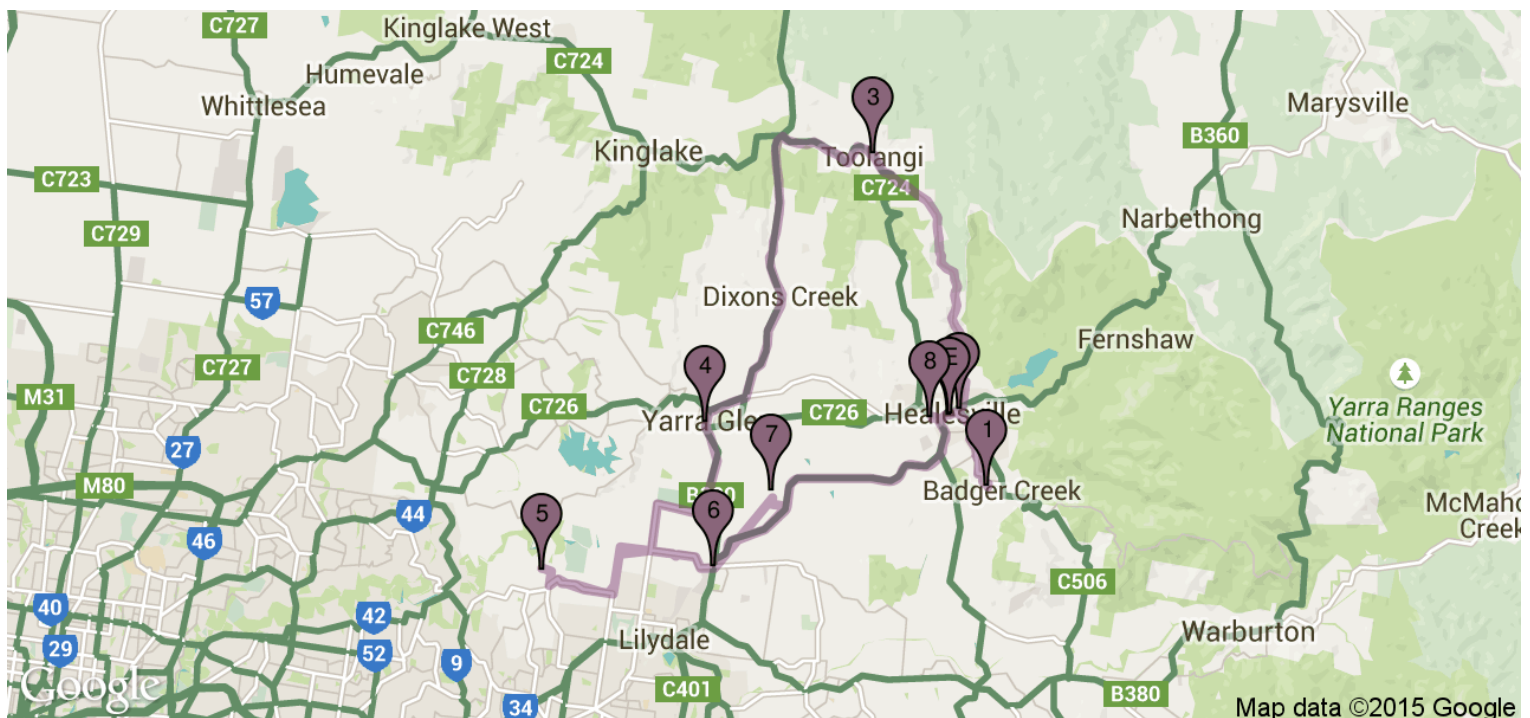


— YARRA VALLEY — CIDER & ALE TRAIL

Your guide to discovering the many beers and ciders that call the Yarra Valley home



— GETTING AROUND THE CIDER & ALE TRAIL —



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Yarra Valley Cider & Ale Trail

The history of beer in the Yarra Valley is believed to go back to the early 1800's when growing hops was a major farming activity in the region. Whilst hop farms have disappeared today except for the odd hop kiln remains, the craft breweries in the Yarra Valley are working hard to make sure beer remains an important part of the Yarra Valley's past, present and future. The Yarra Valley is also one of Victoria's oldest cider regions and was the birthplace of Australian Methode Traditionale cider. Records show cider production by Mac's Lilydale Cider from as early as 1934. Proprietor and cider maker George McGowan purchased "Olinda Park" in 1932 with cider in mind- the property was already home to rare cider apples from Devon stock. In the same year, McGowan converted an old packing shed into a cidery. The first pressing of apples was in March

1934 and the cidery produced carbonated cider and a 10 per cent alcoholic cider named Lilydale Cider - the biggest sales of which were to motorists at the weekends. The business was eventually sold in 1961 and George McGowan retired to the Mornington Peninsula. In the 1960s

Darren Kelly, of Kellybrook Winery, home of Kelly Brothers Cider, travelled through Europe and studied artisan cider making, then began producing Methode Traditionale cider in the late 1960's, the only one in the country at the times. In 1938 George McGowan was convinced that cider had a big future in the Yarra Valley and now with a growing number of cider producers and hundreds of apple orchards in the region, the Yarra Valley is once again making its name for cider.

So looking forward to us girls getting together to celebrate Annie's birthday on the 27th in the Yarra Valley. I see they have a 'Cider & Ale Trail' to follow.....sounds perfect! Let's meet up around 9am at the Harvest Cafe in Healesville and end the day at the Barrique Wine Store to take home some nice wine. Can't wait to see you all.....Jill xxxx

Start Point

Harvest Cafe

256 Maroondah Highway, Healesville, Victoria, Australia

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Stop No.1

Distance between stops: 5.1 km (7 mins approx driving time)



St Ronans Cider

stronanscider.com.au

11 Garnook Grove, Badger Creek, 3777

St Ronan's Cider is a collaboration between friends Eric Driessan and Troy Jones. After countless trials and many a late night 'testing session' we have produced a distinct Australian style of cider that is quite unique. We have used traditional technical processes that are associated with the production of outstanding sparkling wine and Champagne to create St Ronan's range of Methode Traditionale Ciders.

Information > | Trails 1

Opening Time:

Type: Food/Beverages

Thu-Mon: 10am to 5pm

Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead

Features: Have visit/buy premises

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<http://goo.gl/WVPXC4>

Stop No.2

Distance between stops: 5.0 km (7 mins approx driving time)



White Rabbit Brewery

whiterabbitbeer.com.au

316 Maroondah Highway, Healesville, 3777

White Rabbit is a brewery that doesn't want to be constrained and maybe that's the way we like it up in the hills, away from the norm, a place where we are free to think for ourselves. At home in Healesville in the midst of the Yarra Valley, we like to exercise our right to be a little different and brew beer that doesn't just follow the others.

Information > | Trails 1

Opening Time:

Type: Food/Beverages

Daily 11am to 5pm

Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead

Features: Have visit/buy premises

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<http://goo.gl/0mOSo6>

Stop No.3

Distance between stops: 16.5 km (19 mins approx driving time)

Giverny Estate

kiwifruitwine.com

69 Cherry Lane, Toolangi, 3777

Giverny Estate has been making quality kiwi fruit wines for many years and is now proud to introduce a sparkling kiwi fruit cider. Giverny Estate is nestled between the Yea River and the

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majestic eucalypts of the Toolangi State Forest and produces the highest quality kiwi fruit. At the peak of ripeness the fruit is picked and processed into kiwi fruit sparkling cider.

<http://goo.gl/o5QStn>

Information > | **Trails** 1
Type: Wine Food/Beverages
Produce: Preserves, Sauces & Condiments Beer, Cider & Mead Spirits & Liqueurs
Features: Have visit/buy premises
Have Online Store At Farmers Market

Opening Time:
Fri-Sun: 10am to 4pm

Stop No.4

Unable to estimate distance or travel time.



Hargreaves Hill Brewing Company

hargreaveshill.com.au
25 Bell Street, Yarra Glen, 3775

Hargreaves Hill Brewing Company is a family owned craft brewery and restaurant with a reputation for brewing handcrafted ales and lagers from the finest ingredients available. The Cellar Door and Good Food Guide recommended restaurant is situated in Yarra Glen, in the 1890's Colonial Bank building, and is open seven days a week for lunch, dinner Monday to Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Information > | **Trails** 1
Type: Food/Beverages
Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead
Features: Have visit/buy premises
Have Online Store
Facilities: Restaurant

Opening Time:

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<http://goo.gl/Viwjht>

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<http://goo.gl/jyVJO6>

Stop No.5

Distance between stops: 18.8 km (19 mins approx driving time)



Kellybrook Wines & Ciders

kellybrookwinery.com.au
Fulford Road, Wonga Park, 3115

Kellybrook is the home of Kelly Brothers Cider & Riders Brew Co, which pioneered cider making in the Yarra Valley in the late 60's. Kelly Brothers Cider was the brainchild of Phil and Gus Kelly who wanted to make some modern cider styles alongside the more artisan styles of Methode Champenoise cider and Calvados style apple brandy produced by their father Darren. Fresh local pears and apples and traditional techniques are used to produce the cider range.

Information > | **Trails** 1
Type: Wine Food/Beverages
Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead
Features: Have visit/buy premises
Have Online Store
Facilities: Restaurant Functions

Opening Time:
Daily: 10am to 5pm

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<http://goo.gl/tdYf6V>

[View on Google Maps](#)

<http://goo.gl/8vvUDm>

Stop No.6

Distance between stops: 13.1 km (15 mins approx driving time)



Coldstream Brewery

[http://coldstreambrewery.com.au/](http://coldstreambrewery.com.au)
694 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream, 3770

Inspired by the Shivering Man (and his bare all attitude) the boys behind Coldstream took the plunge to run a microbrewery with mates. Catch up over a pot in the bar, sample the range on a tasting paddle, enjoy a meal and maybe learn a little about the infamous Shivering Man. Let our staff take you through our range of premium beers and refreshing apple cider. Enjoy a meal made from the freshest Yarra Valley produce.

Information > | **Trails** 2
Type: Food/Beverages
Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead
Features: Have visit/buy premises
Have Online Store
Facilities: Restaurant

Opening Time:
Daily from 11am to 1pm

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<http://goo.gl/4CmUXH>

[View on Google Maps](#)

<http://goo.gl/dK0618>

Stop No.7

Distance between stops: 6.5 km (6 mins approx driving time)



Napoleone Brewery & Ciderhouse

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<http://www.napoleone.com.au/>
12 St Huberts Road, Coldstream, 3770

A shiny new brew space where the Napoleone crew create an ever evolving range of beers and ciders, making each visit a journey of discovery. Enjoy paddles, pots and pints, you can even take them home. Why not Meet the Brewer on Saturdays for a more in-depth 'brew'ducation. Locally grown and 100% family owned. Built on the foundations of an 1860's dairy on our family property.

i Information > | **📍** Trails 2 Opening Time:
Type: Wine Food/Beverages Daily from 10am
Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead
Features: Have visit/buy premises

<http://goo.gl/YcbWa3>

[View on Google Maps](#)

<http://goo.gl/AsoTww>

Stop No.8

Distance between stops: 13.2 km (12 mins approx driving time)



[Buckley's Beer](#)
<https://buckleysbeer.wordpress.com/>
30 Hunter Road, Healesville, 3777

Buckley's Brewery is named after the icon of survival, escaped convict William Buckley, who survived 32 years in the Australian bush (without a beer)! Tucked away in the industrial estate you can discover cellar door hospitality every weekend, with tours amidst the brewing process, tasting paddles of our quality ales and lagers and gift packs to take away.

i Information > | **📍** Trails 1 Opening Time:
Type: Food/Beverages Sat-Sun: 11am to 5pm
Produce: Beer, Cider & Mead
Features: Have visit/buy premises
Have Online Store

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<http://goo.gl/5uPeXG>

[View on Google Maps](#)

<http://goo.gl/1RzMy7>

End Point

Distance between stops: 1.1 km (2 mins approx driving time)



Barrique Wine Store

260 Maroondah Highway, Healesville, Victoria, Australia
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