚ First rail trail in Australia? Railway Reserves Heritage Trail in Mundaring, Western Australia. It was developed over 25 years ago.*
- ✚ Rail trails are built along publicly owned disused railway corridors.*
- ✚ Rail trails are for “non-motorised” users - cyclists, walkers, runners, parents pushing prams, horse riders (sometimes), people in wheelchairs, fun runs and triathlons.*
- ✚ Rail trails offer safe, flat routes away from dangerous roads and provide access into rural areas for people of all abilities.*
- ✚ They traverse a variety of urban and rural landscapes including farms and paddocks, vineyards, forests and wetlands.*