

Mawson Trail Route Navigation

The Mawson Trail is marked with a beige and purple marker with a graphic of a trilobite fossil, bike wheel and gum leaf and a white directional arrow.

On the original sections of the trail these markers are attached to treated pine posts, fence posts or street signs. Over the last 5 years treated pine posts are being replaced with yellow ezy-drive posts and a trail marker sticker or new marker plates with a yellow background and red or white reflective rectangles which will be attached to fence posts or other existing infrastructure. Markers are placed at road and track junctions and when the trail changes direction.



Markers are placed at 1-2 km intervals on straight sections of trail. Generally, the trail is on low to moderate gradients. Some sections may exceed these criteria and steep sections of trail can be identified on the elevation scale graphic. Information under the heading Ride Notes includes detail on trail conditions.

Under the Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guideline - Trails Difficulty Rating System the Mawson Trail would be classified as an Easy or Intermediate mountain bike trail.

In addition to the Mawson Trail markers, you will find special Bike SA red arrows marking the way between where our daily route leaves the Mawson Trail and our overnight campsites along the way.



Combined with the official Mawson Trail maps, you should have no problem navigating your way along the trail, **if you pay attention to your surroundings and keep an eye out for the trail markers.**

Mawson Trail maps

The Mawson Trail map collection is made up of 9 individual maps covering three distinct sections of the Mawson Trail. Printed hardcopies of these maps are provided as part of your Outback Odyssey / Mini Mawson tour registration. You should carry the map relevant to your day's journey with you whilst riding.

Mawson Trail maps online / electronic version

The Mawson Trail maps will also be available electronically via the [Avenza online maps](#) platform however you will need to download the [Avenza maps app](#) for your phone/tablet and pay separately for these should you wish to use them.

Other online map options / apps

For those who use other navigation apps on your mobile phone or have GPS devices, the Outback Odyssey route for each day has been logged onto the interactive mapping website ridewithgps.com

You can find the links to these routes in the [Itinerary and Route Maps](#) section of the Outback Odyssey web page.

You can use the [ridewithgps app](#) on your phone (basic or subscription service available) or upload the navigation file to your GPS device by exporting a gpx file.

Another resource that has recently become available is the [Mawson Trail Guide app](#) (fee payable). This has been produced by a private developer and is not associated with the official Mawson Trail maps and online Mawson Trail information produced by the Office of Recreation and Sport.

Whilst we don't have any affiliation or experience with this app it does appear to be a helpful resource with lots of useful information and offline mapping capability.

Important Note: We provide you with the official hardcopy Mawson Trail maps because technology isn't failsafe. Phone signal is very patchy and non-existent along many parts of the trail, especially the further north we travel. And whilst many apps do offer offline mapping capability, these won't help you if your device battery fails.

Consider using your phone /device sparingly and carrying a fully charged backup battery / Powerbank with you each day just in case.