

## PIONEER WOMEN'S TRAIL

Approximately 26km long, today the Pioneer Women's Trail mainly follows country roads, laneways and bush tracks through a delightful section of the Adelaide Hills with historic homes, deciduous trees and native bushland.

## GETTING THERE

Start locations can be accessed by car, taxi or bus.

**By Bus:** Adelaide Metro bus number 864f allows you to access the route at Verdun, Bridgewater, Stirling and Crafers. Between Crafers and the Toll Gate the bus takes the freeway.

**By car:** Parking is available at Verdun, Bridgewater, Stirling, Crafers (and at Gate 14), Cleland Conservation Park (the start of the Bullock Track) as well as other locations on the route. At the city end of the walk there is on-street parking at Brock Reserve in Dashwood Road.

## DISTANCES & TIME



**SILVER ROAD, VERDUN TO BROCK RESERVE**  
23km, 5.5 – 6.5 hours

**BRIDGEWATER TO BROCK RESERVE**  
19km, 5 – 6 hours

**STIRLING TO BROCK RESERVE**  
12km, 3 hours

**EAGLE ON THE HILL (GATE 14, CLELAND CONSERVATION PARK) TO BROCK RESERVE**  
6km, 1.5 hours

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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- National Trust of SA – Hahndorf Branch
- Office for Recreation and Sport
- Walking SA
- Adelaide Hills Council
- City of Burnside
- District Council of Mount Barker
- Department for Environment and Heritage
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Friends of Parks Walking Trails Support Group

## MORE INFORMATION



**National Trust of South Australia**

[www.nationaltrust.org.au/sa](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/sa)

**Pioneer Women's Trail**

[www.nationaltrust.org.au/pioneer-womens-trail](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/pioneer-womens-trail)

**Beaumont House**

[www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/beaumont-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/beaumont-house)

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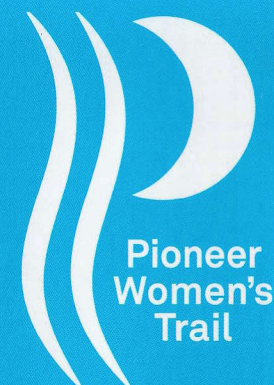
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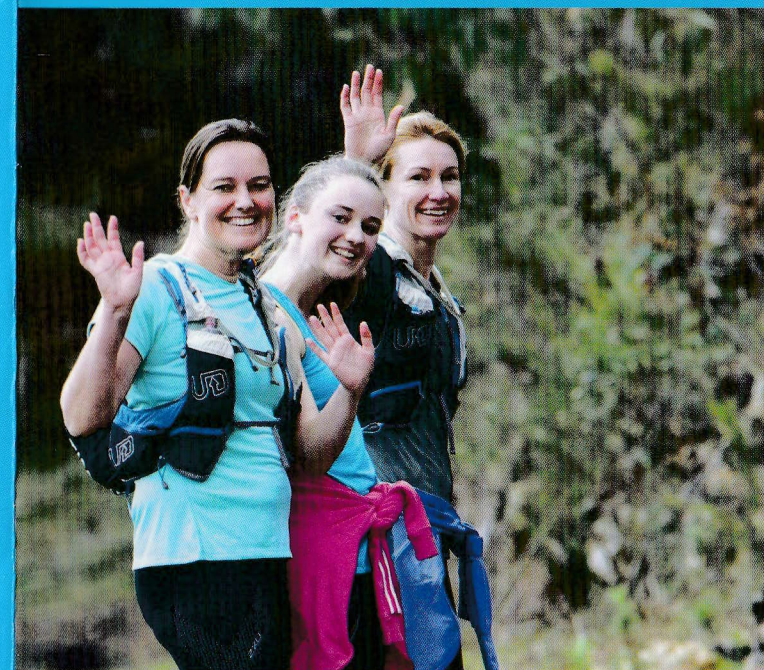
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## Verdun to Beaumont, Adelaide Hills



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## THE TRAIL



The trail winds through Bridgewater, following Cox Creek part of the way. After traversing beautiful Mt George Conservation Park the trail detours through Stirling, with its many cafes. It continues through Crafers and Cleland Conservation Park, before joining the Old Bullock Track, finally emerging to stunning city views and the descent to Brock Reserve in Burnside. Completion of the section of trail between Hahndorf and Silver Road awaits the provision of a safe pedestrian crossing over the Onkaparinga River.

During the South Australian History Festival in May, the Pioneer Women's Trail Walk event commemorates Hahndorf's pioneer women. Hundreds of men, women and children take part every year. On this occasion the walkers are able to cover the full 26km from Hahndorf with the assistance of a police presence at the bridge in Hahndorf. The walk ends at Beaumont House, 150 metres from Brock Reserve.

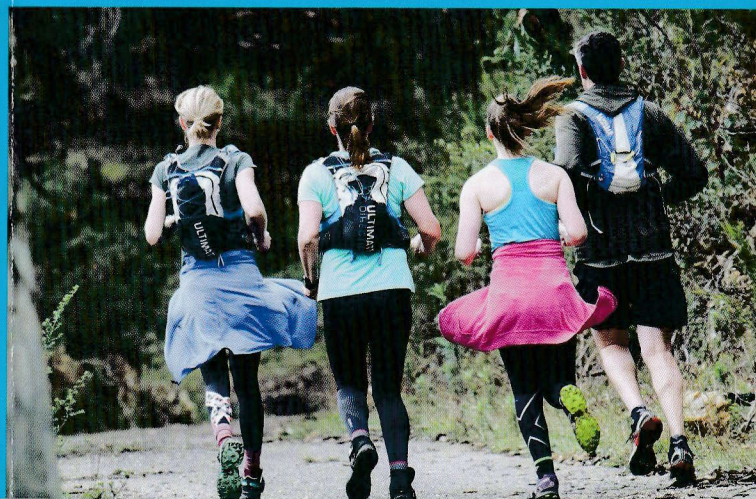
## HISTORY



The Pioneer Women's Trail honours the early Europeans who settled in Hahndorf, and supplied Adelaide with fresh produce at a time when many foodstuffs had to be imported into South Australia. Within weeks of their arrival in 1839 the women and girls were walking the rough bush track to Adelaide, 35kms away. They left the village at midnight, carrying baskets of vegetables and dairy products on their backs or on yokes across their shoulders.

After walking about 26km the women reached a stream in the foothills near Beaumont, where they rested and tidied themselves before continuing into Adelaide to hawk their wares. Their load on the homeward journey might include sewing thread and needles, sugar, tea, tobacco and two bricks each, for building a church in Hahndorf.

They continued to carry supplies to Adelaide in this way until the late 1850s.



## ETIQUETTE & SAFETY TIPS

### Be prepared:

- Carry sufficient drinking water
- Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen
- Ensure you carry appropriate warm and wet weather clothing

### Be responsible:

- Inform a reliable person of your proposed route and expected time of return
- Take care and obey road rules when crossing roads
- Respect other trail users
- Do not litter; take your rubbish with you and dispose properly
- Respect the environment and do not take short cuts or form new trails through bushland
- In an emergency call 000 or 112 from mobile phones

**Phytophthora** is a fungus that causes disease to native plants in the high rainfall areas of South Australia. Phytophthora hygiene stations are located along parts of the trail, where you must clean soil from footwear.



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