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Get away from the everyday.
Your guide to Wangaratta
and surrounds.

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Right: Barry Falls in the Woolshed Valley, near Eldorado.
Front cover: Cycling the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, Milawa.





Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge the traditional
custodians of the lands, on which the
Rural City of Wangaratta communities reside.*

*We pay our respect to their Elders past,
present and emerging, and celebrate and respect
their continuing cultures. We are committed
to walking beside all traditional owners as
we move toward reconciliation.*



Welcome to the Rural City of Wangaratta

A vibrant rural city where hidden waterfalls and award-winning wines await. Explore historical towns or simply unwind amidst the charm. You'll find your perfect escape in Wangaratta and surrounds, blending country hospitality with urban sophistication.

Just 2.5 hours from Melbourne, you will discover Wangaratta's CBD, King Valley's vineyards, Milawa's gourmet delights, and the historic towns of Eldorado and Glenrowan, each rich with local stories.

Seek. Stay. Sip. Savour.

Let your senses play, get away from the everyday.

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The view from Powers Lookout, King Valley.

Getting Here



Take the Wangaratta exits off the Hume Highway or reach us via the Great Alpine Road.



Daily coach services to/from Wangaratta from Albury, Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Beechworth and Bright.



Daily train services to/from Wangaratta from Albury, Melbourne and Sydney



Regional Flights to Albury Airport. Chartered flights are also available to/from the Wangaratta Aerodrome.

Distances

Albury	73km
Canberra	410km
Melbourne	250km
Sydney	625km



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Wangaratta

Wangaratta CBD is a fantastic choice for your stay in High Country Victoria. Diverse shopping, contemporary cafes, bars, and galleries are all in easy walking distance. The arts precinct, parks and gardens, beautiful churches and historic buildings, each form part of the rich tapestry of the rural city.

Seek: Explore the extensive shared path network by foot or bike and experience sandy river beaches, wetlands, and reserves that are abundant with wildlife.

Stay: Wangaratta offers a range of accommodation to suit all travellers. From boutique B&Bs, and apartments through to family friendly caravan parks.

Sip: Wangaratta blends regional charm and city sophistication with several pubs and bars showcasing our locally produced drops.

Savour: With over 60 cafés and restaurants located in Wangaratta, there is something for everyone. From riverside dining to pub counter meals, bakeries, cafés and everything in between.

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There is plenty to keep kids entertained at the sports and aquatic centre, splash parks, parkour, bike pump track, tenpin bowling, skate park and cinema.



Right: Madam Espresso, one of many cafes which feature locally roasted coffee.

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King Valley

The King Valley at the foothills of the Alpine National Park, surrounded by mountains, rivers and rolling vineyards is highly regarded for its cool-climate and European wine varietals. It boasts some of the highest altitude wineries in Australia.

Seek: Travel along the Prosecco Road, the birthplace of Prosecco in Australia, before exploring the spectacular Paradise Falls, Lake Cobbler or paddling the waters of Lake William Hovell.

Stay: From boutique studios to self-contained cottages, caravan parks, and camping on the river, there are accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets.

Sip: Enjoy the generous hospitality at one of the many cellar doors across the valley, or pop into a brewery or gin distillery.

Savour: Take in the stunning views at our winery restaurants or enjoy country hospitality at local cafés and pubs. On the way, stop by farm-gate stalls for home grown seasonal produce.

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For a birds-eye view of the valley, head to Powers Lookout, once the lookout for bushranger, Harry Power.



Left: Pizzini's vineyards, one of many famous King Valley wineries producing Italian varietals.

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Milawa Gourmet Region

The first official 'gourmet region' in Australia, Milawa is a food and wine epicentre with award-winning wines and excellent produce, including cheese, mustard, bread, and mushrooms.

Seek: Drive through the towns, Milawa, Oxley, Markwood, Tarrawingee and Whorouly, and discover the produce that makes each township unique.

Stay: From hotels to B&Bs, cottages with vineyard views, and caravan parks, this region caters to all guests. These towns are known for weekend getaway's, wedding stays and conferences.

Sip: All visits to Milawa are incomplete without a visit to a cellar door, with tours and wine-blending experiences available. Wine in the region dates back to 1889 when Brown Brothers first planted their grapes.

Savour: Create a hamper with local cheeses, olives, mustards, mushrooms, and berries. Or leave your dining experiences in the hands of the region's restaurateurs and publicans, who showcase local produce and drops.

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Try the famed cruffin – muffin shaped croissant rolled in sugar – at Milawa Kitchen



Right: Watch the sunrise over Milawa in a hot air balloon, taking in the vineyards and foothills.

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Eldorado

Eldorado is a town steeped in history; the impressive Eldorado Dredge mined alluvial gold and tin until 1954, and the adjoining Woolshed Valley was pivotal in the legend of the Ned Kelly Gang.

Seek: Visit the museum, find locally made pottery, explore the waterfalls and hike the lookout for views over the valley.

Stay: Countryside retreats with wood fired hot tubs at local wineries, or quaint cottages and B&Bs, and plenty of camping spots.

Sip: Savour the tastes of boutique wineries in the Victorian Alps' foothills near Eldorado, each offering views of the valleys below.

Savour: Discover the smallest pub in Victoria, the farm gates stalls with seasonal produce.

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Try your hand at gold panning and gem fossicking in Reedy Creek, where you can still find smoky quartz, agates, amethysts, topaz and many more gems.



Left: Eldorado Dredge, one of the largest dredges in the Southern Hemisphere, remains in its original mooring place.

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Glenrowan

In 1880 Glenrowan was the backdrop to the Kelly Gang's last stand and this story is proudly preserved in the local attractions. Stop by the Ned Kelly Discovery Hub to learn about local history. Have your photo taken with the famous six-metre statue of Ned, visit the museums and their immersive displays, and follow the walking map around sites of significance.

Seek: Sweeping views from the Warby-Ovens National Park to the Victorian Alps provide picturesque bush walks and perfect picnic spots. Seek out vantage points and lookouts including Ryan's Lookout, Mount Glenrowan and Salisbury Falls.

Stay: Choose from campsites, caravan parks, B&Bs, cottages, or the town's motel.

Sp: Match wines, ales and lagers from local wineries and brewers with their casual lunch offerings.

Savour: Grab a pie at the bakery or have a long lunch at one of the nearby wineries. Keep an eye out for farm gate stalls offering everything from fresh farm eggs, stone fruits, berries, citrus, jams and avocados.

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Walk the Warby Heritage Falls Trail leading to a seasonal waterfall. Stop for a beverage at Booth's Taminick Cellars and Black Dog Brewery on the way!



Right: You can't miss the Big Ned Kelly statue on Glenrowan's main street.

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Immerse yourself in the tale of Ned Kelly's Last Stand. This iconic moment in Australian history continues to spark debate and fascination more than a century after the Gang's infamous escapades through the Victorian High Country.

The award-winning Ned Kelly Discovery Hub is housed in a striking building set against the picturesque backdrop of Glenrowan and the Warby Ranges. Gain a birds-eye view of the locations that played a pivotal role in Ned Kelly's Last Stand from the free viewing platform.

The Hub features cutting-edge technology, historical resources, and personal accounts to convey a comprehensive experience that enriches viewers understanding of the bushranger era, local history, and the infamous days in June 1880.



Above & Right: Reflect on the past inside the Ned Kelly Discovery Hub and take in the views from the viewing platform.

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Sip & Savour

The Wangaratta region is a foodie destination. Local produce stars in many dishes at our dining establishments and no trip is complete without taking home a bottle or two of wine.

Renowned for its wine regions, the area boasts both internationally recognised and family-run boutique wineries, along with microbreweries and distilleries crafting exceptional drops.

Seasonal produce includes cherries, mushrooms, and walnuts, with many orchards open to the public. Producers offer jams, preserves, mustards, cheese, and more.

Get hands-on and learn from the makers at one of the many cooking classes on offer. From salami, gnocchi, bread, and pasta making to tasting gourmet treats or creating your very own blend of wine. Many producers offer experiences that you can enjoy long after your visit.



Not to be missed...

- ✓ Milawa Gourmet Region
- ✓ King Valley's Prosecco Road
- ✓ Glenrowan and Beechworth wine regions
- ✓ Farmgate produce stands
- ✓ Cooking classes

Left: Chrismont Restaurant & Larder offer irresistible lunch time views.

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Outdoors, Tracks & Trails

Wangaratta is the gateway to Victoria's High Country, offering easy access to spectacular state and national parks, including the Warby-Ovens National Park and the Wabonga Plateau in the Alpine National Park.

The Victorian Alps, with its picturesque valleys, stunning lakes and vast waterways make Wangaratta the ideal place to base yourself for your ultimate outdoor getaway. Whether you're looking for your next canoeing or white-water rafting adventure, alpine hike or short walk, you will find the outdoor activity just right for you in Wangaratta and surrounds.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Hike Mt Glenrowan at sunrise
- ✓ Paddle the Ovens River
- ✓ The view at Powers Lookout
- ✓ 4WD the Alpine National Park



Right: Lake Cobbler, the perfect place to explore the outdoors.

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Cycle

Wangaratta and its surrounds offer a wide range of cycling opportunities. Whether you seek scenic rail trails, a challenging road ride, or the adventure of a gravel ride, there are all types of terrain to explore on two wheels.

The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail starts in Wangaratta, with over 100 kilometres of tracks through the historic townships of Wangaratta, Beechworth, and Bright. Discover views you won't see from a car, including hidden valleys, bushland, and open farmland.

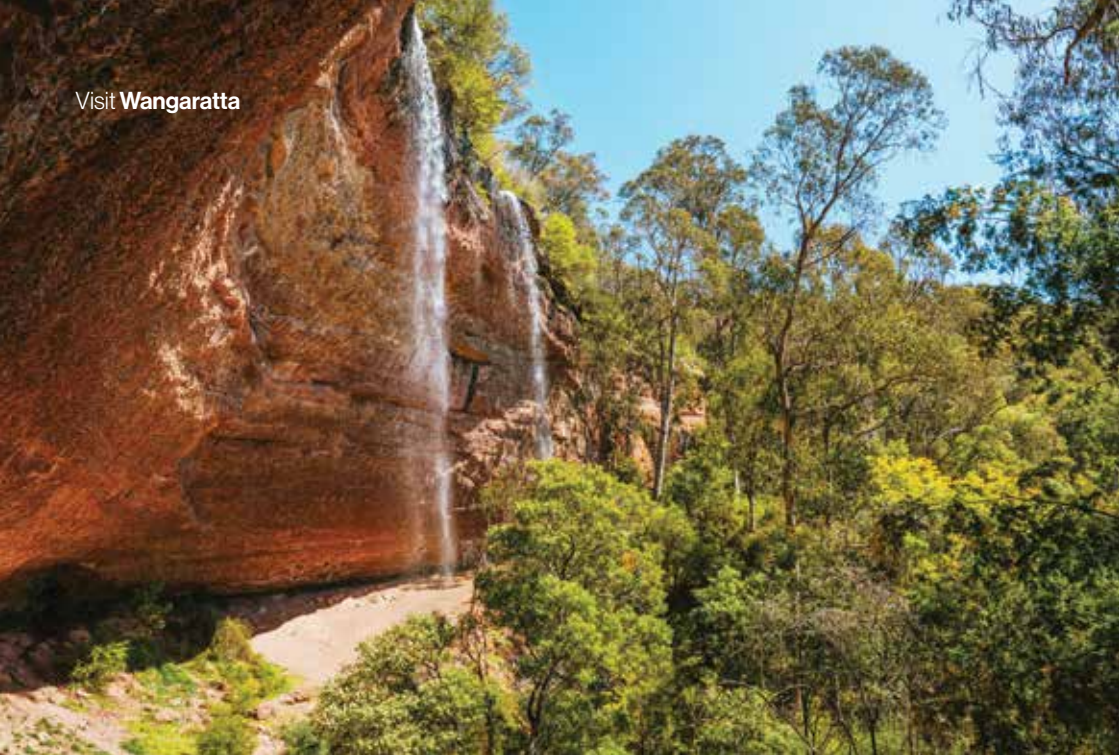
The Wangaratta to Milawa leg is a 16km ride for those looking for shorter journeys. It is great for families as there are no climbs to tire little legs. There's also the leisurely option of pedalling between the wineries on the Prosecco Road.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Murray to Mountains Rail Trail
- ✓ Gravel rides in the King Valley
- ✓ Friends Track Mountain bike loop
- ✓ Oxley-Milawa 'Pedal to Produce'
- ✓ Ryans-Taminick Gap Road Loop



Left: Explore King Valley's scenic back roads.



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Get off the beaten track and visit Paradise Falls.

Waterfalls

If you like the outdoors, you will love the waterfalls in the Wangaratta region. Paradise Falls in the King Valley and Pine Gully Falls in the Warby Ovens National Park are popular destinations.

At 255 metres, Dandongadale Falls is Victoria's tallest single-drop waterfall. Although not accessible by foot, it can be seen from a roadside lookout near Lake Cobbler. A 4WD is recommended in wetter months.

The best time to view these waterfalls is after winter and spring rains, however the amazing rock formations that create our waterfalls are an attraction in themselves.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Paradise Falls in Alpine National Park
- ✓ Salisbury Falls in Warby-Ovens National Park
- ✓ Barry Falls in Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park
- ✓ Warby Heritage Falls on the Heritage Trail



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Swimming

The Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre is one of the premier sporting precincts in Victoria. The centre has a selection of pools, including 50-metre outdoor, 25-metre indoor, warm water, and leisure pool, plus a gym and multi-sports stadium.

The Wangaratta Splash Park on Mitchell Avenue is a fun place to bring the kids during the warmer months. Tunnels, water cannons, dumping buckets, and plenty of other surprises make this a popular way to keep the whole family cool during the warmer months.

Head to one of the many swimming holes around the region, including the King River in Moyhu and Cheshunt. These shallow pools, surrounded by grassed areas, are ideal for dipping your toes in.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Lake William Hovell
- ✓ Northern Beaches in Wangaratta
- ✓ Wangaratta Splash Park
- ✓ Edi Cutting on the King River
- ✓ Pioneer Bridges on the Ovens River



Swimming at Lake William-Hovell.



Fishing & Paddling

Discover our lakes and rivers by canoe, kayak or paddleboard. Paddle the serene Lake William Hovell or try one of the more challenging stretches of the King River.

The King River has over 40 sets of rapids and offers white water grades 2 to 4. It is important to note that high water levels can lead to high rapids which should only be tackled by experienced paddlers.

For a more tranquil experience you could paddle the Ovens River which meanders through the Wangaratta township before making its way to the Murray River.

Why not try your hand at fishing in one of the many rivers, mountain streams and lakes. Locals are always keen to share the story of their latest catch and the best spots to try.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Drop a line in at Frank Garth Reserve
- ✓ Kayak or fish the King River at Oxley Reserve
- ✓ White water rafting on the King River
- ✓ SUP or paddle Lake William Hovell
- ✓ Fish Frost Reserve on the Ovens River

Try your hand at fishing along the Ovens River.





Take in panoramic views from Mount Cobbler in Alpine National Park.

National Parks

The National Parks surrounding our region offer a variety of experiences and attractions.

The Warby-Ovens National Park is home to threatened species such as the Grey Grass Tree, the Temperate Woodland Bird Community, and the Carpet Python. As one of only a handful of IUCN green listed reserves in Australia, this is an important area for conservation and education. With hiking trails only a short drive from Wangaratta, this is a popular day trip.

The Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park features open eucalypt forest of Red Stringybark, Blakely's Red Gum, Grey Box, and Mugga Ironbark. Along Reedy Creek, there are picnic, camping, and prospecting sites. Well-formed vehicle tracks make this a wonderful place for short or day-long walks, cycling and horse riding, and car and four-wheel drive touring.

The Alpine National Park, is an adventure lover's dream with towering alpine ridge lines, lush river valleys and unforgettable scenery. Hike mountain ranges and 4WD in the secluded reaches of the park, or find historic huts that legendary drovers called home.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Warby-Ovens National Park's striking Xanthorrhoea grey grass tree
- ✓ Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park's historic mining and Woolshed Valley's bushranger history
- ✓ Alpine National Park offers breathtaking views and hikes including Mount Cobbler



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Apex Park provides fun and engaging play experiences.

Family

Get outdoors and create family memories that will last a lifetime. Discover easy bush walks to lookouts and waterfalls. Visit waterways that are perfect for swimming, fishing, kayaking, or gold panning.

Pack your bikes and explore Wangaratta on wheels. Cycle flat sections of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail as a family or visit the popular Mitchell Ave pump track and skate parks.

Let kids burn off energy at Apex Park. The nature-themed playground enables children to explore, climb, and balance. It has parkour experiences for juniors to advanced adventurers.

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Not to be missed...

- ✓ Get lost at Brookfield Maze
- ✓ Keep small hands busy at Wangaratta Art Gallery's Creation Station
- ✓ Try Parkour followed by a BBQ at Apex Park
- ✓ Cool down at Wangaratta Splash Park
- ✓ Paddle in the toddler pool at Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre



Events & Markets

Wangaratta offers a variety of events to capture your interest, with everything from live music, to food and wine, sports, car shows and outdoor experiences.

Our vibrant local markets offer fresh, organic produce from local farmers and handcrafted goods. You can buy what you need to prepare a delicious meal or purchase a gift for a friend.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Monthly farmers markets at Wangaratta and seasonal markets in surrounding villages
- ✓ The variety of productions at the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre
- ✓ Annual King Valley events: La Dolce Vita, Weekend Fit for a King, and King Valley Art Show
- ✓ Bring in the New Year with live bands and fireworks at the Wangaratta Showgrounds
- ✓ Visit the What's On page of our website for the latest events, via the QR below

Wangaratta Farmers Market, held on the second Saturday of each month.



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Arts

You will find a passionate arts community with a range of experiences on offer.

Wangaratta Art Gallery presents a diverse program of exhibitions. The Gallery's collection has an emphasis on textile art referring to Wangaratta's manufacturing past. It hosts the nationally significant biennial Contemporary Textile Award.

The Beacon (Wangaratta water tower) lights up the sky each night and is part of the Australian Silo Art Trail. The mural is inspired by the Bangerang concept Dirrawarra, meaning united, with its design featuring interconnected native flora and fauna.

The Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, is the regions premiere entertainment venue. It offers a program of contemporary Australian performances through to timeless works of Shakespeare.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Wangaratta Art Gallery
- ✓ Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre
- ✓ Public artworks including Oxley's *Bubbles in the landscape*, *The Beacon* (water tower), and the Wangaratta Library's *Tale of Five leaves*



Fran O'Neill, *Crossing*, installation view, Wangaratta Art Gallery, 2024. Photo Jeremy Weihrauch.



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The Bullawah Cultural Trail features sculptures by artist Anderson Hunt.

Culture & History

There's more to the region's history than mining and its bushranger legends. For thousands of years, the Wangaratta region was home to the Bangerang people. 'Wangaratta' is the Bangerang word for the long neck cormorant, and these birds are a common sight on our two beautiful rivers the Ovens and the King.

The Bullawah Cultural Trail, which meanders 2.4km along the Ovens River, was created to celebrate and share the ancient stories and knowledge of local Aboriginal people. Interpretive signage along the trail provides insight into Aboriginal spirituality and culture.

Discover ancient creation stories of Byamee (the creator), learn about elder Mary Jane Milawa, encounter sculptures, and experience the Bush Tucker Garden.

Not to be missed...

- ✓ Bullawah Cultural Trail
- ✓ Ned Kelly Discovery Hub
- ✓ Eldorado Dredge and the Woolshed Valley
- ✓ Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral built using local stone



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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

Make the most of your visit!

Here's a list of the best our region has to offer!

1 Ned Kelly Discovery Hub

Glenrowan's award-winning attraction, view the location of Ned Kelly's Last Stand.



2 Hot Air Ballooning

Float above the King Valley and Milawa Gourmet Region.



3 Paradise Falls

A short walk leads to incredible rock formations, no matter how much water is flowing.



4 Bullawah Cultural Trail

A must-do in the Wangaratta CBD. Escape the city for a tranquil cultural history walk.



5 Big Ned

A trip along the Hume Highway is not complete without a selfie with Big Ned!



6 Prosecco Road

Explore Australia's birthplace of Prosecco, Italian heritage, idyllic vistas and art along the way.



7 Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

Discover the region on two wheels, ride between towns or go the full distance!



8 Gold Panning

Try your luck at early retirement by panning for gold in Eldorado and the Woolshed Valley.



9 Gravel Rides

Seeking a cycling adventure? We have a network of scenic back road rides just for you!



10 Milawa Gourmet Region

Australia's first 'Gourmet Region'. Make sure you start with an empty stomach!







Visitor Information Centre at the Ned Kelly Discovery Hub entrance.

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Ned Kelly Discovery Hub & Visitor Information Centre

Lions Park
Gladstone Street
Glenrowan, Victoria

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Email tourism@wangeratta.vic.gov.au
Online visitwangeratta.com.au



Helpful Information

Free Hot Shower & Bicycle Hub

Apex Park
Parfitt Rd, Wangaratta

Wangaratta RV Dump Point

Wareena Park
Swan St, Wangaratta

Merriwa Park Bicycle Hub

Showers and bike lockers
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Open from 6.30am daily



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