Red Gum & Winery Ride
See the amazing landscape of Penola on a bike. From beautiful red gums to the vineyards of the world famous Coonawarra wine region, this ride takes cyclists on a casual and relaxing route using quiet back roads. Stop by at the various wineries for wine tasting.
Grade: Moderate Ride on unsealed roads
Return Trip: 22 kilometres
Toilets: At wineries
All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks

Avenue of Red Gums on the approach to Penola

"Castor and Pollux" - bronze stallions at Rymill Winery. Named after the twin sons of Zeus & Leda. Castor & Pollux are the patron deities of equestrians & voyagers.

Kalangadoo & Nangwarry Ride
A scenic ride through contrasting timber forests, red gum country and grazing land. The route partly uses the main road to Millicent and to Mount Gambier so expect high speed traffic and large semi trailers. Stop for refreshments at Kalangadoo or Nangwarry before heading back to Penola.
Grade: Longer Ride
(Recommended only for the experienced cyclist)
Return Trip: 60 kilometres
We recommend that you ride in single file
All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks

Yallum Park Ride
Yallum Park is a magnificent two storey homestead built by John Riddoch in 1860. It is said to be one of the best preserved Victorian houses in Australia. Conducted tours are available by prior arrangement through the local tourist office. Pick up a picnic hamper from Penola before heading out. The ride takes you past grazing land to a grand tree-lined entrance to the house. The route uses the Millicent Road (sealed) and expect high speed traffic and the occasional large semi trailer.
Grade: Moderate Ride
(Recommended for the experienced cyclist)
Return trip: 16km
Toilets: At Yallum Park
We recommend that you ride in single file
All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks

Bool Lagoon Ride
The most challenging of the rides from Penola. Bool Lagoon is one of the most exciting and diverse wetlands in Australia. Take a self guided tour and view the varied wildlife and habitat. But be prepared for the ride to Bool Lagoon as the distance is long and sheltered stops are generally not available. You will be using some high speed sealed roads and unsealed roads passing grazing land. As an alternative why not drive there with your bikes and enjoy cycling around the lagoon when you get there.
Grade: Very Long Ride
(Recommended only for the experienced cyclist)
Return trip: 100 kilometres
We recommend that you ride in single file
All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks
Penola is the Limestone Coast’s oldest town. It provides the ideal starting point for exploring some of the most exciting natural and historic treasures in Australia. Rich in history, viticulture and natural resources, Penola township offers visitors a unique insight into the lives of famous personalities who lived here, including religious figure Mary McKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods.

Its many National Trust buildings and privately owned residences provide a postcard reminder of a bygone era.

Close by is arguably Australia’s most famous and finest wine district – Coonawarra. Characterised by its ‘terra rossa’ – or rich red soil – this district occupies a significant position in the world’s wine industry. More than 20 wineries are located along the 12 kilometre famed terra rosa strip, with Cellar Door Sales outlets offering wine tastings and sales to visitors.

Further north of Penola is Bool Lagoon, one of the most exciting and diverse wetlands in Australia. Take a self guided tour across the Tea-Tree Board Walk to the famous Ibis Rookery, and enjoy the journey through the reeds and rushes on Gunawar walk.

To the south of Penola lies diverse landscapes of timber forests, red gums and grazing land. The flat landscape provides cyclists with the ideal opportunity to indulge their senses on a ride through some of the most picturesque scenery in South Australia.

Heritage Ride

Visit 26 sites in Penola including historic buildings and places associated with Mother Mary McKillop. Start at the John Riddoch Interpretive Centre. A family ride following quiet local streets which the children will enjoy, whilst learning about the history of Penola.

Grade: Easy Ride

Penola Short Ride

A taste of what Penola has to offer. Ride past red gum country, the famous vineyards and heritage buildings using quiet back roads (sealed and unsealed). A family ride where everyone can enjoy the scenic beauty of the area in quiet surroundings away from traffic.

Grade: Easy Ride

Return Trip: 8 Kilometres

The Shiraz Ride

A chance to see the world famous Coonawarra wine region and taste some of the best wines in the world. What better way to do it than on a bike. Cycle along quiet back roads at a casual pace and enjoy the scenic beauty of the region and have a look at the famous Terra Rossa soil, perfect for growing grapes. On the way, why not have a photo stop at the Coonawarra Railway Station. You can pick up a picnic hamper from a local restaurant or call in at one of the many restaurants in Coonawarra or Penola. Take your time and make it an enjoyable day out.

Grade: Moderate Ride on unsealed roads

Return trip: 25 Kilometres

Toilets: At wineries and restaurants

All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks.

Conservation Park Ride

The Penola Conservation Park offers visitors a chance to see a variety of wildlife and flora in its natural surroundings. It is home for western grey kangaroos and wallabies. There are picnic areas for visitors and a sign posted interpretive walk around the Park. The route uses the Robe Road (sealed) and expect high speed traffic and timber trucks.

Grade: Moderate Ride

(Recommended for the experienced cyclist)

Return trip: 28 Kilometres

We recommend that you ride in single file

All cyclists should carry ample water and energy snacks.