



TOUR MINTARO

POLISH HILL RIVER

Round journey: allow 1 to 1.5 hours for this excursion

This drive requires you to drive on some unsealed roads. The roads are absolutely no problem to a traditional 4-wheel drive vehicle and generally okay for the family car or even a small sedan. An adventure worth a bit of dust and bone shaking!

It's best to start this trip at the Paulett Winery at the top of Trillian's Hill, the highest point on the Mintaro to Sevenhill Road, which is named Jolly Way (after Norman Jolly, born in Mintaro and SA's first Rhodes Scholar). You may take this drive when returning to Mintaro from Clare or, if its a stand alone adventure, head to Paulett Wines from Mintaro.

The view alone makes a stop at Paulett Wines a must! As well as tasting this family owned winery's great products, you can experience a magnificent view of Polish Hill River and beyond. The lunchtime restaurant offers magnificent local fare.

Back in the car, head out of the winery (left turn) and down Jolly Way (one continuous left hand bend) for 500 metres. Take the road to the left (which really means going straight on) and this unsealed road will take you through the western end of the valley. Numerous small vineyards line the road for the next 2 kms until you arrive at Annie's Lane corner.

To the left is the entrance to the Wilson Vineyard; straight over the crossing and 400 metres on is the gate to Pikes Wines, Pikes Beer Co. and the delightful Slate Restaurant on your left. These Polish Hill River wineries boast excellent reputations for producing superb cool climate wines. Take the time to check out the links to these three wineries websites for product detail, opening hours and other information.

Just before the entrance to Pikes you will pass, on your left, the Polish Hill River Church Museum, which is open from 11am to 4pm on the first Sunday of each month except January, and Easter Sunday. Check out the website for its history and significance.

Back on Polish Hill River Road after turning left from Pikes, head down the road to the east for 2.5 kms to the T-junction with Hill River Road. Turn right onto this somewhat bumpy road and follow the road around the side of Mt Rufus. It's not unusual to see many kangaroos on the hill to your right. Again, this road affords a magnificent view to the left over the rich farming lands of Mintaro.

After 2.2 kms, you will be back on Jolly Way. Turn left and another 2.3 kms will see you back in our magnificent town.

Depending on just how long you linger at the three wineries, allow 1 to 1.5 hours for the excursion. If lunch is included, you are in charge of the time, and it's a good idea to book!

Further Information:

Paulett Wines

www.paulettwines.com.au

The Wilson Vineyard

www.wilsonvineyard.com.au

Pikes Wines

www.pikeswines.com.au

Pikes Brewery

www.pikeswines.com.au/pikes-beer-company

Polish Hill River Church Museum

www.phrcm.org.au

