

ABOUT RAIL TRAILS

Rail trails are a re-use of abandoned railway corridors that can be suitable for walking, cycling and horse riding. There are rail trails all around Australia and across the world. Rail trails link small and large country towns and meander through scenic countryside just as railways did in the past.

Most rail trails have a gravel or natural surface suitable for walking, mountain bikes and horses. Some are sealed which makes them great for touring bikes as well. Following the route of the railways, they cut through hills, under roads, over embankments and across gullies and creeks. Apart from being great places to walk, cycle or ride, rail trails are linear conservation corridors protecting native plants and animals. They often link remnant vegetation in farming areas and contain valuable habitats.

Rail infrastructure is usually removed when a railway is closed, but remnants of the past such as railway cuttings and bridges often remain. Throughout the corridor, you will come across old gullies, water crossings and road crossings whilst seeing parts of the former railway that once serviced the line such as bridges in various states of repair, old signage as well as the ballast surface itself which formed the base of the railway formation.

It is hoped that you enjoy your journey and learn something about the history and heritage of this former railway whilst exploring the great outdoors.



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 Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail



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THE JOURNEY

The rail trail begins in Kilkivan and goes through the townships of Goomeri, Murgon, Wondal, Tingora, Wooroolin, Memerambi and Crawford before finishing in Kingaroy. The total distance is 88 km.



KILKIVAN

Kilkivan is situated 50 km north-west of Gympie, and 220 km north-west of central Brisbane. The country town is famous for its gold and copper mining industries, as well as the annual Great Kilkivan Horse Ride, which attracts a significant number of horses and riders every year. The area was officially settled in the 1840s, and named after a prominent sheep farming property of that era.

Today, Kilkivan's history can be explored in the Kilkivan and District Museum, Mount Clara Copper Smelter and Chimney and heritage buildings.



GOOMERI

Goomeri is a quaint country town, located at the intersection of the Burnett, Bunya and Wide Bay Highways. This picturesque rural town has become famous for its annual Pumpkin Festival, where thousands of tourists flock to the town for a day of pumpkin fun and food. Goomeri is known as a historic 'Clock Town' due to the landmark town clock, constructed in 1939. Many of Goomeri's historic buildings were constructed around 1920, including the National Trust-listed Hall of Memory, which is still in use today.



ABOUT THE KILKIVAN TO KINGAROY RAIL TRAIL

The distance between Kilkivan and Kingaroy is 88 km in total along the former railway corridor alignment. The Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail uses part of the former Theebine to Nanango rail corridor.

The Kingaroy to Theebine railway was used for agriculture and commercial freight as well as transporting passengers and was one of the first branch lines built in Queensland. It was utilised by the Peanut Marketing Board of Kingaroy and also by the Murgon Abattoir which has since closed down. The Kingaroy to Nanango line closed on the 1 July 1964, while the Theebine to Kingaroy line was officially closed in early 2010.

The Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail is a joint project between Gympie Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and the Queensland State Government to deliver a publicly accessible shared use recreational trail as a viable re-use of a now disused rail corridor.

TIPS FOR USING THE RAIL TRAIL

- Many of the waterway crossings along the trail are at bed level and require users to move through water. Do not attempt to cross in flood events.
- Motor vehicles including motorbikes are explicitly not permitted within the corridor.
- There are amenities located at Kilkivan, Goomeri, Murgon, Wondai, Tingoora, Wooroolin, Memerambi and Kingaroy.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT

- The trail is marked with safety markers at 1 km intervals starting 1 km out of Kilkivan (KKRT001). Each is uniquely identified to allow you to work out where you are on the trail and to communicate your location to emergency services if required.

TRAIL MAP



THIS IS A FARMING AREA

Respect the property of landholders:

- Stay within the rail reserve.
- Give way to stock at crossing points.
- Move quietly and with care near stock.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Report any wandering stock within the rail trail corridor to your local council.

DOMESTIC PETS

- Keep pets on a leash and under control at all times.

HORSE RIDERS

- Horse riding is not permitted along the paved section of the South Burnett Region section of this trail.
- Horse riders must complete a Horse Health Declaration and submit to Council prior to use of the trail between Murgon and Wondai.

In an emergency, call 000

