

SWAN VALLEY

FAMILY FUN  
TRAILS

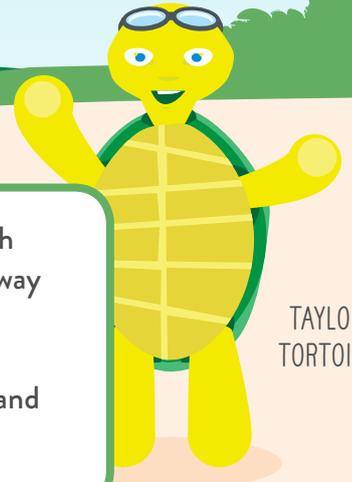


# The AMAZING VALLEY CHASE

INSTRUCTION AND CLUE  
TRAVEL PACK

## G'day!

My name is Taylor. I am a critically endangered Western Swamp Tortoise which can only be found here in the Swan Valley and I'm here to help you find your way around and chase down the answer to my mystery question. I am named after a famous local family who lived in the area with their 13 children in the 1880's which was a very long time ago. So... buckle up and get ready for a day of fun and adventure in the Swan Valley. [See you at the finish line!](#)



TAYLOR  
TORTOISE

LALA  
ALPACA



A CHASE IS KIND OF LIKE A TREASURE HUNT IN A CAR.  
IN THIS CHASE YOU WILL START AND END AT THE  
SWAN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE NO  
IDEA WHERE THE JOURNEY IS GOING TO TAKE YOU IN  
BETWEEN UNTIL YOU READ THE CLUE SHEET.

## IT'S A REAL ADVENTURE!

### TO COMPLETE THE RALLY, YOU WILL NEED:

- The Amazing Valley Chase Instruction and Clue Travel Pack
- Pen or pencil
- Road directory (not essential)
- Something to lean on
- The Swan Valley map
- Your thinking caps!

The Amazing Valley Chase Instruction and Clue Travel Pack and the Swan Valley map are available from the Swan Valley Visitor Centre or you can download both from [swanvalley.com.au](http://swanvalley.com.au)



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VINEYARDS SINCE 1829



ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE  
**3 Hours**

Make a day of it!



Along the way you will discover checkpoints. Each checkpoint has a picture like this:



On my picture are some letters. Copy the letters on the back page to reveal Taylor's secret message.

They won't make much sense at first but once you've visited every check point and have all the letters down in the right order, they will spell out a mystery riddle!

**You have to go to the checkpoints in the right order to solve the mystery!**

When you have reached the last checkpoint and solved the secret message, take this sheet into the Visitor Centre to collect your winner's certificate and a great prize!

First you need to check-in at the information desk at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre. Collect your free Swan Valley Map and the Clue Sheet if you haven't already downloaded copies from the web.

The tricky directions on the Clue Sheet will help you find your way around in conjunction with the Swan Valley Map.

As you drive along look out for 'landmarks' so you know you are on track and read out what I say in the speech bubbles along the way. I'll tell you all sorts of cool stuff that'll make your trip more interesting.

## Plan your day



The City of Swan has some great family picnic destinations. Why not get a group of families together to do the Chase and afterwards meet up for a group picnic!

Here are some of my favourite places:

- Fish Market Reserve (Guildford map)
- Stirling Square (Guildford map, toilets)
- Maali Bridge and Park (Swan Valley map)
- Lilac Hill Park (Swan Valley map)
- All Saints Church (Swan Valley map)
- Whiteman Park (Swan Valley map, toilets)

There are lots of stops along the way where children have the opportunity to get out, search for answers for the Clue Sheet and stretch their legs. Many of the stopping spots are very picturesque so bring your camera along too!

## TOP TIPS!

- The Amazing Valley Chase can be done every day of the year. Latest departure time is 12noon as the Visitor Centre closes at 4pm.
- It's not a race! You can take as much time as you need to complete. If you don't finish it today, you can always come back and finish on another day. Remember, all families who have a go at completing the Amazing Valley Chase will be awarded a winner's certificate.
- Public toilets are located at the Visitor Centre and at a couple of the Chase stops where indicated on the Clue Sheets, or refer to the Swan Valley map for locations.
- Dogs on leads are welcome.
- Bring some sun cream and insect repellent (just in case).



## STARTING POINT

# Swan Valley Visitor Centre

GOOD LUCK!

# Start your engines!

YOU'RE OFF AND RUNNING!



### CLUE 1

Turn right out of the carpark, travel over the Swan River and past a very famous cricket pitch. On your right you will see a winery that is also famous for its fantastic outdoor concerts on the lawn. Continue on through a set of traffic lights.

By now the grown ups in the car might be craving a caffeine fix, turn right when you see the sign offering a kwik fix.

**Look for me on the camouflage-painted 4WD vehicle.**

HOW MANY BEANS DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE AN EXPRESSO?

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### CLUE 2

Parents, with your new found energy turn left out of the car park back onto West Swan Road toward Reid Highway. Turn left onto Reid Highway passing Middle Swan Reserve and then left at the lights onto Great Northern Highway.

On the right you will see a coffee house with a name that sounds the same as someone who makes fine suits. On the left you will pass Oakover Grounds which has paddle boat rides on its lake. Turn right into the driveway of a factory that makes a sweet treat from eggs and honey.

**Look for me near the water feature.**

INSIDE YOU WILL SEE A VERY SMALL CAR, WHAT IS WRITTEN ON THE NUMBER PLATE?

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Not open Mondays so answer might only be visible by looking through the window.

Guildford has a long, proud history of cricket with the first matches of the Guildford Cricket Club being played at Stirling Square in 1839. The Lilac Hill Cricket ground was originally part of the farming estate owned by the Hamersley family. In 1954 part of the property was repossessed by the local government of the day and has been used by the local cricket club ever since.



### CLUE 3

Turn right out of the carpark and then head north. Look out for a road that is named after a fast food chain on your right. Turn left at the road named after a waterway and look for a truck laden with small white houses.

The flying insects at this place make something sweet which is great for breakfast and is said to have special healing powers.

**Look for me on Beekeeper Drive.**

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS FLYING INSECT?

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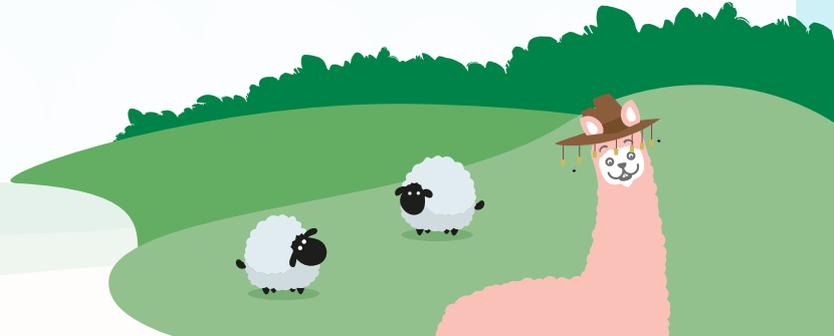
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## CLUE 4

Turn left out of the carpark and head back to Great Northern Highway, turn left and continue north. You will pass a place that grows something totally different to olives and is in fact the very first of its kind to be established in the Swan Valley although not in this current location. Continue along Great Northern Highway, cross the bridge to the set of lights and turn left onto West Swan Road. On your left you will see a lovely garden. This garden stands as a memorial to a very colourful character who was born around 1795 and was killed in the early 1830's. **Look for me on the swinging gate.**

WHAT YEAR WAS THE MEMORIAL OPENED?

Captain James Stirling sighted the Swan Valley in 1827, before the founding of the Swan River Colony and official settlement of Western Australia in 1829. He quickly realised the Valley's rich soils would sustain settlement. The first agricultural ventures by colonial settlers began in 1829 with arable and livestock farming and it wasn't long before large estates were formed, giving the area a British look and feel.



## CLUE 5

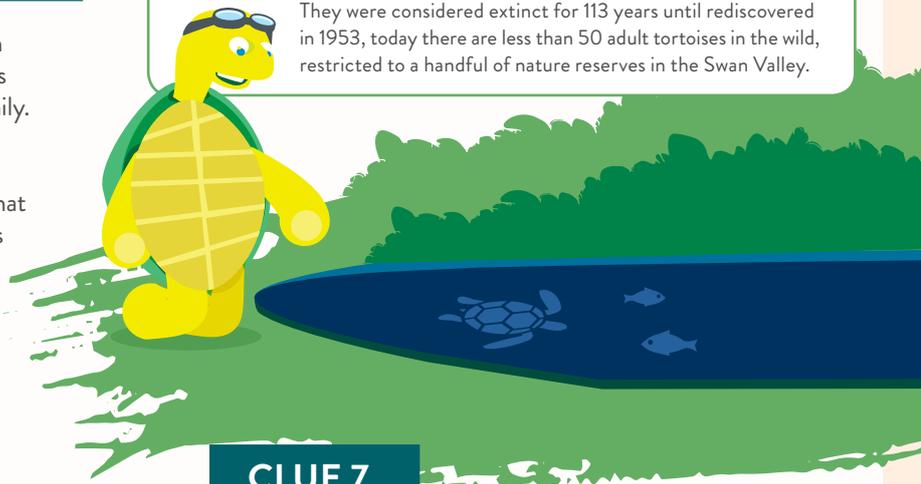
Stay on course heading south along West Swan Road, turn right at the roundabout on to Gnangara Road, you will pass Edgecombe Brothers, home to Taylor Tortoise and his family. The next two streets you are looking for both have boy's names. The first starts with R and is a left hand turn off Gnangara Road. The second starts with J and is the road that will take you to a place where a friendly cow and his friends are there to greet you. **Look for me at the Farm Entry.**

WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE FARMERS?

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These beautiful creatures are lucky enough to share this habitat with one of Australia's most critically endangered reptiles, the Western Swamp Tortoise. This short necked, carnivorous tortoise has remained unchanged since the days of the dinosaurs.

They were considered extinct for 113 years until rediscovered in 1953, today there are less than 50 adult tortoises in the wild, restricted to a handful of nature reserves in the Swan Valley.



## CLUE 6

Head to the end of John Street and turn right on West Swan Road. Time to replenish your energy levels and enjoy a sweet treat served in a cone and made from famous Swan Valley fruit and milk. **Look for me near the small wooden house.**

HOW MANY FLAVOURS OF ICE CREAM ARE THERE ON DISPLAY?

## CLUE 7

Turn right back onto West Swan Road and head south until you reach a place that rises from the desert on your left. **Look for me by the waterfall.**

WHAT GAME IS PLAYED HERE?



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## CLUE 8

Turn left to join West Swan Road again. Turn right onto Reid Hwy and right again at the New Lord St traffic lights. On your left, at a roundabout, is the entry to one of the state's most significant recreation and conservation reserves, home to a variety of wildlife and attractions for families. Head through the gates and continue until you reach the Visitor Centre.

**Look for me on the Visitor Centre verandah.**

**WHAT OTHER FORM FOR TRANSPORT CAN YOU RIDE AT WHITEMAN PARK?**

Retrace your route back to Lord St and turn right. Continue until you reach the lights and turn left at Reid Highway. At the next set of lights turn right onto West Swan Road heading back to where you began this adventure.

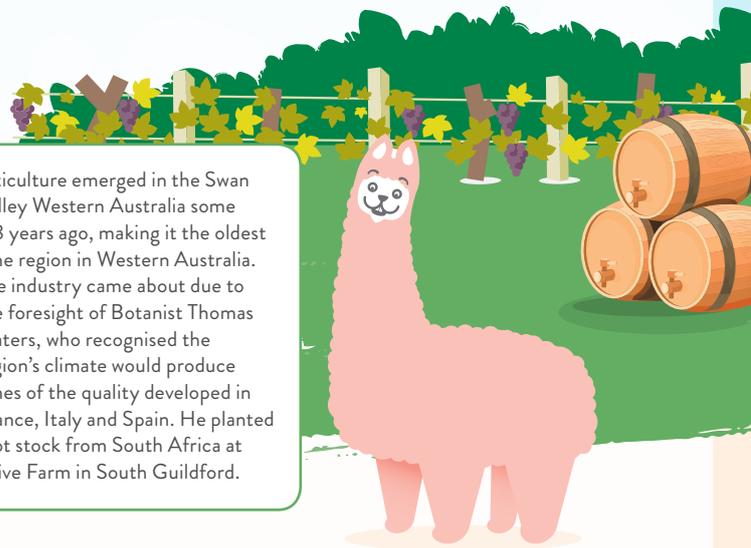
## CLUE 9

Turn left into the car park of the old historic Guildford Goal and Courthouse. From the car park you will see a tiny old house, which was the Taylor family's home from the 1880's.

**Look for me at the Taylor's Cottage.**

**WHAT IS THIS HOUSE MADE OF?**

← THE LAST ONE!



Viticulture emerged in the Swan Valley Western Australia some 178 years ago, making it the oldest wine region in Western Australia. The industry came about due to the foresight of Botanist Thomas Waters, who recognised the region's climate would produce wines of the quality developed in France, Italy and Spain. He planted root stock from South Africa at Olive Farm in South Guildford.

Mr Taylor was a convict sent from England to Guildford for pick pocketing in 1865. He met and married Emma Hutchins, just 17 and much younger than he in Toodyay.

They moved to Guildford in the 1880's and he made something of himself as a Hawker. They raised 13 children, and in the year 2000 the youngest daughter aged almost 100, visited the Cottage in Guildford for the last time before passing away.



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WOO HOO!  
YOU MADE IT TO THE  
FINISH LINE!



## Taylor's Secret Message

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### GET YOUR WINNER'S CERTIFICATE!

MAKE YOUR WAY INSIDE THE SWAN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE TO RECEIVE YOUR AMAZING VALLEY CHASE CERTIFICATE!

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## Evaluation Questions

How did you find out about the Amazing Valley Chase?

- Friends or family  School  Internet  Local newspaper  
 Visitor Centre  Brochure  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How much did your family enjoy the Amazing Valley Chase? (Circle your answer)

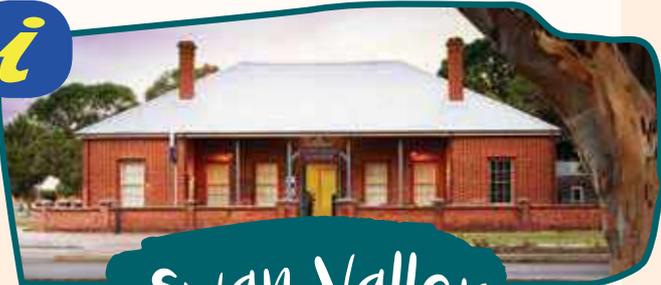
NO FUN 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 REALLY TERRIFIC!

Would you come back to the Swan Valley with your family again during the next 12 months?

- Yes  No

Would you recommend the Swan Valley to other families.

- Yes  No If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_



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Visitor Centre

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