



TRACKS & TRAILS

Adventures on foot or by
bike throughout the
Rural City of Wangaratta



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Wangaratta

The Rural City of Wangaratta acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of these lands and waterways and their deep spiritual connection to Country. We acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and thank them for their knowledge and wisdom as we walk in their footsteps.

TAKE CARE

Take care and remain alert when enjoying nature based activities. Be aware of snakes and respect the habitat of other wildlife. Don't enter flooded areas and beware of river currents especially after heavy rainfall. Use sun protection and wear appropriate footwear.

Let someone know where you are going, make sure you carry drinking water and most importantly have fun!

DAYS OF CODE RED FIRE DANGER

Please note on days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger Rating, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria may close parks and forests. Check their relevant websites for trail information. For bushfire information please call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 or download their app.



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The Rural City of Wangaratta is located in a unique position being almost entirely encircled by mountain ranges and when viewed from any of these high points the Wangaratta valley appears as a gigantic crater, and maybe it is!

Each geographical feature ensures that all the rainfall which descends on these ranges forms rivers and creeks that all flow and meet up in the Ovens River at Wangaratta, which is the lowest part of the crater.

This area was designated to the Bpangerang tribe thousands of years ago when each tribe was allotted their boundary, which ensured that each had the same water facilities as the others.

When floods came to the Wangaratta valley the Bpangerang people simply moved their belongings to higher ground and stayed there until the floods subsided. Upon returning they found all their lagoons and waterways replenished with fresh water and fish and the other creatures which formed their supermarket.

The Bpangerang people had many significant walkways and areas which were featured throughout the area. Today the Rural City of Wangaratta are revitalizing this ancient culture to keep the proud history of Wangaratta alive and well.

Uncle Freddie Dowling
Bpangerang Elder



Experience the naturally beautiful scenery, heritage rich history and exceptional culinary delights of Wangaratta and surrounds. From world class, award winning wines and a celebration of regional produce, to mountainous countryside, internationally renowned cycling experiences, beautiful rivers, valleys and wetlands – the only hard part of your visit will be deciding what to do first! You will need to stay a while to see all the sights (and taste all the flavours) but you can still pack plenty in to a short visit.

Step out and explore the Rural City of Wangaratta's natural beauty on foot. There are many walks and hikes on offer, from a gentle stroll connecting with nature to a full day adventure.

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution from Wangaratta Landcare & Sustainability Inc, Eldorado Tourism Business Group Inc and Parks Victoria in providing information for many of these walks.



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Wangaratta and the northern section of the Warby-Ovens National Park.

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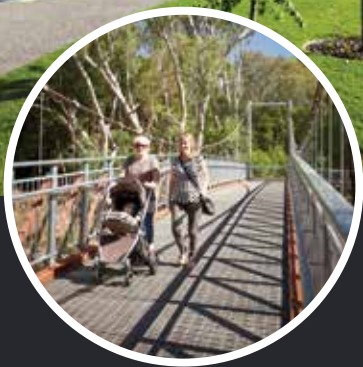
Glenrowan and the southern section of the Warby-Ovens National Park.

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King Valley and the Alpine National Park.

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Eldorado and the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.



The vibrant CBD offers diverse shopping, alfresco cafes and bars, arts precinct, parks and gardens within easy walking distance. Enjoy a walk or cycle along the river to learn about the history and culture of the Bpangerang people along the Bullawah Cultural Trail.

Find history and heritage at every turn with a self-guided heritage walk and significant tree walk to lead you through the streets. Nature surrounds the city with remnant riverine bushland along the Ovens and King rivers. Drop in to the Visitor Information Centre to pick up detailed brochures for these walks.

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WANGARATTA CBD TRACKS & TRAILS:

Bullawah Cultural Trail & Sydney Beach



Significant Tree Walk:

Business Precinct

Historic Railway Precinct

Residential Precinct



Heritage Walk



Murray to Mountains

Rail Trail



PICNIC

Take a lunch from one of the many cafes in town to enjoy at picturesque spots





1. Marmungun Rock
2. Welcome
3. Mundgee – Murray Cod
4. Dirrawarra – Bridge
5. Byamee – The Creator
6. Torryong Bridge
7. Totems & Our Spirituality
8. Mullinmurr – Platypus
9. Wayfinding sign
10. Guritcha – Willy Wagtail
11. Yaddy & Plants for Life & Bush Tucker Garden
12. Yarraboyn & Womboyn – Red Kangaroo and Grey Kangaroo
13. Yirradwor – Magpie
14. Life by the River
15. Identity

Please do not pick or eat the plants in the Bush Tucker Garden

Bullawah Cultural Trail and Sydney Beach

2.4km, 1 hour, Grade 1, floods occasionally



Follow the Ovens River from Marmungun Rock in Apex Park on this 2.4km self-guided family experience to discover ancient Aboriginal stories, spirituality, culture and food. Enjoy sculptures, interpretive signage and the bush tucker garden. Cross the swing bridge at Sydney beach, a popular swimming spot, and walk towards Northern Beaches. This ancient River Red Gum remnant forest forms part of an eco-system that incorporates Barmah-Millewa Forest and extends along the Murray River.

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Significant Tree Walk

Business Precinct: 30 minutes, Grade 1, Circuit Walk

Historic Railway Precinct: 30 minutes, Grade 1, Circuit Walk

Residential Precinct: 30 minutes, Grade 1, Circuit Walk



Business precinct: This circular walk takes in the Cathedral precinct with its giant Bunya Pine planted in the 1850s alongside Wangaratta's oldest house, the Deanery. Walk along to King George Gardens, once Wangaratta's stockyards, and now containing some rare plants and large London Plane Trees. The walk also takes in some magnificent River Red Gums near the Ovens River, including the Major Mitchell Tree estimated to be over 1000 years old. The Baker Street London Plane Tree avenue includes some of the largest in Victoria.

Historic Railway Precinct: From the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, head along Docker Street past the Library to the railway precinct. View flowering gums and Peppercorn trees, planted in the 1800s when tracks were first laid. The Jacarandas outside the Wangaratta Hospital were planted and nurtured by Matron Boyd (at the hospital from 1928-49). View the mature Norfolk Pine in front of the North Eastern Hotel and cross the railway bridge to walk back along Cusack Street past Bishop's Lodge with its historic garden. The Canary Island Palm was planted by the first Anglican Bishop early in the 20th Century.

Residential Precinct: Beginning at the Bike Hub, this circular walk passes a variety of significant trees that are notable for either their historical, cultural or aesthetic aspects. The walk takes you along Wangaratta's main entry/exit road and then leads through one of the town's more established neighbourhoods. A short walk through Merriwa Park takes you back to the starting point. The 1950s saw a growing interest in Australian flora, with native trees such as the Lemon Scented Gums along Crisp and Ryley streets featuring in streetscape design.



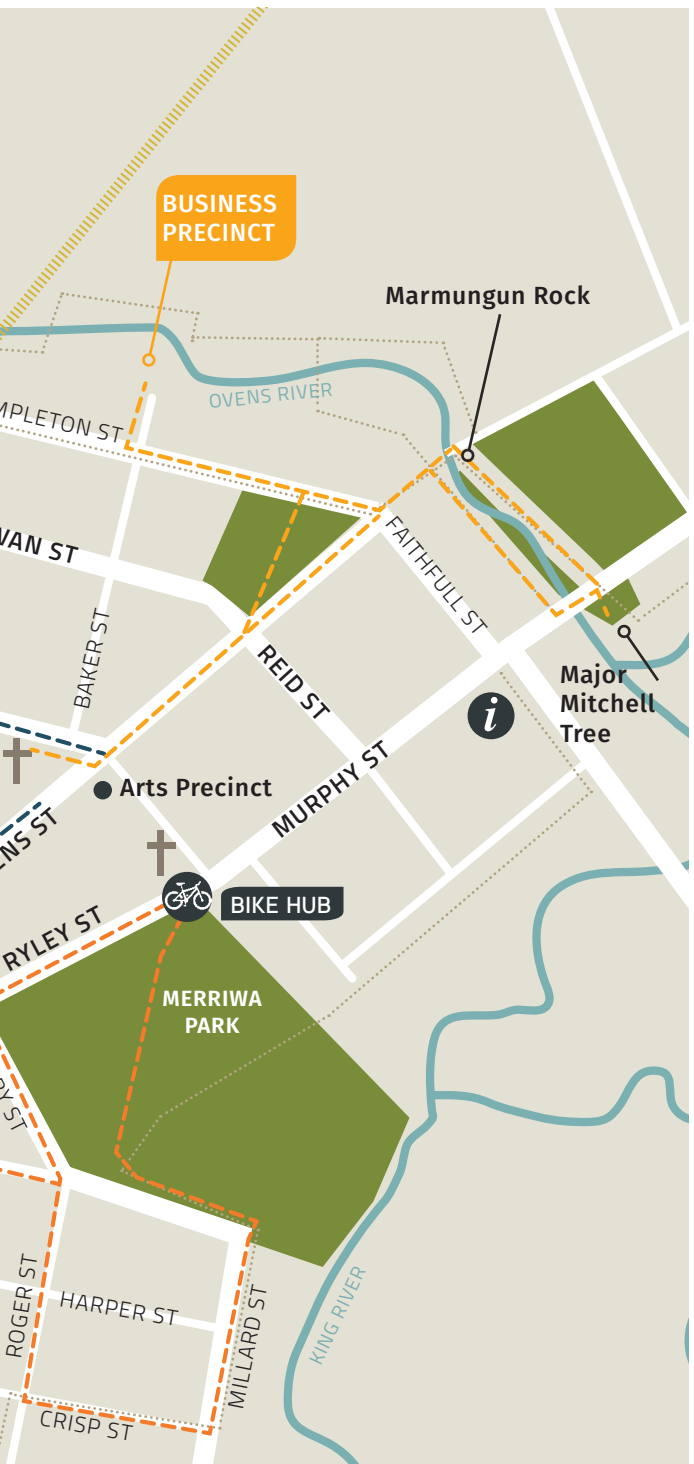
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HISTORIC RAILWAY PRECINCT

RESIDENTIAL PRECINCT

Library

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**BUSINESS
PRECINCT**

Marmungun Rock

OVENS RIVER

MARMUNGUN ST

VAN ST

BAKER ST

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Major Mitchell Tree

Arts Precinct

MURPHY ST



LENS ST



BIKE HUB

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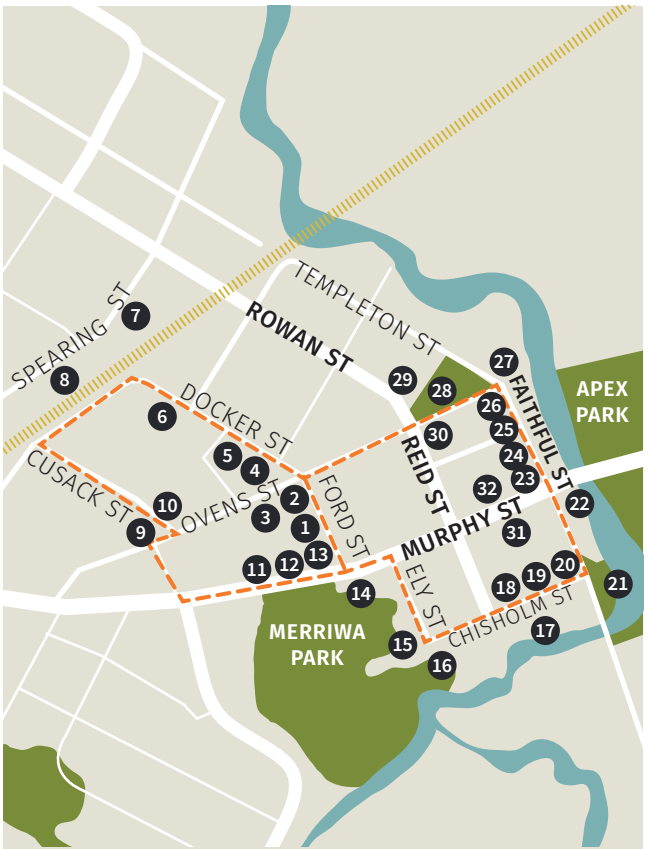
ROGER ST

HARPER ST

MILLARD ST

KING RIVER

CRISP ST



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| 1. W.H Edwards Museum | 18. Pinsent Hotel |
| 2. Memorial Town Hall | 19. Wangaratta's first State Secondary School |
| 3. Exhibitions Gallery | 20. State School 643 |
| 4. Monument Gardens | 21. Pioneer Cemetery |
| 5. The Holy Trinity Cathedral | 22. Major Mitchell Bridge |
| 6. TAFE College | 23. Colonial Mutual Life Building |
| 7. Water Towers | 24. Court House & Public Office |
| 8. The Railway Station | 25. Royal Victoria Hotel |
| 9. Sir Edward Dunlop's birthplace | 26. Howden's Shop |
| 10. Bishops Lodge | 27. Wangaratta RSL |
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| 16. The Wangaratta Brewery | |
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Wangaratta Heritage Trail

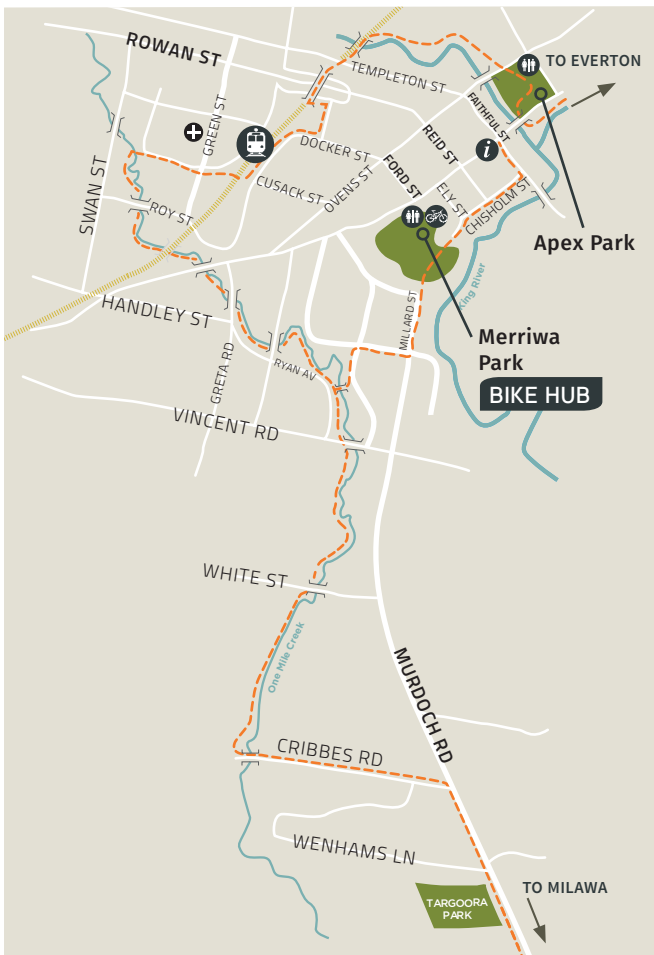
4.7kms, 60 minutes, Grade 1



This self-guided walk will see you discover some of Wangaratta's lively history preserved in various heritage buildings dotted throughout our CBD.

Following Major Mitchell's favourable report of the area, overlanders were quickly on the move and European settlement began in Ovens Crossing in 1838. By 1848 the township had been officially named Wangaratta, the Bpangerang word for Long Necked Cormorant. From the boom of the gold rush, construction of the rail link from Melbourne to Sydney, Wangaratta has continued to grow. This heritage can be viewed through the various styles of architecture in and around the CBD.

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Murray To Mountains Rail Trail

The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail includes over 100 km of easy to ride sections of scenic and sealed off road riding.

Wangaratta to Milawa: 18km, Grade 1

Wangaratta to Everton Station: 27km, Grade 1



The perfect way to discover the diverse and ever-changing landscapes of the North East is along the 100km sealed Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Wangaratta is the trail head linking the city with the Milawa Gourmet Region, Beechworth and Bright. Cyclists and walkers can enjoy the sealed off-road trail, which is safe for children. Visitors can choose their distance and direction. Head to Oxley and Milawa where you can savour some of the finest gourmet produce and renowned wines or to Everton to take in the agricultural landscapes.

www.ridehighcountry.com.au or pick up a map from the Visitor Information Centre.



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Discover the diverse network of sealed and unsealed shared paths for you to enjoy in and around Wangaratta. We are lucky to be surrounded by picturesque nature reserves and waterways within minutes of the CBD. Explore some of our hidden gems, take some time out and enjoy getting close to nature in our own 'backyard'.

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tracks and trails:

Surrounding Wangaratta



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NATIVE WILDLIFE ABOUNDS

During the day keep an eye out for a diverse range of water and woodland birds or platypus in the river. In the evening listen for the rare Barking Owl and look for gliders and possums emerging from their tree hollows.

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SURROUNDING WANGARATTA:

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Pine Gully Nature Trail

Pangerang Lookout Walk

Springtime Flower Walk

Mullinmur Billabong

Grade 2, Formed track, Wetland reserve, Floods occasionally

Billabong Loop: 1.3 km, 13 minutes

Inner Billabong: 0.5km, 5 minutes

Torryong Track: 1.5 km, 15 minutes



Mullinmur Billabong comprises approximately 20 hectares of floodplain riparian woodland on the Ovens River and is located 2.5 kilometres north of the Wangaratta City Centre. There are three walking tracks with picnic seating along the way. Access to the area is via the corner of Phillipson Street and Cambridge Drive.

The area is managed by Catholic Education with support from volunteers from Wangaratta Landcare and Sustainability Inc and other partner organisations. The area is managed primarily for conservation and education with local schools and groups regularly engaging in environmental education activities. The health of the area has been improved through active weed management, revegetation, removal of European carp and the re-introduction of freshwater native fish.

The wetland vegetation of Mullinmur Billabong is dominated by River Red Gums, Silver Wattle, Black Wattle, Sedges, Knotweed and herbs including Joyweed, Sneezeweed, and Carpetweed. Look out for a range of wetland and woodland birds and during the evening you may catch a glimpse of Barking Owls, Sugar Gliders and Possums emerging from the large old trees that provide hollows and food for many species.

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Northern Beaches

1.65km, 20 minutes, Grade 2, formed track, bush reserve, floods occasionally, river loop



Located along the Ovens River this secluded part of Wangaratta offers a walking and bike trail that makes the most of the unspoilt natural beauty. There are two, small and sandy, beaches in this area; Platypus Beach and Kingfisher Beach - named after some of the local wildlife found here. The area is full of wonderful native wildlife including Bats, Possums, Sugar Gliders, Echidnas, Antechinus, Long-necked Turtles and Platypus. During the day you may also be lucky enough to see a variety of birds including Azure Kingfishers, White-throated and Brown Treecreepers, Eastern Yellow Robins and Grey Shrike-thrush. There is also plenty of native vegetation including Silver Wattle, River Red Gums, River Bottlebrush, River Tea Tree, Sweet Bursaria, Weeping Grass and Tussock Grass, as well as Common and River Buttercups.

This part of modern day Wangaratta historically provided an important source of food and items for local indigenous people. On the stretch of walkway between Kingfisher and Platypus beaches there is a 'canoe tree' where it can be clearly seen a bark canoe was once cut out. Northern Beaches Wangaratta can be reached either by following Bullawah Cultural Trail from Apex Park or by car via Park Lane and College Street behind the Barr Reserve.

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Three Mile Creek

1.7km, 15 minutes, Grade 1, well-formed track. Links to One Mile Creek Path and Ovens Riverside Path.



Three Mile Creek flows through the western part of Wangaratta. The shared path links to Williams Road, schools, child and aged care, golf courses and the Waldara area. Access the Three Mile Creek path via the One Mile Creek shared path or from the north end of Appin Street where the One Mile and Three Mile Creek tracks join. Either head over the bridge to the western bank at Edwards Street (which links via College Street to North Beaches) or follow the track to Williams Road where you can head further afield to discover the Warby Ovens National Park.

The creek waters usually flow except in very dry summers. Nature reserves and revegetation work along the creek support many water and tree dwelling birds. Look out for frogs and reptiles and you may be lucky enough to spot a platypus.

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Kaluna Park

Grade 2, formed track, bush reserve, floods occasionally.

Silver Wattle Loop: 0.34km, 4 minutes

Billabong Track: 0.53km, 5.5 minutes

Loop Track: 0.32km, 4 minutes



Kaluna Park is a 5.2 hectare natural remnant of River Red Gum riverine bushland within easy walking distance from the city centre. It is bordered by the King River, a billabong and a levee bank which separates it from Merriwa Park. The area has undergone extensive bush restoration since 1995 with regular ecological maintenance by Wangaratta Landcare and Sustainability Inc and Council. This area is a haven for wildlife including many species of woodland and wetland birds.

There are 1.2km of walking tracks with seats along the way and interpretive signage. Walk from Ely Street at the north end of the levee bank to the Kaluna Park entrance. Alternatively, enter Merriwa Park from Ryley Street and continue to the south end of Merriwa Park. Barbeque and toilet facilities are located nearby at Merriwa Park.

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One Mile Creek

6.6km, Grade 1, well-formed track, shared path



Extending from Cribbes Road to the northern end of Appin Street where it joins the Three Mile Creek, the One Mile Creek path is Wangaratta's major shared path. The path passes through the centre of Wangaratta with many opportunities to join or leave the path along the way. Access all major recreational and sporting facilities as well as playgrounds, seating and barbeque facilities. There is good access from White, Roy, Rowan, Swan, Phillipson and Appin Streets. Look out for abundant birdlife in vegetated areas along the creek and you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Rakali (native water rat). Wareena wetlands near Wareena Park is a constructed wetland with instream and riparian vegetation to improve water quality.

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Kaluna Island

1.1km, 13minutes, Grade 2, formed track, bush reserve, floods occasionally



Close to the centre of Wangaratta, Kaluna Island adjoins Kaluna Park and is bordered by the King River and one of its anabranches creating an island. It is an 18ha hectare remnant of River Red Gum riverine woodland. Many of the trees here are over 300 years old and some have scars that tell ancient stories of their importance to local First Nations People. Here you will see Apple Box, a rare species of Eucalyptus in this area, and old River Bottlebrush. There are many beautiful native grasses including large stands of Kangaroo Grass. Ongoing habitat restoration works ensure this remnant bushland is home to an abundance of native wildlife. The only entry point is for foot traffic over a concrete bridge on the other side of the levee wall at the bottom of Thomas Street, off Wilson Road. This bridge crosses the anabranch and leads to a cleared walking track which circles the reserve. Access is difficult during periods of high river flow which may last for weeks at a time.

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Horseshoe Lagoon Reserve

1.4km, 20minutes, Grade 2, rough-formed track, wetland reserve, floods occasionally



Horseshoe Lagoon Bushland Reserve is a swampy River Red Gum woodland adjacent to the Ovens River. Animals and plants in this area are adapted to deal with the natural wetting and drying of the lagoon as seasonal river flows change. The Bpangerang people know this place as Munbundowie, meaning bandy legged, an important area for fishing and camping.

Access is via the gate at the end of Dale Street where you can park. Alternatively you can ride the 3.6km from Apex Park by heading east along Binkerton Street, then left into Bank Street where the reserve is sign posted. Keep right at Willis Street and turn left at Dale Street. Continue straight under the railway bridge and pass through the gate (remembering to close again). Walk a short way and you will see the Horseshoe Lagoon signage.

Here you can see many water birds including Egrets, Spoonbills and Kingfishers and a variety of native flora including Sedges, Rushes, River Bottlebrush and many old River Red Gums. This area provides good habitat for riverine turtles (e.g. Macquarie Turtle) which can be seen basking on sunny days and many reptiles so be mindful of snakes when walking.

East Wangaratta Nature Conservation Reserve

Grade 3, rough-formed track, bush reserve, floods occasionally, bird watching area



This River Red Gum conservation reserve is 2km from the Wangaratta city centre and can be accessed from a concealed gate along the Great Alpine Road, 400m past the Yellow Creek bridge. A Parks Victoria sign marks the location. Yellow Creek, an anabranch of the Ovens River runs along the reserve's western boundary where it meets Reedy Creek. Access is on foot via a rough vehicle track. The entrance gate is locked to restrict vehicles entering due to cattle grazing under licence. This area is limited to nature study and bird watching. The well-developed tall shrub layer of River Bottlebrush and a grassy (mostly weedy) understorey, makes this an ideal habitat for many bush birds.

Wangaratta Common Nature Conservation Reserve

Grade 2, rough formed track, bush reserve, bird watching area



Bounded by Tone Road, Mason Street and Greta Road, the reserve can be accessed by walking tracks from the public roads mentioned above, as well as Hay Avenue and Connell Street. This large relatively intact native grassland with diverse plants (96 species to date) is stunning in spring and early summer.

A large woodland area in the northwest of the reserve includes a seasonal River Red Gum wetland and grassy Grey Box woodland in the higher parts and offers excellent bird watching at times. The grassland portion of the reserve is burnt every one to two years by Parks Victoria to maintain the grassland structure and diversity. This, along with much of the reserve becoming boggy during wet periods, means that it is best experienced during spring and dry winters.

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Wenhams Lane Bush Reserve

0.5km, 5minutes, Grade 2, formed track, bush reserve



Wenhams Lane Bushland Reserve includes remnant Grey Box that form part of the endangered ecological vegetation class Plains Grassy Woodland. Enter the reserve from Wenhams Lane near the playground. This site was planted out as a community firewood lot in 2004 which was burnt out by a fast moving grass fire in 2006. The site has since been revegetated with indigenous species and is maintained as a bushland reserve.

Please take care when walking in this area as there is an important and fragile native understory including Bulbine Lilies, Chocolate Lilies, Billy Buttons and Small-leaved Bacon and Egg shrubs. The Bpangerang people used many of these plants for food including the underground tubers produced by the Bulbine and Chocolate Lily. These plants are also important habitat for beneficial insects including butterflies and bees. Please stick to the path to view these beautiful plants. Head west on Wenhams Lane to link up with the One Mile Creek path.





**NORTHERN
BEACHES**

**HORSESHOE
LAGOON**

DALE ST

PINKERTON CR

MERRIWA
PARK

KALUNA
PARK

KALUNA
ISLAND

WANGARATTA-WHITFILED RD

**WENHAMS
LANE BUSH
RESERVE**

EAST
WANGARATTA
NATURE
RESERVE

GREAT ALPINE RD

FAITHFUL ST

WILSON RD

OVENS ST

BES RD

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Warby-Ovens National Park – Northern Section

The Warby-Ovens National Park is 10 km west of Wangaratta and the many walks on offer allow you to explore the beautiful box-gum woodlands in the granitic hills and the Box-Ironbark woodlands and wildflowers of the Killawarra Forest. This area is an important habitat refuge for a variety of threatened species including Squirrel Glider, Feathertail Glider, Barking Owl, Turquoise Parrot and Carpet Python.

When walking carry plenty of water, dress for the conditions and use a GPS or topographic map and compass for navigation.

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Briens Gorge

0.1km, Grade 2, formed track, National Park



Briens Gorge has a picnic spot set in a delightful valley with a nearby waterfall of the same name. The walk to the foot of the falls is over a stony track. It is perhaps the shortest walking track in the Warby's. The waterfall is quite often dry and can only be seen after heavy rain. The water flows over rocks for approximately 25 – 30 metres. The water disappears at the base of the falls seemingly into the ground, resurfacing in nearby springs. From Wangandry Road, turn into Jubilee Road, then left into Grandview Road and follow the track past the Golf Course to the parking area.

Ryans Lookout

Grade 2, formed track, National Park, Picnic area and Lookout



Enjoy a family picnic or barbecue at Ryans Lookout off Wangandary Road. The views are exceptional, especially in winter with snow-covered peaks in the distance. Picnic tables, a fireplace with grill, and pit toilets are provided. Woody debris on the ground provides important habitat for small animals. Help us protect the park's wildlife by bringing firewood with you. Please take your rubbish home for recycling or disposal.

Pine Gully Nature Trail

2km loop, 1hour, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



This self-guided walk introduces visitors to the park's natural values and is an excellent place to appreciate the wildflowers in spring. Access is along the Wangandary Road. Turn sharp left not far past the sign indicating that you have now driven into the Benalla Rural City municipality. There is a picnic area about 500 metres from the main road. The walk starts from here. As the name suggests, the locality is noted for its native Cypress Pines. This walk is best tackled in a clockwise direction. Most of the walk is easy, but there are some steep and rocky sections and it can be slippery. Descend the slope from the carpark and cross the creek. Follow the circuit which will eventually bring you to the top of the Pine Gully Falls, a particularly attractive spectacle when flowing after sufficient rain. The track then follows the creek and leads a short distance back to the picnic area.

Pangerang Lookout Walk

4.5km return, 2 hours, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



Signed from Wangandary Road, turn onto Ridge Road and park where Ridge and Ferris Roads meet. This easy walk offers panoramic views to the west over farmland and floodplain. It begins from the carpark and follows the Management Vehicles Only track to the lookout. The formed track has a gentle slope with some low obstacles, becoming moderately steep towards the end. Return the same way.

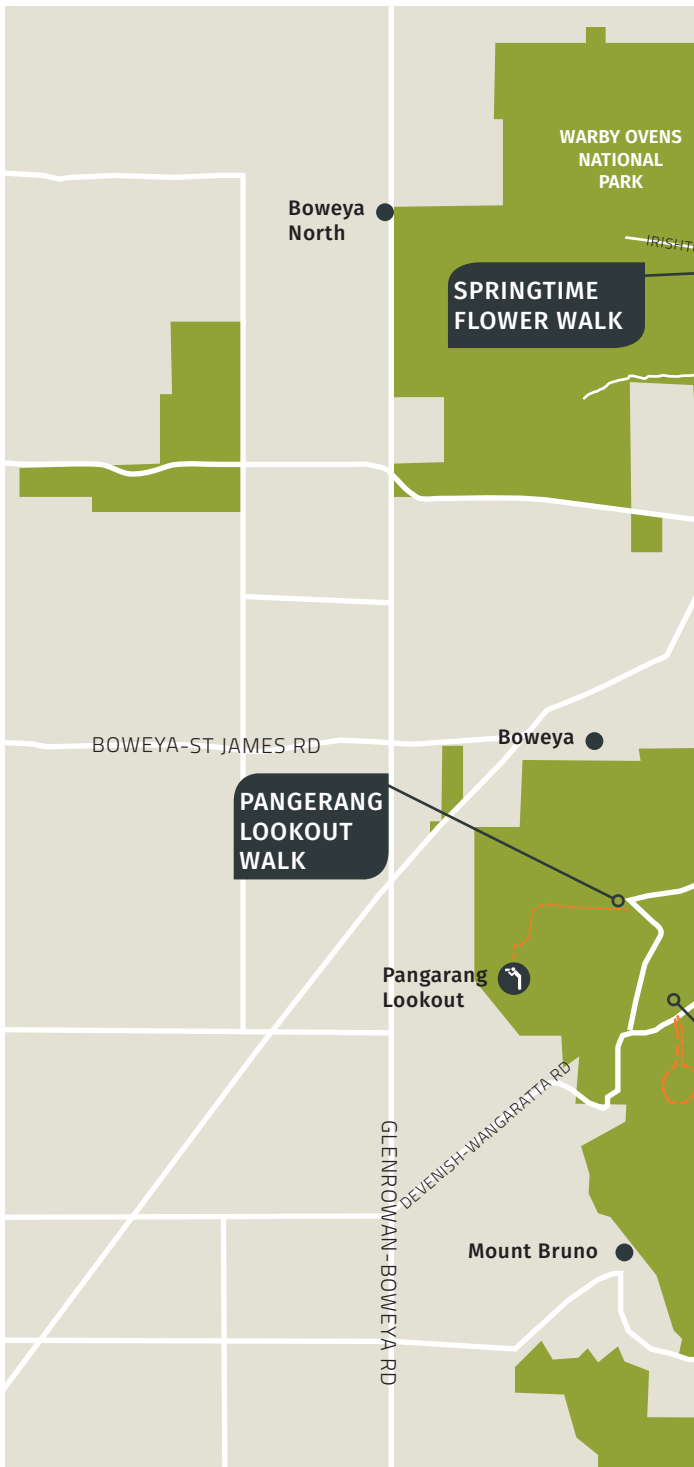
Springtime Flower Walk

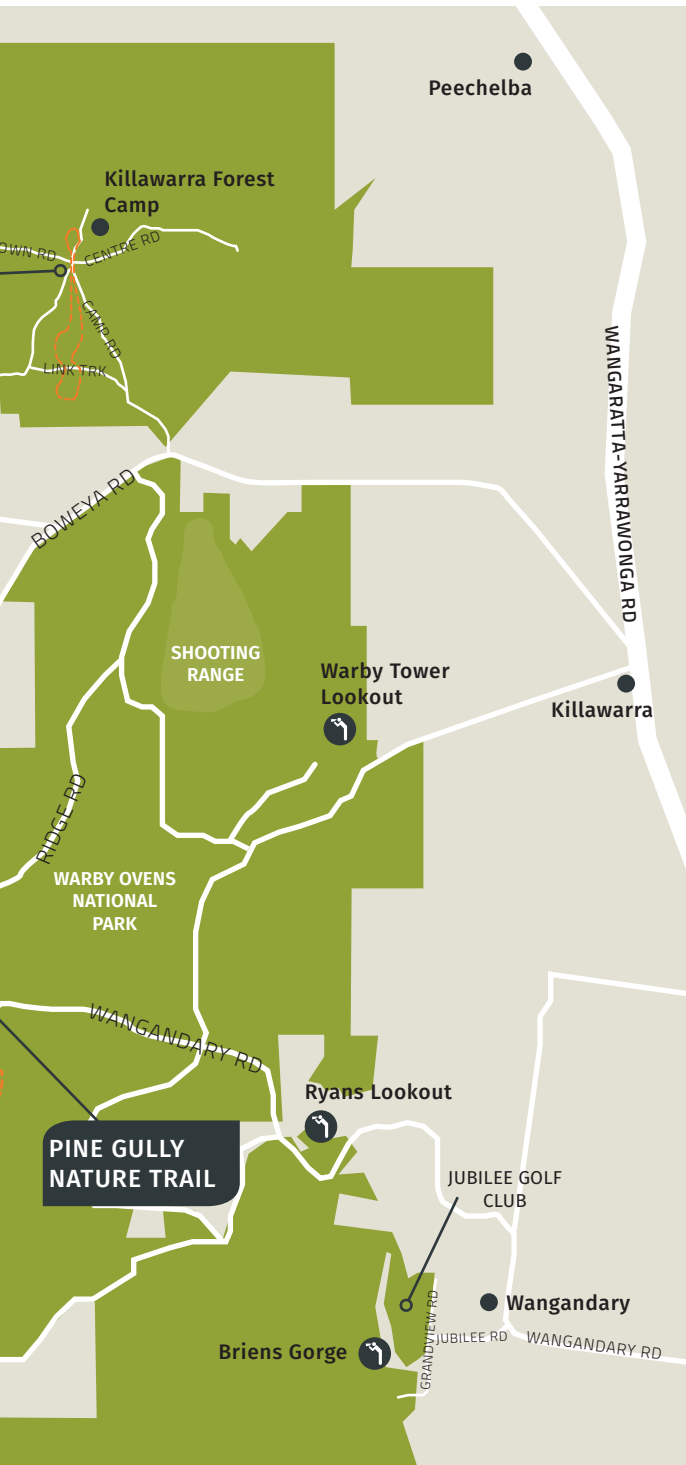
4.9km loop, 2.5 hours, Grade 2, formed track, National Park



Springtime Flower Walk – This easy loop walk is a lovely family stroll through Box Ironbark forest rich in birdlife. In spring, wildflowers cover the forest floor. The track is relatively flat and well signed. Starting at Killawarra Forest Camp, you can take the shorter northern loop (1.2km, 30mins) or the longer southern loop (3.7km, 2hrs) or combine them both.

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Killawarra Forest
Camp

DOWN RD
CENTRE RD
CAMP RD
LINK TRK

WANGARATTA-YARROWONGA RD

BOWEYA RD

SHOOTING
RANGE

Warby Tower
Lookout

Killawarra

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**PINE GULLY
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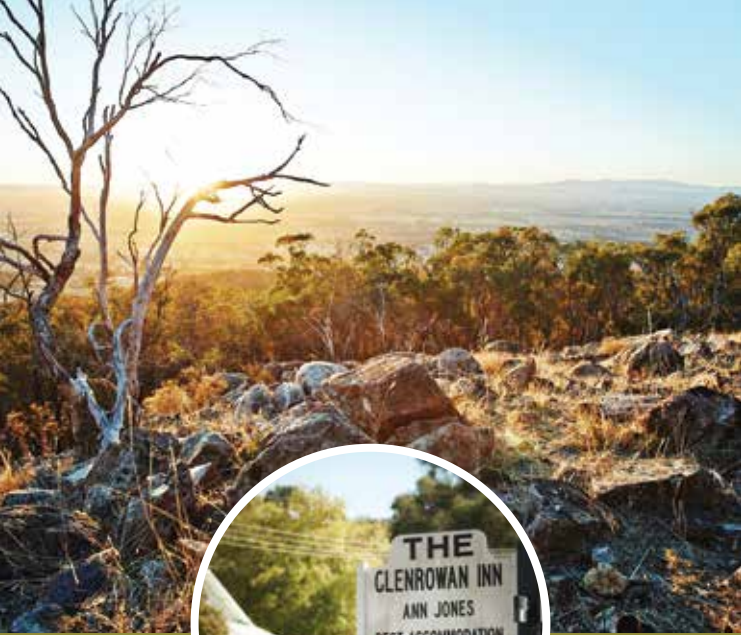
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Briens Gorge

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Steeped in the history of the Ned Kelly Gang, Glenrowan is equally renowned for producing premium wines and the majestic Warby-Ovens National Park. The town has self-guided walks and within a short drive or ride there are sweeping views from the Warby-Ovens National Park and nature based experiences at the Winton Wetlands. The Main Street is also worth a stop with several cafes, a pub and a six metre high statue of Ned Kelly.

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Big Ned main street

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Glenrowan & Warby-Ovens National Park



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Friends Track   **P**    

Kwat Kwat Lookout via Taylors Track and Peregrine Track   

Alpine Views Walk  



LOOKOUT

A spectacular view awaits you from Ryans Lookout, Mt Glenrowan and Salisbury Falls.





Glenrowan Heritage Siege Precinct Walk

1.1km return, Grade 1, self-guided town walk

Glenrowan is a tangible link with one of Australia's most infamous historical figures, Ned Kelly. Kelly made his famous last stand on 28 June 1880 at Glenrowan following a siege between his gang and police troopers. Visitors to the Glenrowan Heritage Precinct can see the key sites of the final siege and Kelly conflict. Pick up a copy of the Glenrowan Town Map from the Vintage Hall Café which outlines a self-guided walk around the Heritage Siege Precinct.

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Heading out of Glenrowan

The granitic hills and woodlands of the Warby Ranges offer a variety of walks along designated tracks, ranging in length and difficulty. The Warby-Ovens National Park provides an important link from the alpine foothills to the Murray River protecting some of the State's most significant bushland. It is recommended that walkers use a GPS or topographic map and compass. Wear sturdy footwear with a good grip and carry plenty of water, especially in hot weather. Many of the creeks and waterfalls in the hills are dry for much of the year and only run after rain.

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1. Ann Jones' Glenrowan Inn
2. Police Shelter Site
3. Gravel Contractor's Encampment
4. Ned Kelly Capture Site
5. The Kelly Copse
6. Glenrowan Railway Station
7. McDonnell's Railway Tavern
8. The Gatehouse





Mt Glenrowan Lookout Walk

9km return, 4 hours, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



Morgans Lookout on Mt Glenrowan offers unparalleled views of the Ovens and King Valleys and the Victorian Alps. The walk can be accessed by taking the Taminick Gap Road. Park on the dirt carpark on the side of the Ridge Track, before the gate. The first section is a short steep climb up the sealed road to the communication towers. With the hardest climb behind you, the rest of the walk is moderate to easy. A great walk to spot woodland birds, reptiles and Grey Kangaroos. Look out for Austral Grass Trees and Spurwinged Wattles.

Chick Hill Walk

1km one-way, 1 hr, Grade 4, Formed Track, National Park



A very steep climb from the corner of Wirrinya Avenue and Taaffe Road in Hamilton Park rewards walkers with spectacular views of the Alps, including Mt Buffalo. The track also links up with the Ridge Track leading to Mt Glenrowan. The track is very steep with limited signage. Moderate fitness is required.

Sunrise Walking Tracks

*2-6km loop, 1 hour-3hours, Grade 3, formed track,
National Park*



This complex of walking tracks offers multiple options and loops ranging from two to six kilometres and from moderate to hard. A variety of wildflowers can be seen in spring. The walks start at Sunrise carpark at the end of Delloro Road. The last 500 metres of the road is rough and may be impassable to vehicles in a wet season. Some of the tracks are steep in places with many steps, a reasonable level of fitness and bushwalking experience is recommended.

There are two alternative starts, either following the fenceline north just inside the gate, or to head westwards straight up the slope. The tracks join, and for variety it is suggested that you follow the fenceline, and rejoin the main track further up. If you do this, the track will lead you to an old quarry which has a great view of the Ovens Plain and the mountains beyond. The quarry was noted for its pink granite, which the Anglican Cathedral in Wangaratta was built. Follow the track past the quarry and after a reasonably steep climb it joins the main track. Continue further into the Range. You will see a track leading to the right, continue further into the first of a number of loops that can be taken according to the distance you wish to walk. To do the full walk, take this track to the right (the Sunrise Loop) and follow it in an anti-clockwise direction including the Taminick Loop. If you do not want to do the full walk, take the same track but turn left off it when you come to the Bracken Link, or continue on and take the next turn to the left. These alternative tracks link with the Sunrise Loop and eventually bring you back to the escarpment and down the slope to the carpark.

Salisbury Falls Walk

*4.5km one-way, 2 hours, Grade 4, formed track,
National Park*



Starting from the end of Shanley Street, this track makes its way up Mt Warby and on through the Salisbury Falls Gorge before joining the Friends Track to Wenhams Camp, where basic overnight camp facilities are available. The track is steep in places with many stairs and a moderate level of fitness is required. It can be walked in reverse, or combined with the Alpine Views Track. There are some excellent views of cascades spilling down the escarpment in a series of drops. There is also a shorter walk along the creek to the falls only.

Warby Falls Heritage Trail

3.2km one-way, 2 hours, 7.4km loop, 5 hours, Grade 4, formed track, National Park



From the carpark on Booth Road, this track follows a gully with a historic saw mill, weirs, sheep washes, dams and waterfalls (dry in summer). It ends at the carpark near the corner of Booth Road and Baileys Road, next to the Taminick Winery. The gradient is gentle at the beginning and end, but steep in the middle, with multiple obstacles and undulating terrain. A high level of fitness is required.

Friends Track

4.6km loop, 2 hours, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



This self-guided walk starts and ends at Wenhams Camp, with the opportunity of a diversion to Kwat Kwat Lookout via the Peregrine Track (1km return). The lookout offers excellent views of the Ovens Valley and Victorian Alps. The track passes a stand of iconic Grasstrees and through forested granite hills rich in birdlife and spring wildflowers. The track is hilly in places and a reasonable level of fitness is required. It is a great family walk but not suitable for prams. Watch out for mountain bikes on this popular shared-use track. Please refer to Parks Vic website for bike riding regulations in the Warby-Ovens National Park.



Kwat Kwat Lookout via Taylors Track and Peregrine Track

1.7km one-way, 30 minutes, Grade 2, formed track, National Park



Starting from Wenhams Camp this provides a more direct route to Kwat Kwat Lookout for excellent views of the Ovens Valley and the Victorian Alps. It can be used as diversion or shortcut from the Friends Track. This formed track has a mostly gentle gradient until the last 50 metres where it becomes steeper, and a few obstacles.

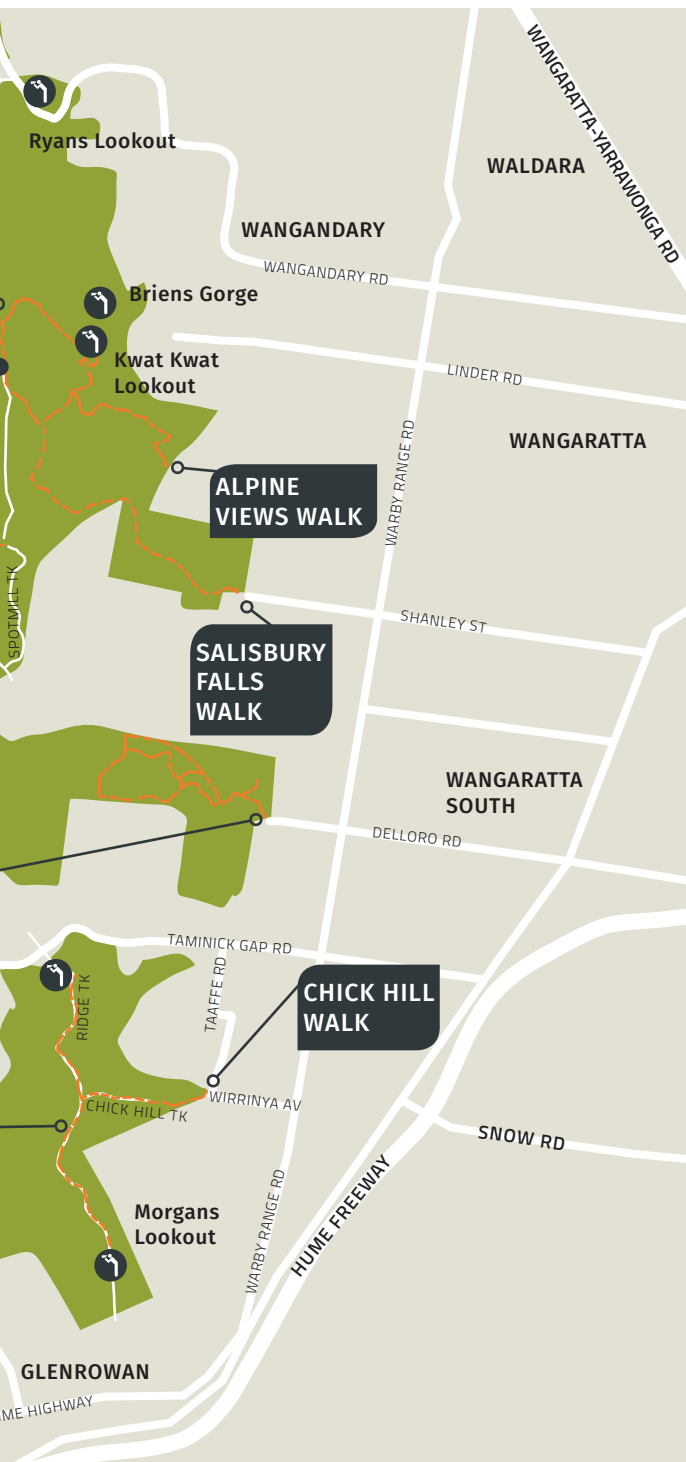
Alpine Views Walk

2km one-way, 2 hours, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



Expansive views of the Alps can be enjoyed on a clear day. The track is also rich in orchids and other wildflowers in spring. The walk initially follows the Friends Track south east from Wenhams Camp and ends at Boilerwood Track. For the best views, do not take the first turn off Friends Track, but take the second turn about 500 metres past Mt Warby. The track branches off sharply to the right. Follow this in a clockwise direction. After a quite steep decent, the track reaches Boilerwood Track. Continue for only 1km and watch for a walking track off it to the right that will bring you back to Mt Warby and Friends Track (this last track is also part of the Salisbury Walk). A moderate level of fitness is required.







Exploring the great outdoors doesn't get much better than this! The King Valley is located at the foothills of the Alpine National Park, surrounded by mountains, rivers, vineyards and home to the stunning Lake William Hovell. The nearby Wabonga Plateau – Mount Cobbler area of the Alpine National Park is a land of breathtaking views, spectacular rock formations and cascading waterfalls.

Bushwalking, hiking, bird-watching, camping, canoeing, fishing and cycling are some of the many activities to enjoy here. There is no shortage of experiences in the King Valley and Alpine National Park for both day visitors as well as those staying longer.

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tracks and trails in the:

King Valley & Alpine National Park



KING VALLEY AND THE ALPINE NATIONAL PARK TRACKS & TRAILS:

Paradise Falls	
Powers Lookout	
Lake William Hovell	
Bennies	
Lake Cobbler	
Mt Cobbler	



FISH

Try your hand at fishing from one of the many clear rivers, mountain streams and lakes. You never know, you may just nab yourself some of mainland Australia's largest river dwelling trout! Don't forget you are required by law to obtain a Fishing License.

The Alpine National Park offers a variety of mountain walking opportunities visit www.parks.vic.gov.au for info and road or park closures. Due to the remote nature of the Alpine National Park walkers must be self sufficient with food, water, first aid and camping gear for longer walks. It is recommended that walkers use a GPS or topographic map and compass. Wear sturdy footwear with a good grip and carry plenty of water, especially in hot weather.

Be prepared for limited mobile phone coverage in some areas.



Paradise Falls

0.5km, 30 minutes return, Grade 2, formed track, National Park



Paradise Falls is a beautiful spot for visitors to enjoy just 20 minutes from the township of Whitfield. Accessible with a 2WD, the last 11 kms of the road to Paradise Falls is gravel but in good condition. Accessed by a short walk from the car park this stunning waterfall is best after rain. Some sections of the walk are steep. There are picnic facilities at the car park so pack a lunch or grab some fare from nearby Whitfield and enjoy the peace and beauty of this spot, you will find the falls flowing at different points throughout the year dependent upon rain fall.

Powers Lookout

Lookout point 1: 0.1km, Grade 1 

Lookout point 2: 0.4km, 6 minutes, Grade 2

Waterhole Walk: 20 minutes return, Grade 2 



The rocky escarpment high above the King Valley was the hideout of Harry Power, a notorious but ‘gentlemanly’ bushranger of the 1860s. From the Mansfield-Whitfield Rd a 3km trip along a gravel road brings you to a parking area with picnic tables and toilets. There are two lookout points providing sweeping views of the surrounding mountain and valley landscape. The first lookout has wheelchair access. A short walk with a series of ladders takes you to a viewing platform at the northern most point of the rocky outcrop. It is easy to imagine why Power chose this site for a hideout. There is also a 20 minute return walk through the bush to a waterhole amongst beautiful rocky ledges. Follow the path near the toilets in a westerly direction.



Lake William Hovell Recreation area



Lake William Hovell is a popular, picturesque recreational area located approximately 18km from Cheshunt. The lake is perfect for picnics, BBQs, walking, fishing and canoeing. The lake contains Trout, Redfin and Macquarie Perch (an endangered species that is protected).

The lake was officially opened in 1971 and was built to harness the waters of the King River for downstream irrigation purposes. When the lake opened to the public almost 30 years ago a number of unique regulations were put in place, most of which still apply today. Boats are limited to 8kph and 10 horsepower, camping in the reserve is prohibited and most of the western shore is landscaped and easily accessible.

As an irrigation storage, Lake William Hovell is often at the mercy of huge fluctuations in water level, with the lake sometimes drawing down to virtually the old river course in summer and can fill beyond capacity in winter. As a result of this trout fishing is best during the winter months.

Bennies

*Grade 2, partially formed tracks, Camping area,
National Park*



Bennies is a pretty camping area on the Rose River only 45 minutes from the Whitfield township and 45 minutes to Lake Cobbler. Follow the Rose River Road then Upper Rose River Road to Lake Cobbler Road. Camping sites are dispersed along the river with pit toilets and fireplaces provided. Explore walks along the Rose River and look out for wildlife including Water Skinks, Crimson Rosella and Wombats.



Lake Cobbler Walking Track

2.8km, Grade 3, formed track, National Park



Lake Cobbler is a small lake created in the 1960s by damming a swamp area in the headwaters of the Dandongadale River. After leaving the lake, the river plunges over the Cobbler Plateau creating Dandongadale Falls. This is Victoria's longest waterfall with a 255m drop and a popular site for Peregrine Falcon to nest.

There is very rough 2WD access from Bennies through to Lake Cobbler in dry weather only. A scenic drive passing through the picturesque farming valley of the Rose River, riverine forest and foothill bushland before ascending to the subalpine woodlands of Lake Cobbler. You will pass by the impressive pink sandstone and conglomerate slopes of Mt Typo. The last section of road provides dramatic glimpses of the Dandongadale Falls. Lake Cobbler provides quiet, beautiful areas for short term camping. Stunning snow gums provide the perfect backdrop for a picnic or fishing as well as a good base camp for walking to nearby Mount Cobbler. There are several walking tracks around the lake to explore.



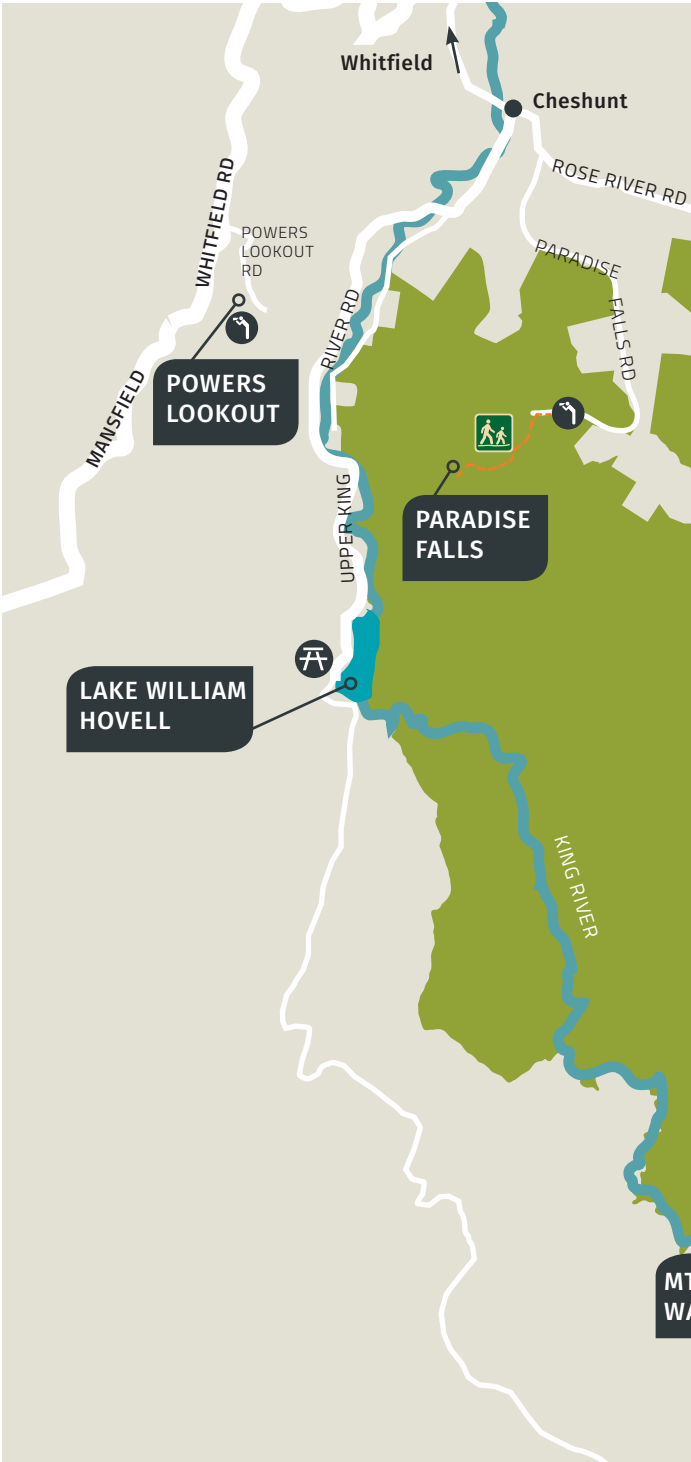
Mt Cobbler Walking Track

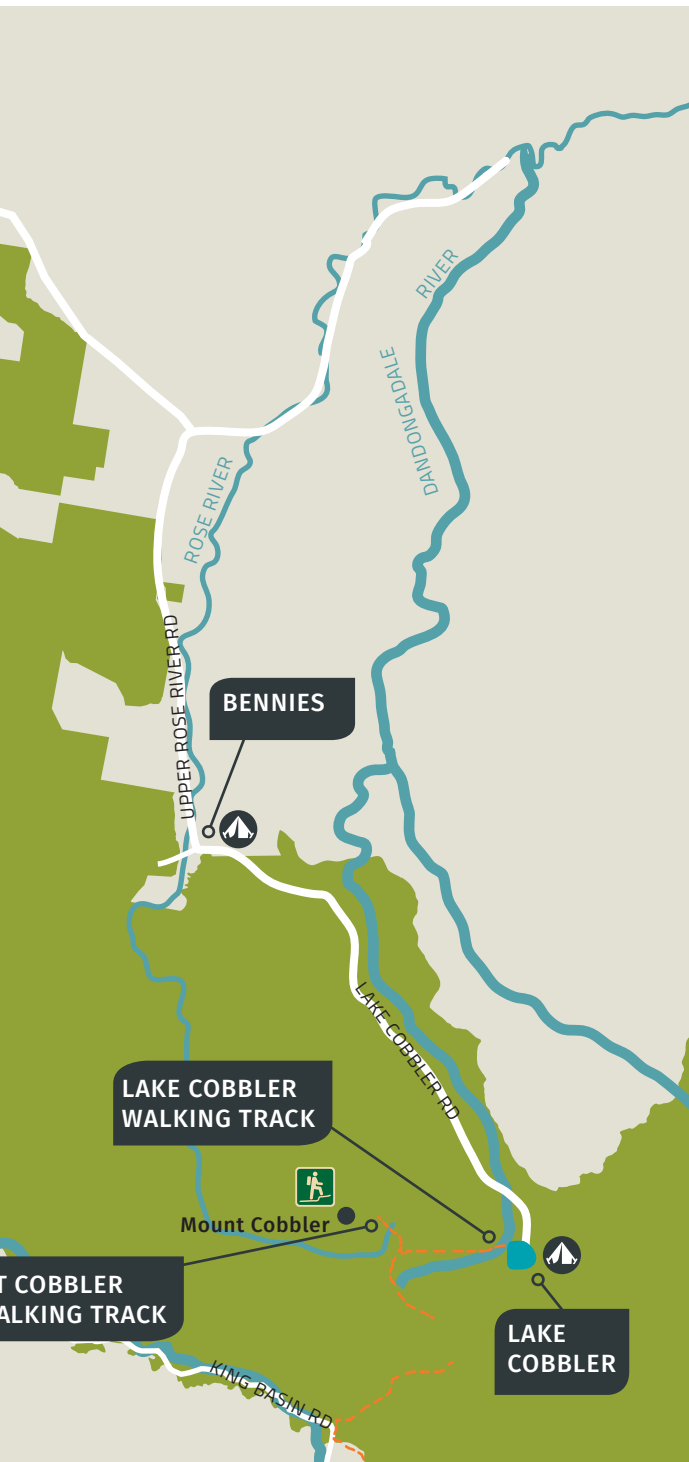
10km, 3.5 hours return

Grade 4, formed track, National Park



Mount Cobbler is an exposed, rocky alpine summit, so be prepared for the onset of cold, wet and windy conditions at any time of the year. From the camping area at Lake Cobbler the walking track enters the forest and dips into a wet gully, before starting the steady and sometimes steep climb to an open snow plain. At the 'T' intersection turn right (north) to Mt Cobbler peak. The other walking track returns to a 4WD track across the Cobbler Plateau. The walk to the summit is worthwhile for both the views and wildflowers you will encounter along the way. A moderate walk with some steep sections.





BENNIES

**LAKE COBLER
WALKING TRACK**

Mount Cobler

**MOUNT COBLER
WALKING TRACK**

**LAKE
COBLER**



Nestled on the banks of the Reedy Creek, downstream from the historic town of Beechworth in the Woolshed Valley, Eldorado is one of the last remaining authentic country towns. Take a journey of discovery through gold mining history, the legend of the Kelly Gang or explore Reedy Creek and connect with nature in the surrounding Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.

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EXPLORE

Try your hand at gold panning at designated areas in the Woolshed Valley. Drop into the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre for maps and to purchase your miner's right.

ELDORADO TRACKS & TRAILS:

Eldorado Shared Path and Dredge Loop



Monument Hill



Reid's Walk



Historic Walk



Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park

Reedy Creek



Woolshed Falls



Yeddonba



Mt Pilot Lookout



Whitebox Walking Track



Eldorado Shared Path and Dredge Loop

4.9 km, 1 hour return, Grade 1, formed track



Cock's Eldorado Dredge, one of the largest dredges in the Southern Hemisphere, has remained in its final mooring place at Eldorado since 1954. It was tied up here after operating for 18 years and extracting 70,664 ounces of gold and 1,383 tons of tin concentrate from the rich alluvial plain of Reedy Creek. It remains a formidable sight and graphically illustrates the extent of the mining operation in and around the town.

The Dredge walk is an easy 15 minute stroll around the pond with numbered posts corresponding to information in Parks Victoria's Eldorado Dredge visitor guide brochure. Learn about the dredge, its operation and the environment. The dredge walk is a smaller section of the shared path network in and around Eldorado which connects the historical landmarks, key township attractions and the dredge. It is a one hour round trip from the centre of town to the dredge and back along the shared path.

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Monument Hill Lookout

18 minutes return, Grade 3, unformed track



This rugged outcrop of granite at the south-east corner of the Eldorado township is home to a monument honouring farrier Edwin Baldwin who died while serving in the Boer War. The original memorial plaque is on the northern face of the monument with a new brass plaque, supplied by the RSL in 2004, on the western face. The missing upper section of the monument is thought to have been brought down by lightning. Walk from the museum in the centre of town to a laneway heading to the base of Monument Hill. A short but steep walk to the lookout offers a spectacular vantage point over the town and surrounding Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.

www.eldorado.org.au

Reid's Walk

1.1km, 45 minutes, Grade 2, formed track



Reid's walk is a shared path that winds its way through the former alluvial gold mining area with tailings and settling ponds that Eldorado's historic gold and tin mining dredge left behind.

Beginning in the centre of Eldorado, access the walking track by taking MacKay Street and then parking alongside the signposted walk start in McCoy Street. The track leads down to Reedy Creek and follows it upstream to a suspension bridge over the creek. Following the creek you'll be immersed in nature with abundant wildlife. Stop by one of the sculptured seats and take it all in – the perfect place to snap a photograph or simply take in the serenity. The swing bridge offers views over the creek and into the forests. Return to town the way you came or via the road.

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Historic Walk

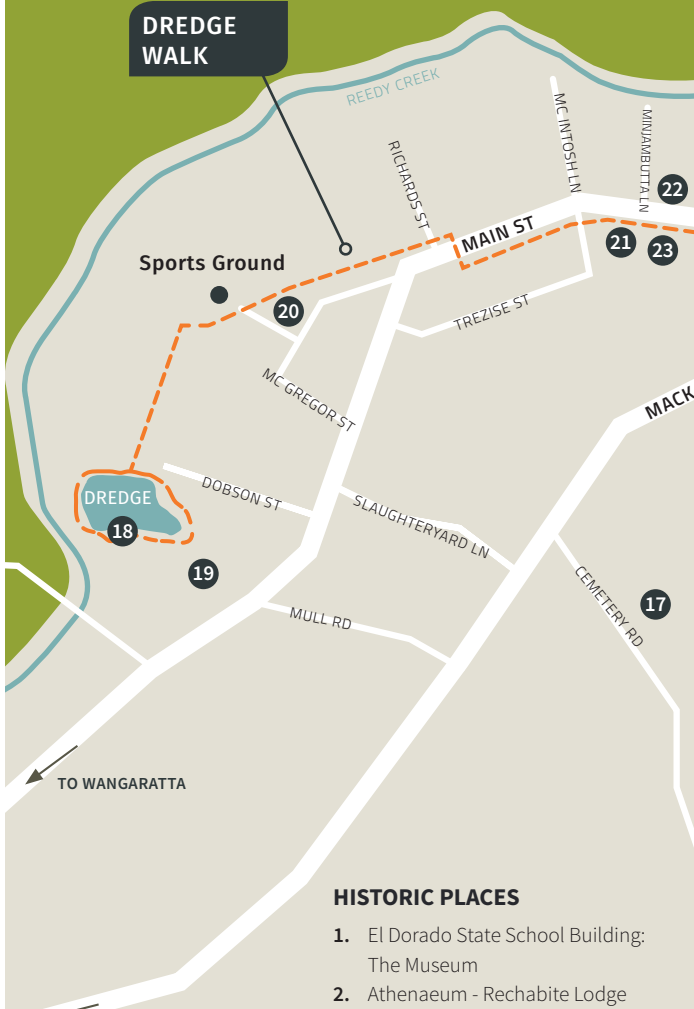


Eldorado Historic Sites Walk is well worth exploring. This self-guided tour throughout the town takes you through 31 of Eldorado's mining and commercial sites of the 1850s to 1950s. The route is shown on interpretive signs displayed on 18 of the sites. Pick up a map from the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre or the Eldorado General Store.

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Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park

DREDGE WALK

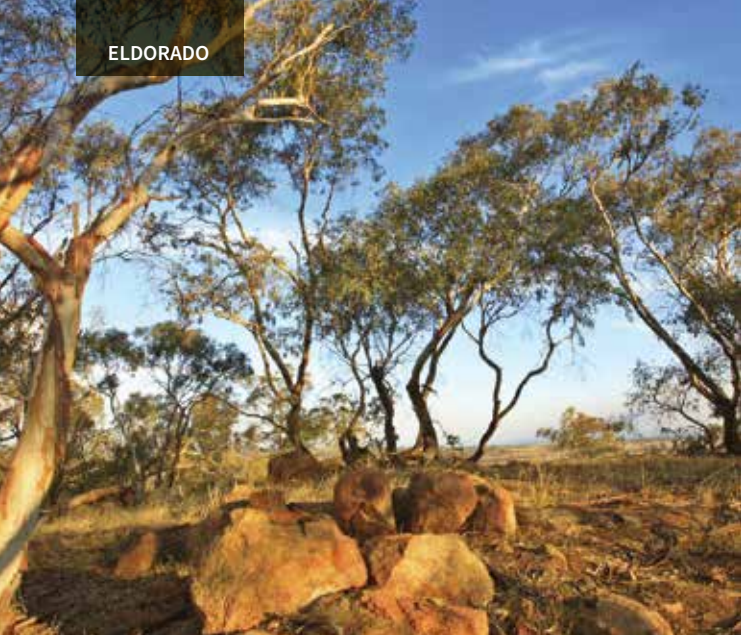


HISTORIC PLACES

1. El Dorado State School Building: The Museum
2. Athenaeum - Rechabite Lodge
3. Mc Evoy Mine Shaft No. 3
4. Martell's Albion Hotel - Fealy's Ironmongery and Store
5. Cock's Pioneer - Offices and Tin Shed
6. Swing Bridge Mining Embankment
7. Top Cut
8. Cock's Pioneer's first power house
9. Wesleyan Church
10. Mine Locations



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| 11. Sub Station Site | 22. Stone Culvert built after WW1 |
| 12. St Augustine's Church | 23. Ward's Paper Shop |
| 13. Wesleyan Church | 24. Methodist / Uniting Church |
| 14. Bank of Victoria - Court House | 25. Schuppe's Bake House |
| 15. Congregational/ Independent Church | 26. El Dorado Memorial Hall - Soldiers' Memorial Hall |
| 16. St Jude's Anglican Church | 27. Police Station |
| 17. El Dorado Cemetery | 28. MUIOOF Lodge |
| 18. Cock's El Dorado Gold Dredge | 29. Star Hotel |
| 19. Tin Pot Shaft | 30. Gun House Park |
| 20. Centennial Park | 31. Cock's El Dorado Gold Dredging Company NL - construction site of dredge |
| 21. Young's / Milne's Butcher Shop - Hazelbrook's Cottage | |



Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park surrounding Eldorado

The Eldorado township fringes Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park (21,636ha) which stretches into the Indigo Shire. The park contains the highest number of mammal, bird and reptile species recorded at any Box-Ironbark site. Vegetation is predominantly open Eucalyptus forest of Red Stringybark, Blakely's Red Gum, Grey Box and Mugga Ironbark. Prolific spring wildflowers include wattles, orchids, lilies, bush peas and many other native species. Over 200 bird species have been recorded in the park including threatened woodland species such as Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot, Turquoise Parrot and Square-tailed Kite.

Formed vehicle tracks provide access to a variety of short or day-long walks and are suitable for cycling, horse riding and car and four-wheel drive touring. It is recommended that walkers use a GPS or topographic map and compass. Please use caution when walking, there are many old mine shafts in the area. Please stay on marked tracks. Wear sturdy footwear with a good grip and carry plenty of water, especially in hot weather.

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Reedy Creek



Pack a picnic lunch and spend a relaxing, peaceful day on the banks of the Reedy creek. Connect with nature and explore the bushland and rock formations in this popular camping and prospecting area. Look out for wild flowers in Spring and the beautiful contrast of the flowering Ironbark which attracts threatened bird species including Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater during winter.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos can be seen grazing during late afternoon and Black Swamp Wallabies are often observed darting out from rocky outcrops. A variety of tree dwelling mammals including the Tuan (Brush-tailed Phascogale), Squirrel Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Feathertail Gliders seek out hollows in large old trees for breeding and shelter.

Woolshed Falls



A ten minute drive north from Beechworth provides the opportunity to view the falls, enjoy a picnic or take a self-guided walk around the alluvial gold workings. The falls are spectacular after heavy rainfalls. A six kilometre walking track links Woolshed Falls to Beechworth via the Cascades and the Gorge Scenic Drive.



Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site

0.75km, 1hr, Grade 2, Cultural Site



Situated at the foot of Mount Pilot, this heritage area provides an insight into local Aboriginal culture. The site is of particular archaeological importance as it features an Aboriginal red-ochre painting, which is believed to be of a Tasmanian tiger (thylacine), supporting the belief that the animal once inhabited the mainland.

A circular walking track takes you by these significant sites, with information boards along the way to help narrate your journey. This walk can easily be completed in an hour.

Mt Pilot Lookout

1km, 15 mins, Grade 2



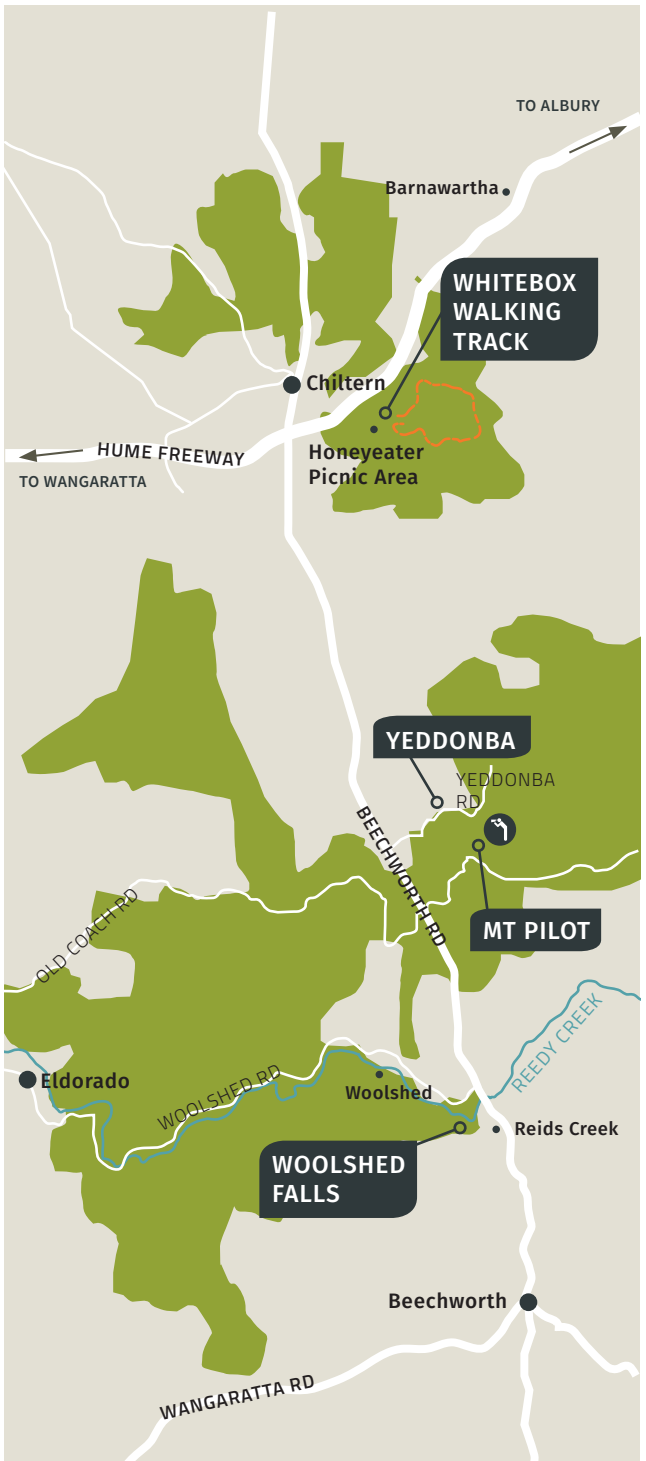
Access is via Old Coach Road. Take a short walk from the car park to the 545 metre summit of Mt Pilot, where you are rewarded with a 360 degree view of the surrounding countryside. On a clear day Mt Buffalo is easily recognisable on the Southern horizon.

Whitebox Walking Track

8.5km, 2-3hrs, Grade 2, National Park



Starting at Honeyeater Picnic Area this walk will introduce you to some of the natural and historical features of the park. Numbered posts correspond to information in the Parks Victoria Park Notes – White Box Walking Track.





WALK GRADES:



Grade One is suitable for people with a disability with assistance.



Grade Two is suitable for families with young children.



Grade Three is recommended for people with some bushwalking experience.



Grade Four is recommended for experienced bushwalkers.
















Grade Five is recommended for very experienced bushwalkers



MAP DISCLAIMER:

Please note the maps in this guide may not be suitable for navigation purposes. It is recommended that you obtain topographical maps and the appropriate Parks Victoria Park Notes for visits to National Parks. Consider using the Avenza maps app.

LEGEND:

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|  Aboriginal cultural site |  Lookout |
|  Camping |  Mine site |
|  Cycling |  Mountain Bike |
|  Flora |  Parking |
|  Fauna |  Picnic |
|  Interpretive signage |  Waterfall (seasonal) |
|  Playground | |

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Vicroads – Road Closures	131 170
Parks Victoria	131 963
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP)	136 186



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