



Fossicking

Many old gold diggings exist in the Mount Crawford district. John Watts made a rich strike in 1884 in the gully named after him. News of the discovery sparked a major rush in 1885.

A permit is required and these guidelines apply;

- Fossicking is permitted only in the area shown on the map.
- Plants, animals and man-made or natural features must be left undisturbed.
- Do not dam, divert or pollute streams.
- Only hand operated tools such as pans, hand sluices and metal detectors are permitted.
- All holes must be backfilled.
- Stay clear of old mineshafts.
- Children must be supervised at all times.



Driving in the Forest

Forest Reserves have an extensive network of roads and tracks for forest operations such as logging and firefighting. These are maintained to a suitable standard for such purposes but may not be adequate for your vehicle or able to stand a large volume of traffic. Most forest areas are closed to all public vehicles by gates, barriers or by way of signs. Driving off-road or into closed areas may be hazardous and may make you liable to penalties.

The forest is not the place to test your 4WD vehicle or trail bike. Off-road vehicle use can cause damage to the forest environment and may endanger the safety of other forest visitors. You are permitted to drive on open forest roads, subject to the normal rules of the road.

Forest Trail Code

- The forest trail and road network is used by walkers, horseriders and cyclists. To ensure everyone's enjoyment and safety please consider;
- Keeping to existing trails. Going 'cross country' damages vegetation and can cause erosion.
 - Let someone know when and where you are going, and what time you'll be back. Ensure you have enough clothing, water & food for the activity.
 - When riding wear a helmet and ride at a safe speed according to your experience, track conditions and terrain.
 - Consider other users. Walkers give way to cyclists and both should give way to horse riders. Courtesy is the key.
 - Avoid steep, muddy or loose surfaced trails as the tracks formed channel rainwater and contribute to erosion.
 - For your safety avoid forestry operations areas where tree felling or machinery are in use - keep an eye and an ear out for the signs.



Multiple Use Trails

Shared trails for horses, walkers and cyclists. There are several multiple use loop trails in the Mount Crawford Forest. These trails are clearly signposted with colour coded markers. The car park at the end of Starkeys Road can accommodate a large number of horse floats. The map above shows points where horse access to the forest is possible.



Walking Trails

Numerous walking trails traverse the Mount Crawford Forest. These include the Heysen and Mount Lofty walking trails as well as local trail networks. Further information may be obtained from the following:
 Heysen Trail: www.parks.sa.gov.au/heysen
 Mt Lofty Walking Trails: office@walkingsa.org.au
 Other general trail information: www.southaustraliantrails.com/default.asp

For your safety, forest reserves are closed to the public on declared total fire ban days