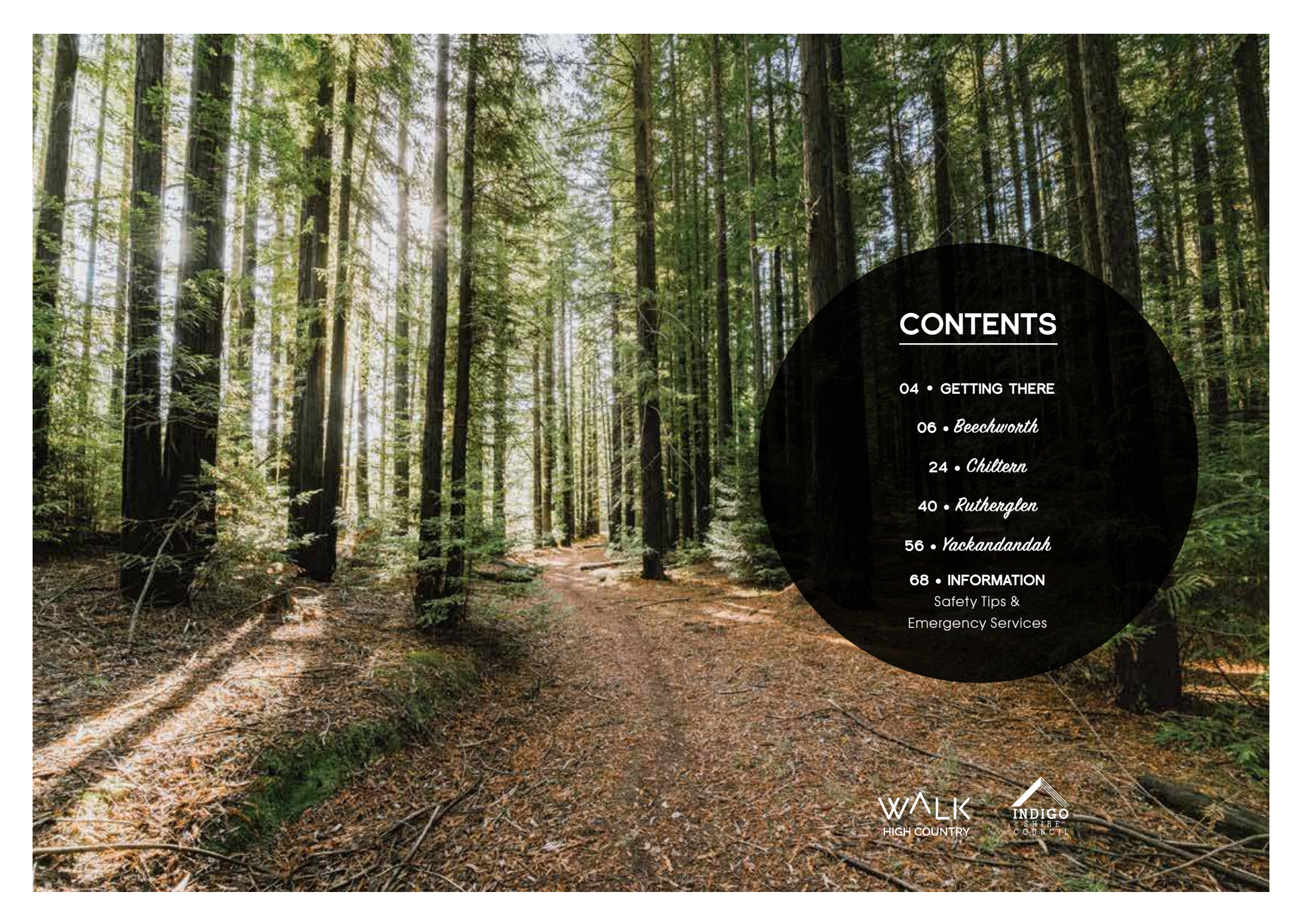

WALK

Beechworth • Chiltern • Rutherglen • Yackandandah

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WITH A STORY



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How To GET HERE

CAR

From Melbourne • The towns of Indigo Shire are around 3 hours easy drive from Melbourne. Travel north on the Hume Freeway and look out for the exit at Wangaratta for Beechworth and Yackandandah, Springhurst for Rutherglen and Chiltern (for Chiltern of course).

From Canberra • Travelling south on the Hume will take you around 4 hours. There's an exit to Beechworth and Yackandandah in Wodonga just after you cross the Murray River. Continue on the Hume to the Chiltern turn off for Chiltern and Rutherglen.

From Sydney • About 6 hours south on the Hume. Look for the same exits as for Canberra.

TRAIN

Rail services run daily from Melbourne and Sydney to Wangaratta, Albury and Chiltern. Contact VLine (vline.com.au) services and NSW TrainLink XPT (transportnsw.info/regional) for timetable information. Wangaratta Coachlines (wangarattacoachlines.com.au) offer connecting services.

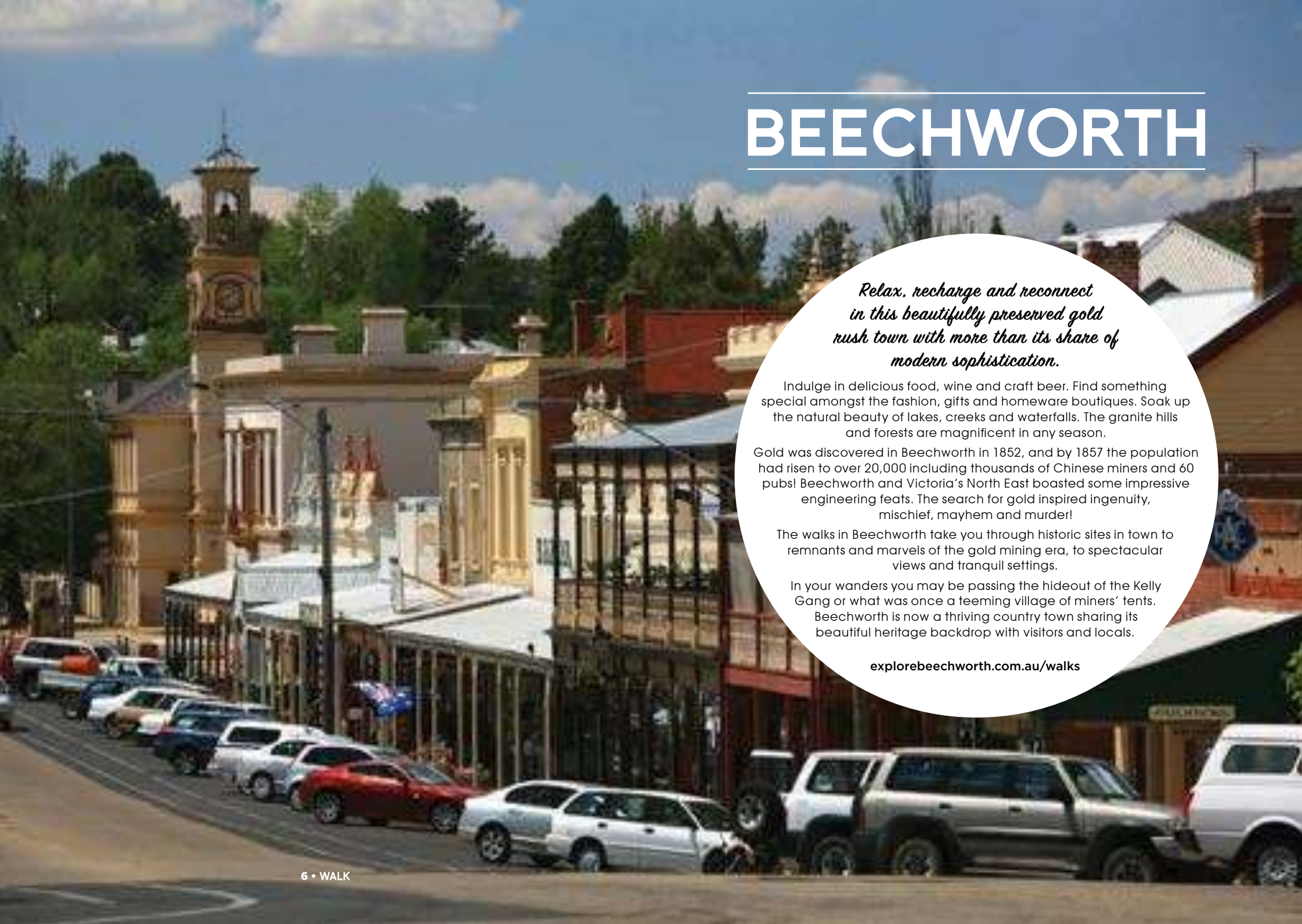
PLANE

Qantas, REX (Regional Express) and Virgin operate several flights daily into Albury from Melbourne and Sydney. Check airline websites for current flight information. Hire cars are available from Albury Airport.

LEGEND

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Please note the Grade ratings in this guide are based on the Australian Walking Track Grading System. Information and maps in this guide are in some cases indicative of the walk area, for up-to-date and detailed directions please download a map of the required walk/s from the town website/s featured on each walk page, or drop in to one of our welcoming Visitor Information Centres listed on page 69.



BEECHWORTH

*Relax, recharge and reconnect
in this beautifully preserved gold
rush town with more than its share of
modern sophistication.*

Indulge in delicious food, wine and craft beer. Find something special amongst the fashion, gifts and homeware boutiques. Soak up the natural beauty of lakes, creeks and waterfalls. The granite hills and forests are magnificent in any season.

Gold was discovered in Beechworth in 1852, and by 1857 the population had risen to over 20,000 including thousands of Chinese miners and 60 pubs! Beechworth and Victoria's North East boasted some impressive engineering feats. The search for gold inspired ingenuity, mischief, mayhem and murder!

The walks in Beechworth take you through historic sites in town to remnants and marvels of the gold mining era, to spectacular views and tranquil settings.

In your wanders you may be passing the hideout of the Kelly Gang or what was once a teeming village of miners' tents.

Beechworth is now a thriving country town sharing its beautiful heritage backdrop with visitors and locals.

explorebeechworth.com.au/walks

1

Powder Magazine to Woolshed Falls

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• Time: 60 mins • Distance: 5km

• Start: Powder Magazine, Skidmore Road • Finish: Woolshed Falls

Observation Deck at Woolshed Falls

This walk embodies what Beechworth is about, rich with gold mining history, stunning natural surrounds and a dash of the spectacular!

The Powder Magazine, built in 1859, was where miners were required to store bulk black powder overnight and was constructed so that any explosion would travel upwards, not outwards. OH&S 1800's style. Check in with the Information Centre for a swipe card to access.

Marvel at the boulders, forest and rock pools on the Gorge Road. At Spring Creek Bridge don't miss the sign to Woolshed Falls. The track heads into the Woolshed Valley, once home to thousands of miners during the height of the gold rush. One of the richest goldfields in Victoria, the area has many deep mine shafts so please keep to the track.

Woolshed Falls provides the spectacular. There's something satisfying about the sight and sound of water crashing over rocks. Imagine the miners of the time toiling away for their fortune and sharing hard luck stories in this beautiful landscape. Please take care on the rocks, wear suitable footwear and supervise kids. If you don't feel like walking back to Beechworth, you might consider a car shuffle.

Short Walks
WITH A STORY

Beechworth Town WALKS

To Chiltern Road
(To Woolshed Falls, Chiltern & Rutherglen)

To Yackandandah & Wodonga

To Wangaratta

To Myrtleford



2

Beechworth Gorge Walk



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 7.3km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Once a hideout for members of the Kelly Gang, the Gorge provides views over Beechworth town. The landscape has large granite outcrops, native forest, magnificent rock pools and cascades and wildflowers in season. You will see the start of the Rocky Mountain Tunnel which was constructed under Beechworth so that the upper Spring Creek Goldfield swamp could be drained for mining. Then on to the Newtown Bridge which was crafted by a Scottish stonemason in 1875. Beside the bridge is a mining race 2.4 metres deep and 410 metres long. Check out the information board with details about Chevalier's Mill.

3

Beechworth Town Walk



- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 2km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Jump off the main streets of Beechworth to explore the historic and scenic attractions that circle the town. The old Hospital Façade offers a glimpse into the town's history but also makes for some wonderful photos. Stop in at the Carriage Museum at the revamped Billson's Brewery. Head on to Queen Victoria Park, affectionately known as the rock park, before finding your way to Lake Sambell, once an integral part of the gold mining story, now a beautiful place to wander, picnic and have a dip in warmer months. The Chinese Gardens acknowledge approximately 6,000 Chinese miners who once lived nearby.

4

Echoes of History Guided Walking Tour



- Time: 75 mins • Distance: 1km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Beechworth was once home to the richest alluvial goldfield in the southern hemisphere. Come on this walk to see the magnificent town built with the wealth of the goldfields. Hear colourful tales of the wild gold rush days. Prepare to be fascinated by tales of the Rocky Mountain Tunnel, the exploits of Robert O'Hara Burke (of Burke & Wills fame), the story behind the golden horseshoes and Beechworth's own China Town. Learn Beechworth's best kept secrets with your expert local guide.

Tours leave the Visitor Information Centre at 10:15am daily.

Purchase a Beechworth Heritage Pass for this tour (and more!)

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Ned Kelly Guided Walking Tour



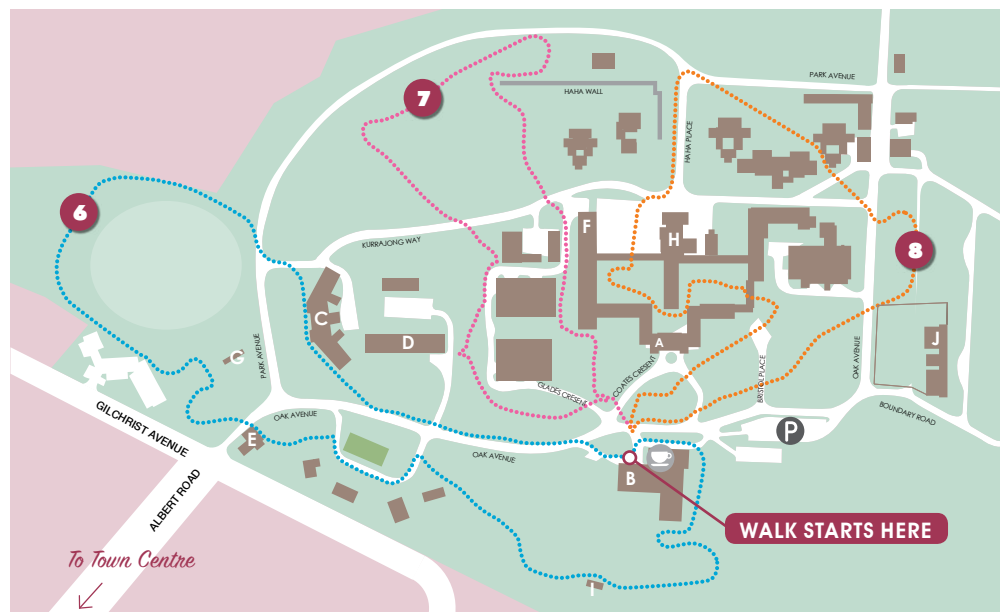
- Time: 75 mins • Distance: 1km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Ned Kelly and his gang were regular visitors to Beechworth. Come on this walk to see the place where Ned was crowned unofficial bare-knuckle champion of the North East after a 20 round fight. See the Courthouse where Ned, his accomplices and his mother Ellen all stood trial, and the lockup where Ned's bushranging mentor, Harry Power, was imprisoned.

Relive the Kelly stories with our local historian guides. Tours leave the Visitor Information Centre at 1:15pm daily.

Purchase a Beechworth Heritage Pass for this tour (and more!)

Mayday Hills Tree WALKS



A/ The Original Asylum
B/ George Kerferd Hotel
C/ Shire Council Offices
D/ Linaker Building

E/ The Gatehouse
F/ Old Laundry
G/ Cricket Pavilion
H/ Bijou Theatre

I/ Chapel
J/ Kindergarten
P Start Carpark
Cafe



6

Eucalyptus Walk



- Time: 45 mins • Distance: 1.9km
- Start: George Kerferd Hotel

These walks take you deep into the former Beechworth Lunatic Asylum, later Mayday Hills Hospital. The main building dates back to 1867 and over time there were nearly 40 buildings. The Hospital was one of Victoria's three major country asylums for 130 years until its closure in 1995. At its peak in the 1960s, the Hospital housed 1,000 patients. Surrounded by nearly 290 acres of farmland, Mayday Hills was completely self-sufficient with a farm, piggery, orchards, kitchen gardens, tennis courts and a theatre. The Eucalyptus Walk takes in the old cricket oval and the George Kerferd Hotel.

7

White Oak Walk



- Time: 45 mins • Distance: 1.6km
- Start: George Kerferd Hotel

The gardens at Mayday Hills cover 27 acres and were planted in the 19th century. The rich botanical setting was founded on donations of exotic trees and shrubs from the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne. The gardens are set against a backdrop of magnificent native trees, most notably brittle gums. National Trust (Victoria) has recently classified over 200 of Mayday Hills' trees as significant at a Regional or State level. The tallest tree in the gardens is a 50 metre high Douglas Fir, seen on the White Oak Walk.

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Ha-Ha Wall Walk



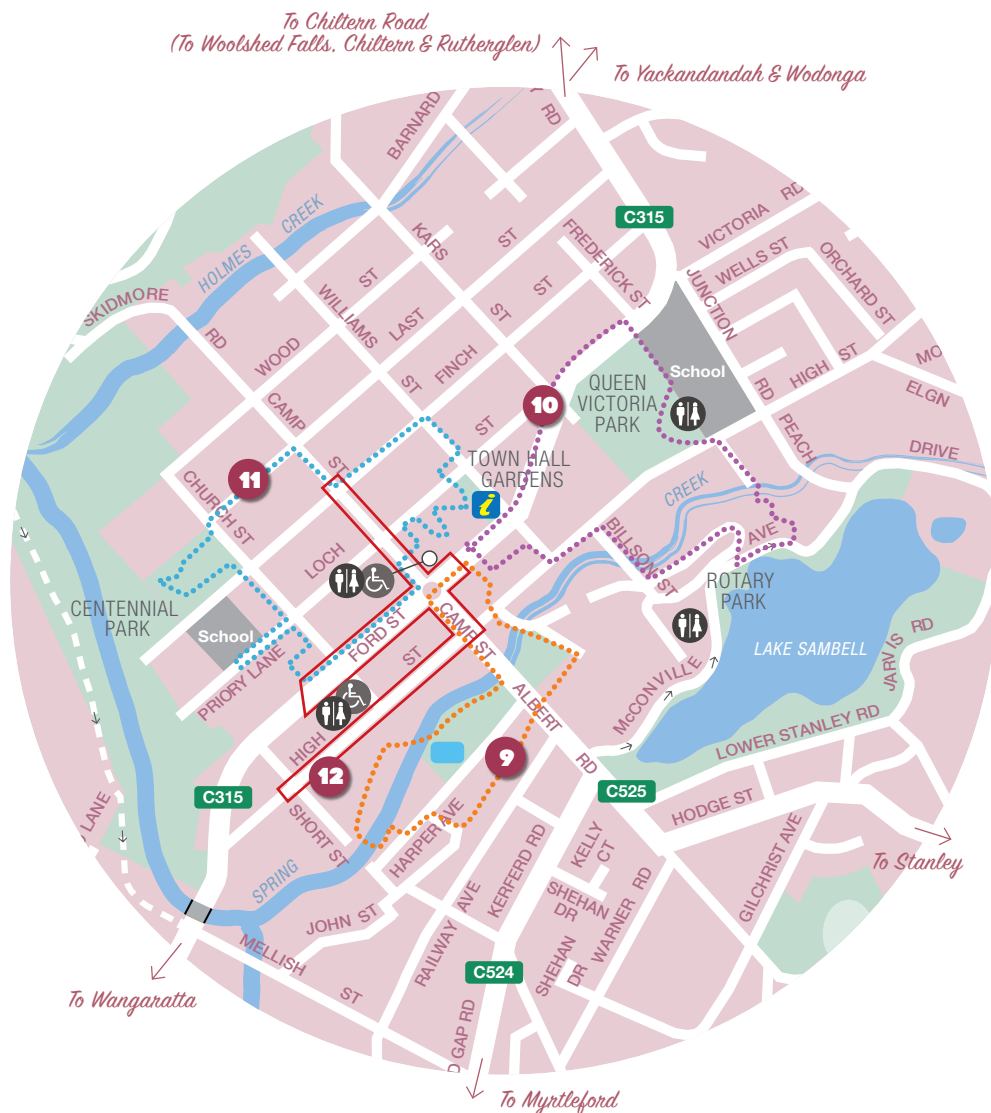
- Time: 30 mins • Distance: 1.3km
- Start: George Kerferd Hotel

The original garden was designed by a patient, Robert Coates. The gardens were extended and improved over the years by Mr Hugh Linaker in 1912, by Dr Farren Ridge in 1930 and again in the 1980s.

One of the distinctive features was the use of a ha-ha wall around the patients' courtyards. The ha-ha wall consisted of a trench, one side of which was vertical and faced with stone or bricks, the other side sloped and turfed. From the inside, the walls presented a tall face to patients, preventing them from escaping, while from outside, the walls looked low so as not to suggest imprisonment.



Beechworth Treescapes Group Town WALKS



A full list of trees found on the Beechworth Treescapes Group walks can be found at explorebeechworth.com.au/beechworth-treescapes-2

9

Spring Creek Walk



- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 2.3km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

In the 1890s, a visitor wrote: "From a distance, the summer aspect of Beechworth is that of a town embowered in luxuriant foliage, while an interior view presents to the eye long vistas of stately trees bordering the footpaths, and forming an umbrageous canopy beneath whose continuous shade the pedestrian may pursue his way in comfort." Pretty sure they enjoyed their visit! In February 1852 gold was discovered at Spring Creek. By 1857 more than 20,000 people lived in Beechworth. This walk also takes you for a wander on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail now shared by walkers and avid cyclists.

10

Lake Walk



- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 2.3km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Beechworth offers magnificent old avenues and a surprisingly large number of parks and gardens with plantings which began in the 1860s and continued to the present day. The Town Hall Gardens, Chinese Gardens, Queen Victoria Park, Wallace Park and the Ovens Goldfields Hospital Park contain many specimens of exotic trees protected by heritage regulations. The Lake Walk features significant trees in the areas of the Old Beechworth Gaol, Queen Victoria Park and Lake Sambell.

11

Churches Walk



- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 2.6km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Warm summers and cold winters highlight the diversity of colour and texture in foliage and form of the trees, which live side-by-side with stone cottages and hand-hewn granite-lined gutters. Their familiarity reassured the pioneers who longed for European landscapes and residents and visitors alike can enjoy vistas planted up to 150 years ago, side by side with native species and new additions.

The first Methodist church services in Beechworth were held in the open air by a Methodist miner and lay preacher, Mr C Williams. Shortly after, a tent was purchased for £20. More significant places of worship have survived the years.

12

History of the Hotels of Beechworth Walk



- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 2.5km
- Start: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

Did the early inhabitants of Beechworth have a greater than average propensity to drink? Evidence suggests the male dominated population was doing its part in driving up the numbers. Imagine the stories and characters the early hotels of Beechworth witnessed. Dining and dancing, dubious hoteliers, the odd fire and a vein of murder and mayhem synonymous with the time. This walk features the locations of just 23 of the early hotels of Beechworth, four of which are still operating today. Stroll the streets of Beechworth and imagine another era...

Credit: "Nobblers and Lushingtons – A History of the Hotels of Beechworth" – Richard Patterson



13

Lake Sambell Walk



- Time: 40 mins • Distance: 2km
- Start: McConville Avenue



Lake Sambell was originally the site of the Rocky Mountain Mining Company, an open cut sluice operation, during the gold rush era. In the 1920s the area was turned into a recreational lake and reserve for the residents and visitors of Beechworth.

Named after Leslie Herbert Gordon Sambell, a shire engineer in the 20s and 30s who was not only involved in many projects that are still features of the town but also founded the 'Forward Beechworth Movement'!

A bird hide and Chinese Gardens are all features of this walk. Lake Sambell is the perfect place for a cool swim, maybe a kayak, a spot of fishing, or all of the above.



Beechworth Region WALKS



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Lake Sambell to Lake Kerferd Walk



- Time: 3 hrs • Distance: 10km
- Start: McConville Avenue

You will walk through tall eucalypt forests and if you look carefully will see evidence of past mining activity and tunnelling. There are many disused mine shafts on the track which are covered with wire mesh, others are not, so stay on the designated trail. The ore taken from these mines was crushed at nearby stamping batteries, with the gold then being separated from the residue.

Keep a look out for koalas, wombats and wallabies as you walk along. When you reach Lake Kerferd you can fish for Redfin and Golden Perch. As Lake Kerferd is Beechworth's water supply there is no swimming or boating.

15

Ingram's Rock



- Time: 90 mins • Distance: 3km
- Start: Old Chiltern Road



James Ingram established a newsagency and supplied papers and stationery to diggers on the goldfields in the 1860s.

James also helped to establish the Beechworth Hospital and Primary School. He died in 1928 within six weeks of his 100th birthday and lived nearby the rock that now bears his name.

Fiddes Quarry was where much of the granite for building was cut during the gold rush era. The Precipice is a lookout above the former Reids Creek goldfields, once full of canvas tents and noisy diggers. Ingram's Rock is a large granite outcrop and a lovely place to picnic and explore.

**FELICITY COTTRILL
AND
NATHAN COWAN**

"At sunset the colours of the sky reflect on the water, it looks like a postcard."

Local IDENTITY

WHO ARE YOU? • Nathan and I are in the process of reviving a historic tower brewery. We moved here from Melbourne and have begun restorations of 'Billson's' with the help of our great little team. We are passionate about the building and its astonishing history. Nathan previously ran a branding agency and I worked in medical imaging at the Royal Children's Hospital.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BEECHWORTH? • We love the nature in Beechworth, the sunsets and sunrises. We love the drastic difference in the way the town looks during summer, spring, autumn and winter. We came to Beechworth because we love the quietness of the town, and the connectedness of the community. We were drawn to the rich history of the area.

FAVOURITE WALK • Lake Sambell walk would have to be one of our favourite walks. During summer the area is filled with children playing in the water. In the autumn the trees around here are just magnificent. At sunset the colours of the sky reflect on the water, it looks like a postcard.

FAVOURITE SEASON • It's so difficult to choose a favourite season. I think my favourites are the transition seasons, spring and autumn. I love watching the flowers as they begin to blossom and the trees as they change to shades of red and orange. It also tends to be not too hot and not too cold! Nathan's favourite would definitely be summer. He loves to be outdoors in the warm weather and one of his favourite things to do is swim. Summer is also great for picking local fruit.

FAVOURITE LUNCH SPOT • The Empire Hotel, which has been recently renovated. After a lovely walk, it's hard to go past the Empire parma. The place is always buzzing with locals and great music. We love going here because of the relaxed vibe and the delicious food. They offer classic pub meals and gourmet bites. Also their desserts are next-level amazing.

BEST VIEW • Mount Pilot. 360-degree views of the surrounding area are unbelievable. Only a short walk up there and you can sit for hours watching the view and enjoying the serenity. One of our first memories in Beechworth was an impromptu picnic with some friends we had just met and other locals. We sat on top of Mount Pilot as we watched the sunset and ate a delicious feast of local produce. We take all of our friends here now.

COFFEE HIT • Neither Nathan or I drink coffee! Nath usually orders a herbal tea, I love a chai latte or hot chocolate. We have had many breakfasts at Peddlars Café and have been told by our coffee drinking friends that their coffee is delicious. They also do amazing pasta on a Tuesday night – if you are around, we highly recommend.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MOMENT • It's hard to go past Woolshed Falls for photos. Nath and I took my little seven-year-old niece to the falls on a sunny day in the middle of winter. Nathan touched the water to feel how cold it was and found that all of the little pools of water had frozen! When the water is running quickly down the waterfall and the sun is shining, mist comes off the water. It's magic.



Top 5 PLACES FOR COFFEE

For all its history, Beechworth is a pretty sophisticated country town. So there are lots of great spots to get your coffee buzz – go in search or start with these.



PROJECT 49

- A little slice of Italy in main street Beechworth pumping out awesome coffee, the small space is bustling, well Beechworth style bustling maybe. Delicious deli fare and a carefully crafted wine list.

BLYNZZ COFFEE ROASTERS

- Totally serious about coffee excellence. Every green coffee bean is custom roasted by their professional coffee roasters to achieve the perfect balance of flavour, aroma, colour and texture. Share the passion, indulge in the ultimate award winning coffee experience with Blynzz Coffee Roasters. Serious coffee not snobbish!

CELLAR DOOR WINE STORE

- A superb, boutique wine store with an emphasis on the smaller wineries of North East Victoria, this is also the coffee hangout for many a local and visitor alike. Check out the wines, beers, whisky and cognac and the range of fine cheeses.

BEECHWORTH PROVENDER

- Just a little bit quirky, this Beechworth stalwart has been offering up one of the best cups of coffee around for over 20 years. Part café, part wine store, part produce shop – enjoy the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of this cute venue.

OLD BEECHWORTH GAOL

- Not only can you get your coffee fix within the walls of the gaol, it's served from a 1964 Airstream Caravan, of course! Great coffee, simple and delicious home-cooked food and you can stay and do a tour. They even let most people out these days...

OTHERS

The Squid, Peddlar, Beechworth Pantry, Granite Café, Moments and Memories.



EAT

Beechworth is blessed with riches when it comes to the food scene. The two-hatted Provenance delivers an exceptional experience, inspired dishes with Japanese flavours. Try tapas or home cooked pasta at one of the cosy restaurants, indulge in a bit of people watching at the many great cafés or tuck in to a ripping pub meal. Bridge Road Brewery not only offers fantastic hand crafted beer but a family friendly pizzeria. The wines of Beechworth are much sought after, the highly acclaimed Giaconda amongst the 30 odd local labels. There's hand-made ice cream and lollies and no trip would be complete without a trip to the iconic Beechworth Bakery and Beechworth Honey.

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Where to STAY • Best EATS • What to DO

Immersed in history, embracing the contemporary and beautiful surrounds make Beechworth the ideal escape for those needing to recharge the batteries.



STAY

Beechworth is a great starting point to explore the whole North East region. Stay in contemporary holiday homes with gorgeous views, cosy cabins with open fires and historic cottages with all the comforts of home. There is a wealth of B&Bs in Beechworth, award-winning venues with signature service. The motels are crisp and clean and offer excellent value. If getting closer to nature is your thing then there are two caravan and camping parks, one on the shores of Lake Sambell, the other sits alongside Silver Creek.



DO

Where do we start? This beautifully preserved gold rush town is rich with history. Grab a Heritage Pass and visit the Burke Museum, Beechworth Courthouse and Ned Kelly Vault. Add to that the Old Beechworth Gaol tour and the Asylum Ghost Tours. A great place to be at one with nature, the town and surrounds are perfect for exploring, whether that be walking, cycling, having a picnic or taking a swim in the warmer months. Don't forget the shopping, browse through the sophisticated boutiques boasting luxury fabrics, designer labels, vintage jewellery, quality leather goods, contemporary homewares and edible gifts. Beechworth also boasts a very lively events calendar.



CHILTERN

Visitors to Chiltern will experience a shared affection for the past, with all the benefits of good old-fashioned hospitality and warmth.

Step off the Hume Freeway and peek back in time as you navigate the historic streetscape including three National Trust buildings. Antiques and art are features of the Chiltern main streets and the surrounding Chiltern Mount Pilot National Park is a paradise for nature lovers.

Chiltern is known as one of the premier bird watching areas in southern Australia. There is exceptional bird diversity including threatened species such as the Regent Honeyeater. Stunning displays of wildflowers can also be found in spring, but it's well worth a visit at any time. The changing seasons bringing their own unique colours to the landscape.

After all that exploring be sure to sample some of the local fare.

From great pub meals, the bakery and welcoming cafés, there's something for everyone.

There are so many walks in Chiltern, we haven't been able to mention them all here but ask a local and they will help you out. Put Chiltern on your visit list, it's a hidden gem.

explorechiltern.com.au/walks

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Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Walk

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- Time: 60 mins • Distance: 0.75km
- Start: Car park, Yeddonba Road

Considered a sacred site amongst local Indigenous people, the Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site illustrates the art of the Dhudhuroa people, the dominant Indigenous clan of the area and a sub-clan of the Pangarang people of the Goulburn Valley. Mount Pilot was used by a number of clans as a waypoint on a migratory path and as a spiritual and ceremonial site.

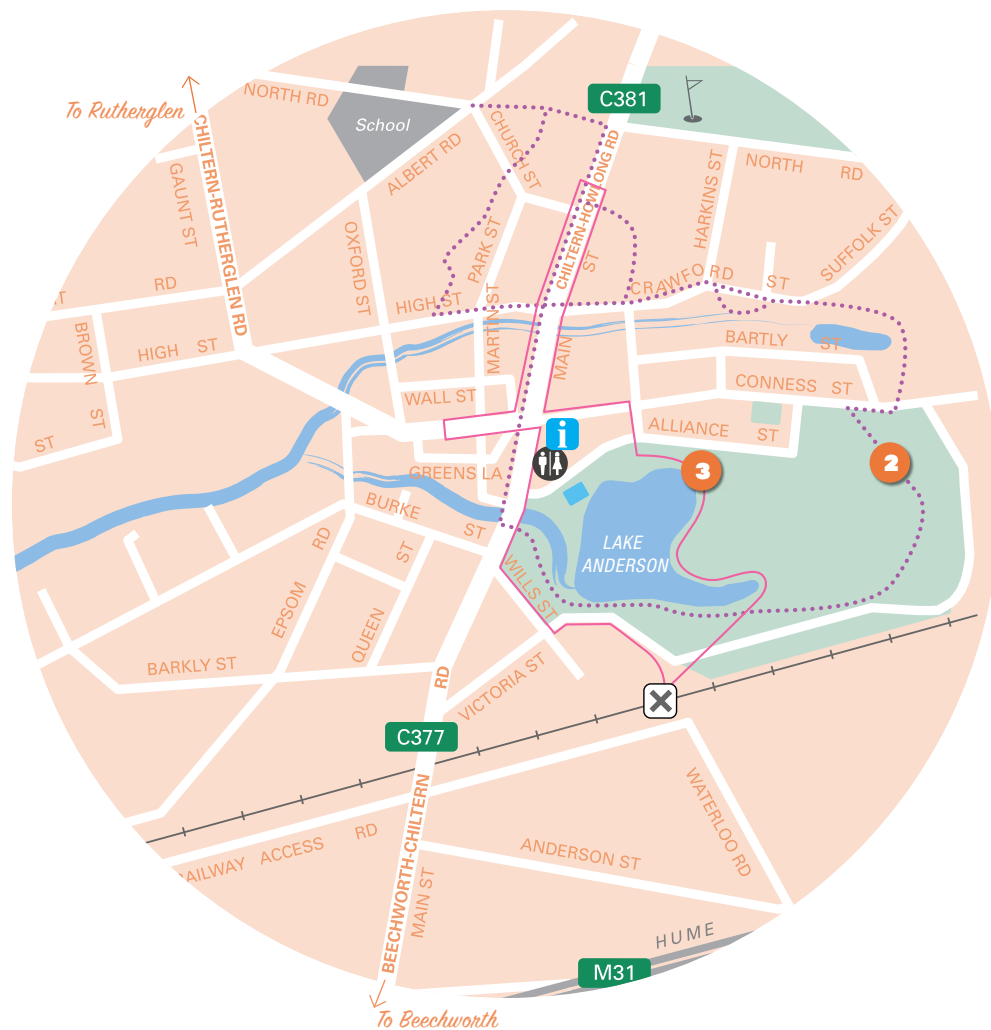
The Yeddonba site boasts many significant areas including a rock shelter and bush tucker area. The site is of particular archaeological importance as it features an Aboriginal red-ochre painting, which is believed to be of a Tasmanian Tiger (thylacine), supporting the belief that the animal once inhabited the mainland. The thylacine, along with the goanna and snake, were the spirit animals of the local clans with the site serving as an important ritual location for the clan leaders.

A well laid-out circular walking track will take 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.

Short Walks
WITH A STORY

Chiltern Town WALKS



2

Chiltern Walking Path



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 3.7km
- Start: Chiltern Post Office or Visitor Information Centre

This walk can be a continuous loop or a series of shorter loops. Bird life abounds particularly in the Black Ball Dam reserve and around Lake Anderson. The Chiltern Walking Path logo depicts a Yellow-Footed Antechinus which is a small marsupial mouse native to the area, locally referred to as the golden mouse. Enjoy your wander along the various sections of the trail that meanders through the historic gold mining village. John Conness discovered gold in Chiltern in 1858. The population rapidly grew along the Chiltern Lead (now Conness Street) – at the height of the gold rush Chiltern was home to about 20,000 including 2,000 Chinese.

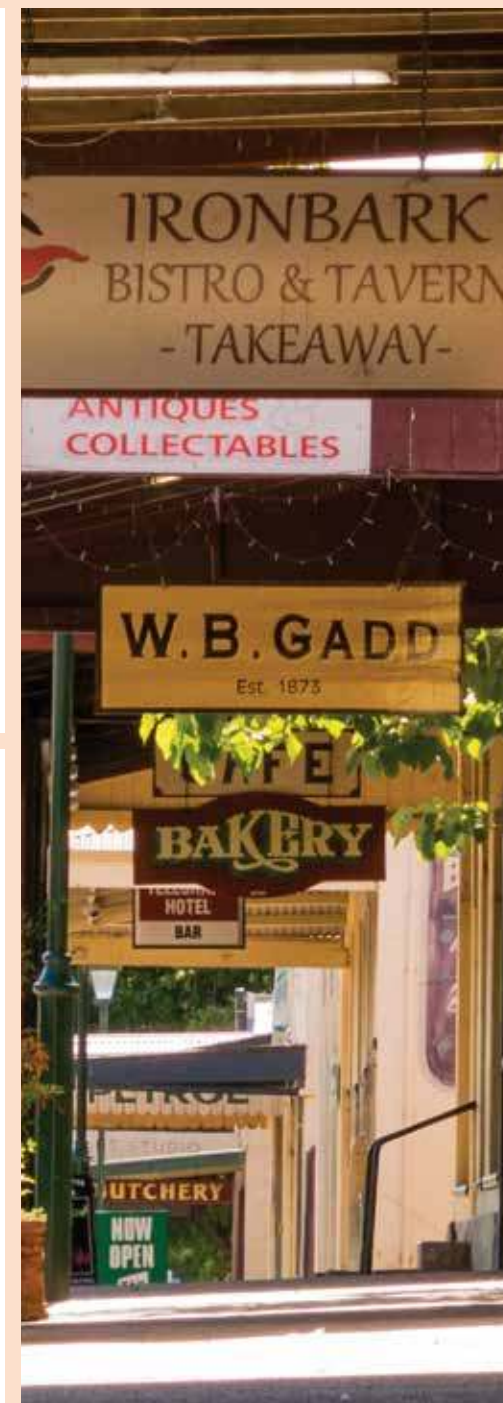
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The Chiltern Walk



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 2.6km
- Start: Chiltern Visitor Information Centre

Chiltern has a tranquil atmosphere and life proceeds at a leisurely pace. The town's heritage is yours to explore, with many buildings retaining their historic integrity. Some 21 buildings are registered or owned by the National Trust. Chiltern's spectacular historic streetscape is a treat in time travel, to the heady days of gold fever and gold dust. Once on the main Melbourne/Sydney highway, Chiltern's historic buildings have been restored and maintained to preserve the architecture of the late 1850s. Visiting Chiltern is like a movie set of a by-gone era and it has featured on the big screen in several motion pictures.



Chiltern Region WALKS



4

White Box Walking Track



- Time: 2.3 hrs • Distance: 8.5km
- Start: Honeyeater Picnic Area at Cyanide Dam

This track introduces the bushwalker to some of the natural and historical features of the Chiltern Mount Pilot National Park. Named after the dominant tree species of the walk, it is a great way to gain appreciation of the bush where early pioneers and miners worked during the mid to late 19th century.

You may be lucky to view some of Victoria's rarest birds - the Regent Honeyeater and the Turquoise Parrot. In addition to the fauna, the wildflowers during spring and early summer are exceptional. Many orchids, lilies, grevilleas and pea bushes come into flower. Interpretive signage and Parks brochures are available at the information board.

5

Magenta Mine



- Time: 3-4 hrs • Distance: 15km
- Start: Chiltern Visitor Information Centre

From 1860, earth, rock and quartz were excavated and carted out of the Magenta Reef by horse and dray. The open cut was worked to a depth of 15 metres. Two shafts were sunk to access gold bearing ore.

Today, you can view one of these from the eastern side of the open cut. There is also a viewing platform to view the enlarged tunnel, which was worked to a depth of 30 metres. The quartz was crushed at the nearby stamper batteries and the timber foundations can still be seen today.

Published figures report a total of 21,665 tons of material was crushed, yielding 9,900 ounces of gold. It is thought that 13,000 ounces of gold is more accurate.

6

Tuan Track Walk



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 7km
- Start: Tuan Campground on Depot Road

Meander through a variety of habitats suitable for walking on all but the very hottest days of summer. Flora and fauna abound, the walk is named after the Tuan, a small carnivorous marsupial that has the common name of the Brush-tailed Phascogale which sounds anything but common.

The track takes you down to the historic Bartley's Block, a bird watching spot on the international map, and returns via Bartley's Track. The Bartley family owned the property from gold rush days to 1989, it was once the site of the family home and a brewery. Interpretive brochures are available at the start of the walk.

7

Bird Trail 3 - Wetlands Tour



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 8.5km
- Start: Chiltern Number 1 Dam picnic area

Try your hand at capturing some of the amazing birdlife

This one's all about the birds! Chiltern is one of the premier bird-watching areas in southern Australia. More than 220 species have been recorded at Chiltern, 180 of them residents or regular visitors. An astounding variety exists between the Chiltern Number 1 and Number 2 Dams.

Highlights of birding in the district are Spoonbill, both Yellow-billed and Royal, Whistling Kites, and Rufous Night Heron, Grebes and a wide variety of ducks.

Tread lightly and keep a lookout!

8

Mount Pilot Lookout



- Time: 15 mins • Distance: 1km
- Start: Mount Pilot Lookout carpark

From the top in any direction!

Take a short walk from the car park to the 545 metre summit of Mount Pilot, where you are rewarded with a 360-degree view of the surrounding countryside. On a clear day, Mount Buffalo is easily recognisable on the southern horizon.

The rock pools on the top of Mount Pilot are rare. The spring display of the pink *Micromyrtus* is quite spectacular. Whilst it's a short walk the reward is a stunning view, a place to sit and reflect, and of course many opportunities for creative photographers.

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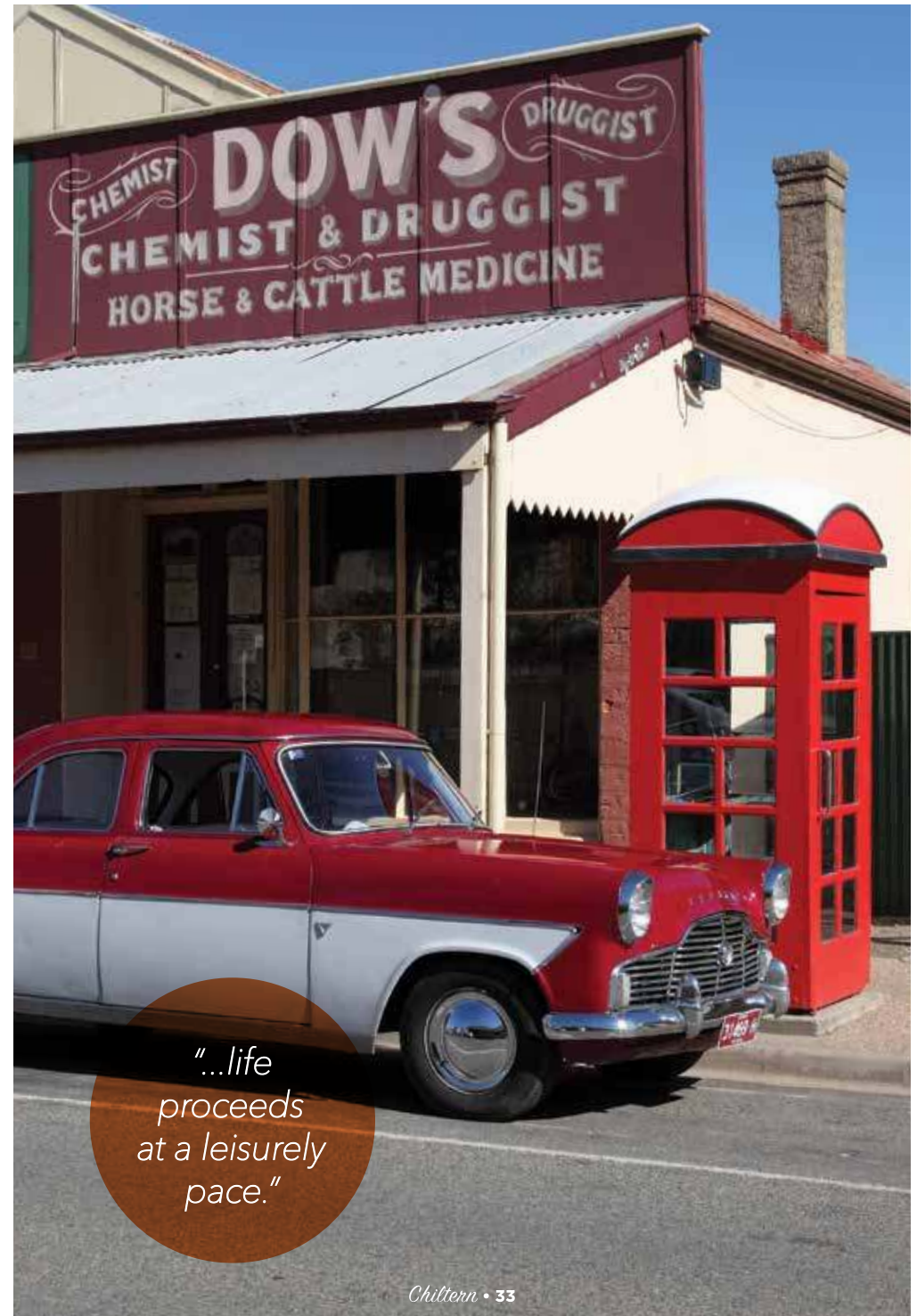
Skeleton Hill Track



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 3km
- Start: Western most point of Skeleton Hill Road

Skeleton Hill is the iconic hill overlooking the historic town of Chiltern – a mecca for birdwatchers. The hill is a striking local landmark, beautiful flora and fauna abound.

On Skeleton Hill Road, park at the sharp corner beyond the signed Skeleton Hill, walk around the locked gate to the end of the track at the paddocks. The reward on this walk is the great views of Black Dog Creek valley and Mount Pilot to the south and the National Park to the north from the park boundary.



"...life
proceeds
at a leisurely
pace."

"...every road
out takes you
to the National
Park."

**KIRRILY
ANDERSON**

Local IDENTITY

WHO ARE YOU? • I'm an artist, originally from the Riverina, NSW but spent most of my adult life in Melbourne freelancing as a graphic designer – eventually morphing my practice into a creative meld of art, illustration, street art and graphic design. I run Paper Trail Studio in Chiltern, which is predominantly my work space, but also a space for workshops, and a gallery/retail space for my artwork. I open to the public when I'm not out creating murals or running workshops in various places!

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO CHILTERN? • The North East has been a favourite place for me for many years. I love the charm of Chiltern, the history, the wonderful community and most of all the fact that every road out takes you to the National Park.

FAVOURITE WALK • I love them all, but White Box Walk is so diverse and I always discover something new as the environment changes with the seasons. Nature heavily influences my artwork and I'm always collecting textures and colours for inspiration.

FAVOURITE SEASON • Each season here offers something great – but I'm a summer girl at heart!

FAVOURITE LUNCH SPOT • You can't go past a BBQ and a bit of gold panning in Reedy Creek.

BEST VIEW • From the top of Mount Pilot.

COFFEE HIT • Hub 62.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MOMENT • Collecting fungi photos on the White Box Walk.





Top 5 HISTORIC PLACES TO SEE

DOW'S PHARMACY

- Built in 1859 this National Trust building houses all original fittings and a vast array of pharmaceutical equipment and commercial products from days gone by. The pharmacy was operated by David McEwen, father of former Prime Minister of Australia John McEwen. It was purchased by Mr and Mrs Dow in 1936 who operated it until its closure in 1968. Dow's Pharmacy is owned by the National Trust.

LAKEVIEW HOUSE

- This National Trust building is the beautifully restored childhood home of the authoress, Henry Handel Richardson, pseudonym for Ethel Florence Richardson. Among her works are *The Getting of Wisdom* and a trilogy *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony* in which in *Ultima Thule* she describes her experiences in Chiltern. The charming red-brick single storey house is furnished in period style and contains a small collection of Richardson memorabilia.

THE FEDERAL STANDARD PRINTING WORKS

- Established in 1859, the Federal Standard Printing Works is one of the few substantially intact provincial newspaper printeries remaining from the gold mining era. Within two years the Federal Standard had incorporated Rutherglen's first newspaper, *The Murray Gazette*, Albury's first newspaper, *The Border Post*, and *The Ovens Constitution* at Beechworth. To carry out these tasks, large steam-driven printing machinery was installed capable of producing 2,000 impressions per hour. The equipment in it was much as you see today.



CHILTERN ATHENAEUM

- This local history museum features a vast array of exhibits, research services and guided tours. Highlights include memorabilia relating to Sir John (Black Jack) McEwen, whose father operated the local pharmacy from 1891 to 1907, the First World War photographic collection, artworks by Alfred Eustace including several gumleaf paintings and photographic and outdoor displays of Chiltern's mining and agricultural past.

STAR THEATRE

- The Star Theatre was a hub of social life in Chiltern during the 19th century and featured all types of entertainment. With the neighbouring hotel, it survives as a rare and complete example of the extensive range of facilities provided by prosperous hotel keepers during the gold rush. The Grapevine (formerly Star) Hotel dates back to 1859 when J. A. Wallace erected a hotel on this site which included a theatre, billiard room and stables.



DO

A visit to Chiltern is like a step back in time so wandering the main streets is an experience in living history. The town has a vibrant arts scene with more and more shops being taken over by resident artists. We have already noted the reputation this area has for "birding", but it is also renowned for its spring and summer floral display. Or you might like to go for a ride – the tracks around Chiltern provide easy, fun cycling for the whole family. For a walk of a different kind, take on a Chiltern Darkside tour.

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Where to STAY

Best EATS

What to DO

Visitors to Chiltern will experience a shared affection for the past, with all the benefits of good old-fashioned hospitality and warmth.



STAY

When it comes to accommodation, Chiltern has a few gems worth finding. Settle into country comfort at Chiltern Cottage and Indigo Suite, Jamel Lodge or The Linesman's Cottage. As the name suggests, Lake Anderson Caravan Park sits amongst a peaceful lake setting offering cabins and sites. The Lydoun Motel is the perfect place to base yourself, ready to explore all that Chiltern and the surrounding area has to offer.

EAT

For a small village, Chiltern punches way above its weight for food options. Hub 62 is a happy, quirky place to indulge in a tasty local produce-driven breakfast and lunch menu. The Chiltern Bakery serves up cakes and pastries just like you remember they should be. Try the Ironbark Tavern or the Telegraph Hotel for good honest pub grub in a relaxed and friendly small town atmosphere. The Vine is an excellent choice for gourmet pizzas, craft beers and boutique wines. Don't forget to stop by Chiltern Honey and make a point of visiting in November/December to get your hands on some Hotson's cherries, they're worth it!

RUTHERGLEN

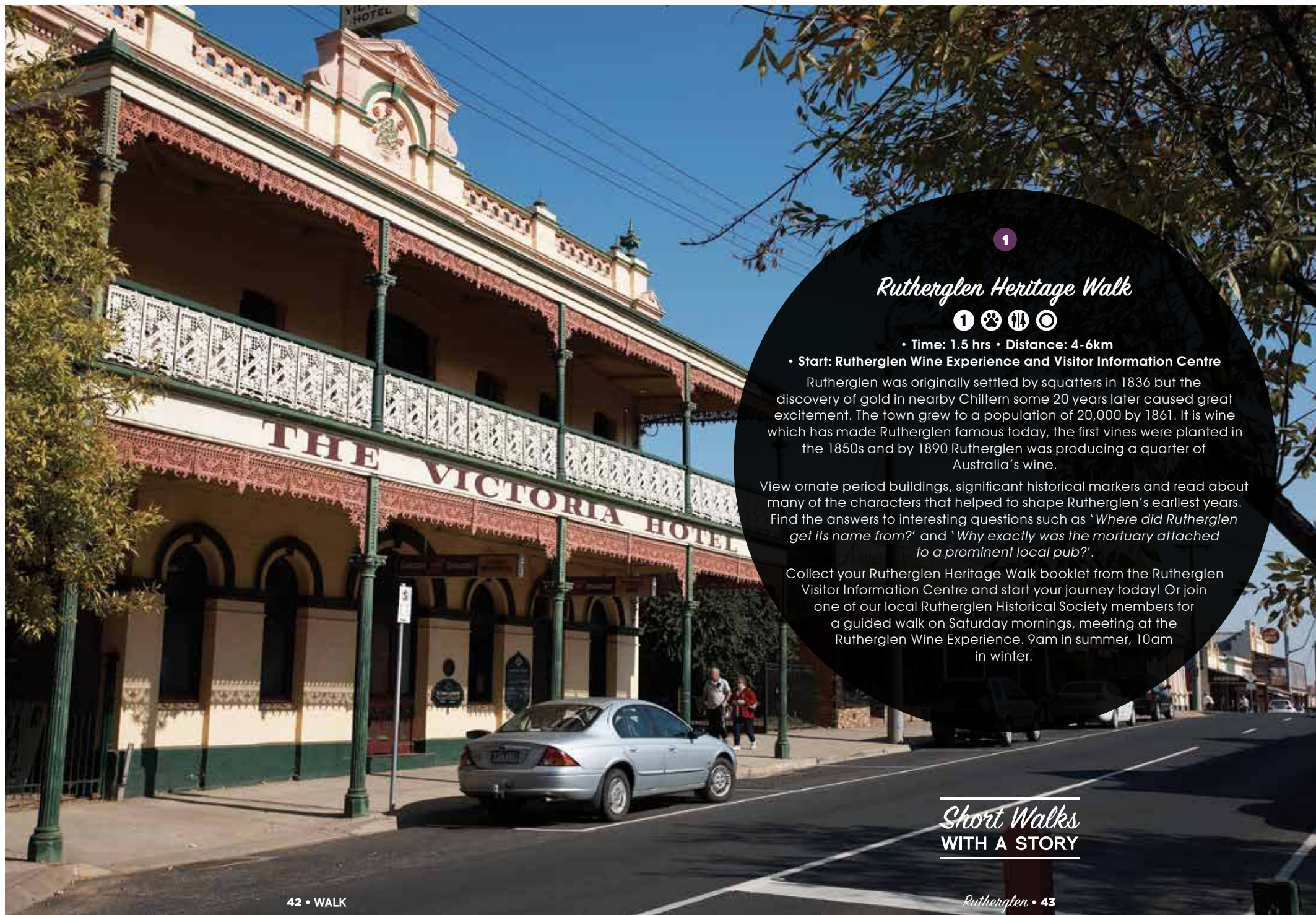
Rutherglen is one of Victoria's ultimate wine and food destinations, boasting over 20 award-winning wineries, outstanding restaurants and cafés, and world-class local produce.

Also home to some of the most picturesque camping, fishing, cycling, swimming and boating locations in Australia, Rutherglen is a truly perfect holiday destination.

Whether you want to cycle along historical rail trails, discover world-famous Muscat, try exquisite local olives, picnic by a river or just relax at a peaceful camping spot, Rutherglen has it all. With a history of winemaking stretching back over 150 years and 7 generations, Rutherglen is one of the oldest wine regions in Australia. The wonderful thing is that at many of the wineries, you can actually meet the person who grew the grapes or made the wine.

Walking in Rutherglen takes in the historic town centre and also offers the mighty Murray River, the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail and Lake Moodemere. Walk, wine and dine: it's a pretty good combination!

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Rutherglen Heritage Walk



• Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 4-6km

• **Start: Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information Centre**

Rutherglen was originally settled by squatters in 1836 but the discovery of gold in nearby Chiltern some 20 years later caused great excitement. The town grew to a population of 20,000 by 1861. It is wine which has made Rutherglen famous today, the first vines were planted in the 1850s and by 1890 Rutherglen was producing a quarter of Australia's wine.

View ornate period buildings, significant historical markers and read about many of the characters that helped to shape Rutherglen's earliest years. Find the answers to interesting questions such as 'Where did Rutherglen get its name from?' and 'Why exactly was the mortuary attached to a prominent local pub?'.

Collect your Rutherglen Heritage Walk booklet from the Rutherglen Visitor Information Centre and start your journey today! Or join one of our local Rutherglen Historical Society members for a guided walk on Saturday mornings, meeting at the Rutherglen Wine Experience. 9am in summer, 10am in winter.

Short Walks
WITH A STORY

Rutherglen Town WALKS

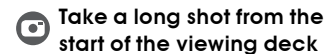


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Lake King



- Time: 30 mins • Distance: 1.2km
- Start: Apex Park, Murray Street



Lake King was formed in the late 1860s. Its original purpose was to provide the town's water supply, it also served as a swimming pool at one time complete with diving board and lighting. Named after Daniel King, local bootmaker, vigneron and active community member, the walk gives you a great opportunity to view the local bird life and a number of sculptures.

Lake King is stocked with Yellow Belly and Redfin and is a perfect spot for the kids to learn how to fish, take a picnic lunch or enjoy a BBQ with friends. Whilst no swimming is allowed, the nearby Rutherglen Swimming Pool is open during the summer months.

3

Rutherglen Gold Battery Walk



- Time: 1 hr • Distance: 4km
- Start: Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information Centre



The Rutherglen Gold Battery was erected in 1908 for the purpose of crushing quartz from nearby reefs to extract gold. The Battery required 3,000 gallons of water to crush 10 tons of quartz. In August 1910 the steam engine was replaced with a suction gas engine of 16 horsepower, which enabled the battery to crush 10 tons of quartz in 16 hours at one-sixth of the cost of the steam engine.

Collect an access code from the Rutherglen Wine Experience & Visitor Information Centre to enter the battery and view informative storyboards and video demonstrations.

4

Arts Rutherglen Sculpture Trail



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 4-6km
- Start: Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information Centre

In 2008 local community group, Arts Rutherglen, wanted to bring some art and culture to Rutherglen and the surrounding areas. Arts Rutherglen Sculpture Trail was an annual event held in October/ November each year. From this, these sculptures have been purchased or commissioned by businesses and thus the Sculpture Trail has been formed.

See sculptures such as "Bad Hair Day", "Quiet Waters" and "Cow and Cockatoo" as you wander past wineries, touch on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail and take in Lake King. Booklets are available from the Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information Centre.

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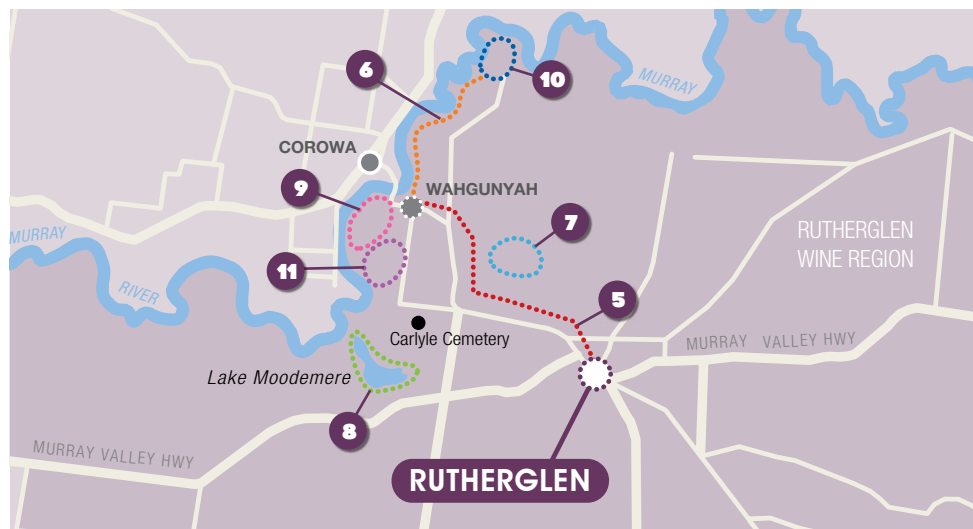
Murray to Mountains Rail Trail



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 9.2km
- Start: Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information Centre

In a wine region blessed with abundant sunshine and long languid summers, a stroll along the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail from Rutherglen to the banks of the mighty Murray River is a charm. Once the Rutherglen to Wahgunyah railway line, enjoy this leisurely walk where you can view vineyards, olive trees and cereal crops, along with the odd mob of sheep and alpacas. Stop in and sample wines from some of Australia's oldest wineries and vines. A perfect full day activity before settling back in your cottage with a local red. Set out early in the height of summer. This is 9km one way so stop and turn back if you don't feel like the full walk.

Rutherglen Region WALKS



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Between Two Bridges Trail



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 7km
- Start: As you are heading toward the Federation Bridge going to Corowa turn right at the Grantham's Bend sign and leave your car there

The John Foord Bridge was completed in 1892 and named after the founder of Wahgunyah. A new bridge opened in April 2005, known as the Federation Bridge. It includes the Federation Arch and the Barassi Line, a set of Australian football posts signifying an imaginary line once coined as a divide between Australian football and the rugby codes. The bridges connect Corowa, NSW and Wahgunyah, Victoria.

The different seasons show a change in landscape with the different water levels of the Murray River. As you walk along note the many different bird species that make this area home.

7

Carlyle Bushland Reserve Walking Tracks



- Time: 30 mins • Distance: 2km
- Start: The Carlyle Bushland Reserve is 4km north of Rutherglen

The Carlyle Bushland Reserve is a magic place full of bushland birds and kangaroos. It is a place to enjoy peace and quiet amongst native trees and shrubs.

There is a choice of a 1.6km loop track around the 24 hectare site, or shorter tracks through the middle. A gate in the south west corner leads onto a closed section of Kilborn Road and a 700m link to the Rutherglen Wahgunyah Rail Trail.

The Carlyle Bushland Reserve was established in 1998 by the Rutherglen Landcare Group and the Rutherglen School in an effort to control the salinity in the south east corner of the site. Tall wheat grass is now growing to mitigate the salinity.

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Lake Moodemere Trail



- Time: 3 hrs • Distance: 13km
- Start: Lake Road, off Moodemere Road
- You might be lucky enough to catch an early morning pic of rowers, cutting through the still water

Lake Moodemere is a natural billabong abundant with native birds and wildlife. This is a delightful river red gum forest trail which is shaded in summer. Experience the splendour of Lake Moodemere and enjoy a picnic or even a swim.

One of Australia's most significant 19th century Aboriginal artists, Tommy McRae was listed as living at Lake Moodemere with his family in the 1880s. During these years McRae sold books of drawings, raised poultry and fished for Murray Cod. The lake is host to the Rutherglen Rowing Regatta every January. It is the oldest continually run regatta in Australia with the first event held in 1863.

9

Willows Reserve Trail



- Time: 2 hrs • Distance: 4km
- Start: Car park on Short Street, just off Foord Street

Take a leisurely walk beside ancient river red gums on the Murray River at Wahgunyah. The track winds along the river for about 2 kilometres and then veers off to pass the Wahgunyah Recreational Reserve where during the winter you may be able to watch a local game of AFL and netball being played. As you head back to the start of the track there is a substantial red gum at the bottom of Short Street known as the Mass Tree. The river redgum is the site of the first mass held by Dean Tierney of Beechworth in the tent of Mrs. M.M. Burrows. The plaque commemorating the event was placed on the tree by the local Catholic Women's Guild.

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Wahgunyah River Track



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 7km
- Start: Wahgunyah Football Oval, Reserve Road Wahgunyah

This trail will take you through the old river gum trees beside the Murray River and passes by farming properties. Local Aboriginal artist Tommy McRae (c.1835–1901) would wander this area and lived at Lake Moodemere for a number of years. At the end of Kilborn road is the Historic John Foord Pioneer Cemetery. A plaque commemorates the centenary year of the burial of John Foord II (1819 - 1883). He was the pioneer of the Wahgunyah Run and the township developed on his property. Foord named his 30,000 acre property Wahgunyah which was said to be a Whroo, the local Indigenous people's name for 'big camp'.

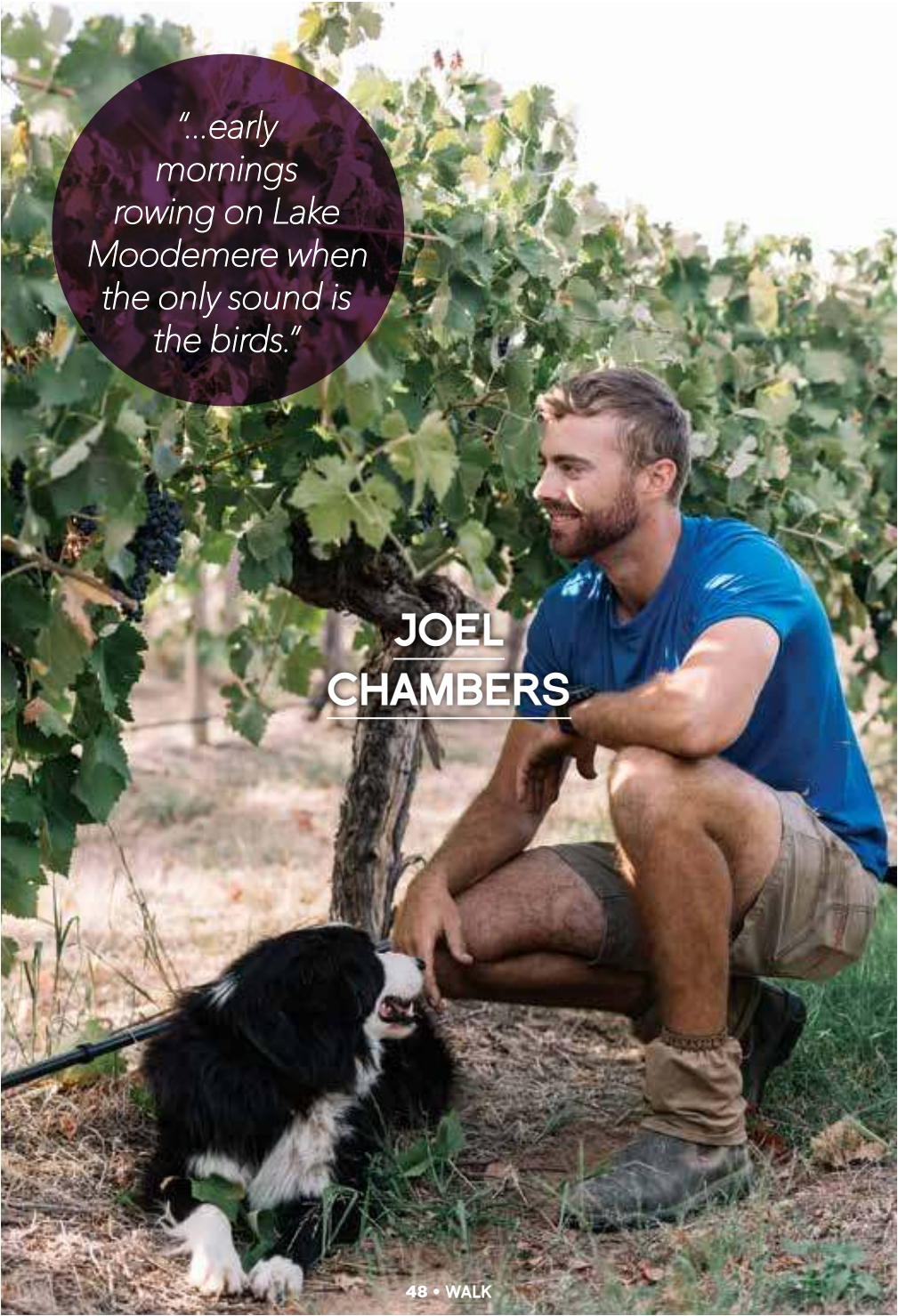
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St Leonard's / Grantham's Walk



- Time: 1 hr • Distance: 4km
- Start: Start at St Leonards Vineyard during winery open hours

Soak up the tranquillity as you wander through the vines and along the banks of the Murray River. This majestic river is the lifeblood for many Australians and has significant cultural, environmental and historical importance. St Leonards is located right on the banks of the Murray River in an area where over time a natural lagoon has taken shape. It is abundant with native flora and fauna that you will see as you walk or ride. Keep an eye out for Pierre, the resident Pelican named after Peter Brown, as you approach the lagoon.

A man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and khaki shorts, is crouching in a vineyard. He is looking down at a black and white dog that is sitting on the ground. The dog is looking up at him. In the background, there are rows of grapevines with green leaves and some clusters of dark grapes. A circular purple graphic with white text is in the top left corner.

"...early mornings rowing on Lake Moodemere when the only sound is the birds."

JOEL CHAMBERS

Local IDENTITY

WHO ARE YOU? • Joel Chambers – I'm one of the seventh generation of Chambers wine producers in Rutherglen and the vineyard manager of Lake Moodemere Estate. Lake Moodemere Estate produces wines solely from our estate vineyard on the edge of Lake Moodemere. I'm introducing innovation with new practices and helping to restructure the vineyard to adapt to market movements and climate conditions. We run a sustainable vineyard and farming operation integrating the production of prime lambs with sustainable practices to minimise the use of chemicals and fertilisers in the vineyard.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT RUTHERGLEN? • I was born in Rutherglen and lived here until I was 19 years old. Last year I returned and stayed! I love farming and vineyard management. I like seeing the change in the vineyard from dormancy to full growth. I get satisfaction from seeing the fruit come to maturity and involvement in the winemaking process with my father. I get a sense of achievement tracking lambs and focusing on their quality over their growth cycle. I really enjoy the satisfaction that comes from working with my family.

FAVOURITE WALK • I have spent many hours walking and riding my horse in the river flats around Lake Moodemere. I also spent many early mornings rowing on Lake Moodemere when the only sound is the birds singing. My brother and I rode our bikes right around Lake Moodemere nearly every weekend.

FAVOURITE SEASON • My favourite season is summer. There's so much going on in the vineyard and in the winery as we prepare for vintage. I enjoy the heat which is relieved with a gentle breeze coming off Lake Moodemere.

FAVOURITE LUNCH SPOT • We have always enjoyed taking our lunch break at our cellar door overlooking Lake Moodemere. Our family comes together with all the dogs playing. These days we tell a lot of stories about our wild and free childhood and laugh a lot.

BEST VIEW • Moodemere from our cellar door, of course! Today I can see over one hundred pelicans splashing around and fishing. Sometimes, if you're quiet, you can be lucky enough to see a platypus. From our cellar door you can see all the way to the Murray River.

COFFEE HIT • I have a long black when I come in from the vineyard mid-morning.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MOMENT • I had a great time with professional photographer, Phoebe when we shot down to the rowing shed with our dogs, Scout and Cosmo. Phoebe really captured the feel of the place. She also took the lovely photo of me with my dad that is hanging in the cellar door.

FUNNY STORY • This is really my dad's story but it has become family legend. Dad was chatting away to visitors at our cellar door, telling them about the romance of Lake Moodemere and our lovely wines, when all of a sudden my brother and I, who had been swimming in the lake, appeared over the top of the bank, naked and covered in mud. Dad shouted at us: "Get back to where you came from", then told the visitors we were the next door neighbours' children. We were about four and six at the time and thought it was all great fun!



Top 7 VINEYARD RESTAURANTS

In a town renowned for amazing wine, it stands to reason that you might find some pretty great food stands as well.



THE TERRACE

- Continued excellence is status quo at this "Chef's hatted" restaurant headed up by Simon Arkless. Enjoy the breathtaking view over the All Saints' vines as you indulge in Simon's visionary cooking featuring the best of the region.

PICKLED SISTERS

- Perfect for brunch, a long lunch, cake and coffee, or a simple vineyard platter with a glass of sparkling shiraz. Worth staying on for a wine tasting at Cofield Wines whilst you are there.

JONES CAFÉ

- Delicious French dishes with a modern twist are to be found in this intimate dining room. A perfect match for the wines of winemaker Mandy Jones, who spent many years perfecting her craft in Bordeaux.

LAKESIDE CAFÉ

- Lake Moodemere Estate not only produce wine, they also produce their own lamb, citrus, honey, and free range eggs. Enjoy light lunches, platters, cheeses, delicious desserts and a glass of wine whilst overlooking Lake Moodemere.

TUILERIES

- Sophisticated, country cuisine and the ambience of a relaxed, but elegant dining room. The menu is focussed on local produce and using their own kitchen garden as a source of heirloom herbs and vegetables.

RIPE AT BULLER WINES

- Experience exceptional lunch-time dining in this rustic indoor/outdoor restaurant overlooking the iconic 100-year-old Calliope Vineyard.

WICKED VIRGIN OLIVES AND CALICO TOWN WINES RESTAURANT

- Sit back in The Wicked Virgin's red clay, hand built café and enjoy the popular Mezze Plate, an enticing range of terrines, roulades, frittata, cheeses and preserves, all hand made on site.



STAY

Whatever your preferred accommodation style is, Rutherglen has you covered. From the opulence of the newly renovated Mount Ophir with its iconic tower to Grapevine Glamping to a range of cottages, cosy B&B's, motels and a caravan park, you are spoilt for choice here.

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Where to STAY • *Best* EATS • *What to* DO



EAT

We have already highlighted vineyard restaurants but let's not forget those fabulous wineries of Rutherglen and Wahgunyah. One of the oldest wine regions in the country, this area is known for innovative table wines, including Shiraz and Durif as well as its world class fortified wines, particularly Muscat. You have to go and taste these in the place where they are made, often with the person who made them.

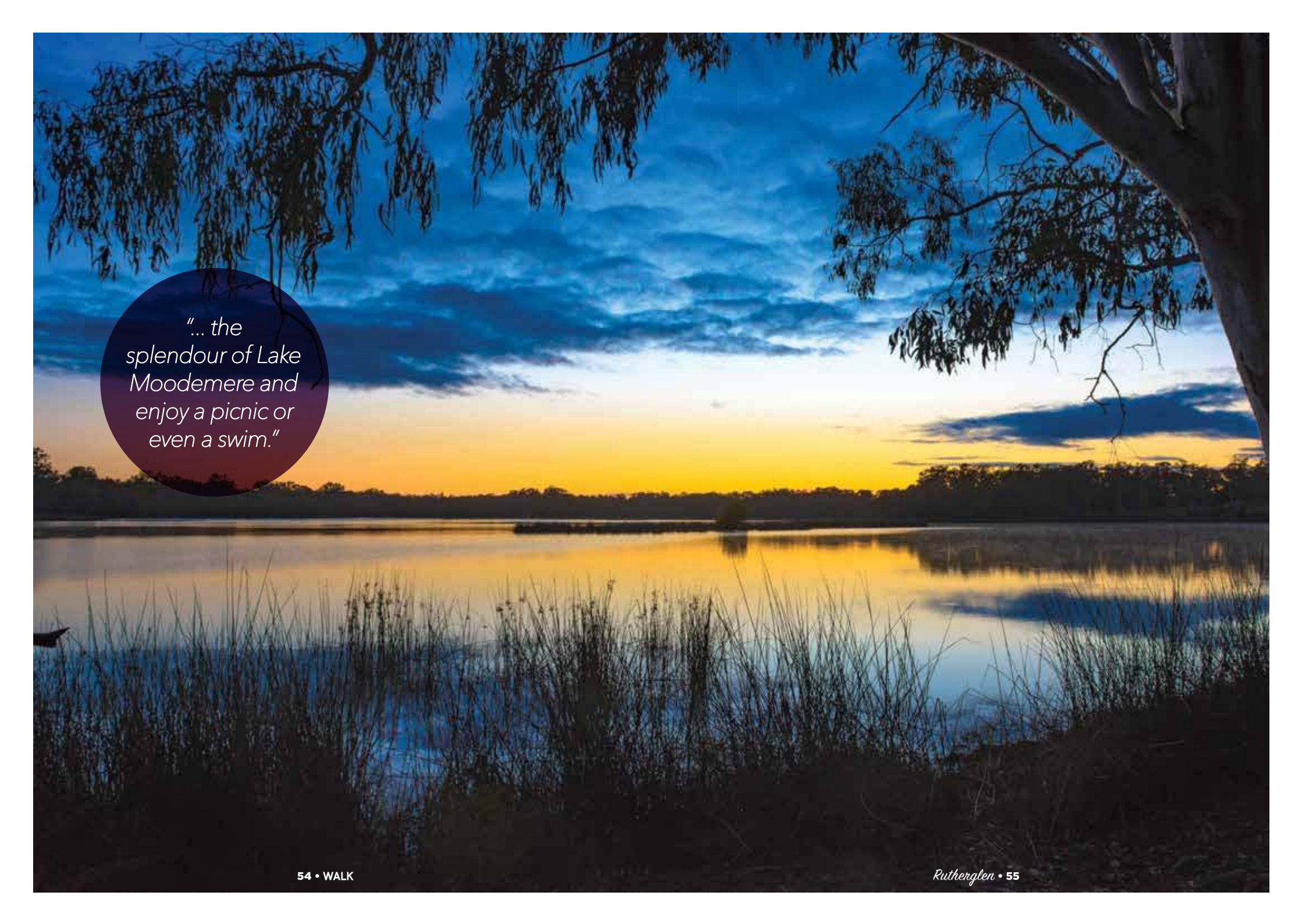
Rutherglen is also becoming known for olives, Gooramadda and Wicked Virgin are lovely spots to visit and experience the grove to plate goodness. The town offers great bistro pub meals, a brewery, wine bars, casual cafés, a bakery and Parker's Pies, an institution in Rutherglen. Or grab a picnic hamper and find your own space, lots of eateries are offering these.



DO

Rutherglen is a fantastic place to base yourself and discover the whole region. Have a picnic at Lake Moodemere or take a dip in the mighty Murray. You might try and snare the elusive Murray Cod. Time your visit with one of the major events here – Winery Walkabout, Tastes of Rutherglen or saddle up for the very cool Tweed Ride.

But really, if you're even half interested in wine, then do yourself a favour. Spend a few days in Rutherglen, absorb the history of more than 150 years of winemaking and embark on a journey for your taste buds.



*"... the
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YACKANDANDAH

You will notice a certain 'buzz' when you arrive in Yack. Music and art abound and the community is warm and welcoming with a 'join us' vibe.

They're a very socially conscious mob in Yack as well, every effort here is being made to look after the planet. It's a pretty cool place to live and visit.

Another town steeped in gold rush history, Yackandandah today has a very creative feel and can-do attitude. A wander along the tree-lined main street is a joy in itself. You will discover antiques, arts, gifts and fashion. And great food and coffee! If you're feeling adventurous try the Yack Tracks mountain bike trails that make use of water races from the old gold mining days.

Before you head out on one of the walks in Yackandandah, ask a local for a tip, they'll be happy to help you out. You might learn about the spot where a platypus has been visiting lately or a story about a character from Yack's colourful past. Visit once and there's a pretty good chance you will soon be planning your next visit to Yack.

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Yackandandah Gorge Scenic Walk



• Time: 1.25 hrs • Distance: 3km

• Start: Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre.

Catch the best light to show the colours of the rocks as the water cascades over them

The Gorge Walk will take you along the historic gorge, built as a tail race to sluice gravel and sand in the hope of finding gold. The original cutting was made by pick, shovel and blasting powder, but was later deepened using dynamite creating the gorge you see today.

Yackandandah is Jiatmathang country. The Aboriginal word for the Yackandandah area is Dhudhuroa. To the Dhudhuroa people Yackandandah means "one boulder on top of another at the junction of two creeks". European settlement followed the trails of Hume and Hovell from 1824. The discovery of gold late in 1852 began the rush of alluvial miners.

Wander along the twisting trail beside the creek with its gentle cascades and shady trees overhanging the trail. Keep a lookout for a local platypus near the tennis courts. The top of the gorge is steep and requires the walker to be sure footed and moderately fit. For those unable to manage the full trail, there is access to the gorge from Bells Flat Road. The trail is signposted from the car park and takes about five minutes.

Short Walks
WITH A STORY

Yackandandah Town WALKS



2

A Walk in High St



- Time: 60 min • Distance: 0.5km
- Start: Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre

Take your time to explore this old gold mining town. Beyond the original granite gutters and elaborate façades lies a vibrant heartbeat.

Whilst embracing the town's history, the locals are also a very forward thinking, community minded bunch. Sustainability is an ongoing pursuit, the town is well on their way to 100% renewable energy by 2022. Community spirit and creativity are the lifeblood of this place. Painters, potters, stitchers and sculptors abound and you can't help but get caught up in the music. Drop in to a weekly jam session at the pub or plan a visit in March when the Yackandandah Folk Festival takes centre stage.

3

Guided Town Walk



- Time: 45 min • Distance: 0.25km
- Start: Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre

Get a selfie with Rod, the ultimate tour guide

The Yackandandah Guided Town Walk is a lot of fun. Come for an entertaining and educational stroll down the main street of Yackandandah. Hear fascinating stories from the 1800s' gold days and ponder some of the great legends and myths that have been uncovered over the years. Is there really a tunnel under the road from the Yackandandah Hotel that allowed punters to escape the authorities? Or maybe their wives?

Suitable for all ages, groups and fitness levels. Departing on request Wednesday to Friday, and weekends by appointment.

4

Yackandandah Lions Walk



- Time: 20 min • Distance: 1.5km
- Start: Isaacs Park

This gentle stroll captures all aspects of Yackandandah within a single moment, the gold, the beauty and the history. The walk starts at Isaacs Park, just over the historic Stone Bridge and continues over Commissioners Creek. You will come to the Miner's Hut, a replica of an original miner's home during the gold rush and see the historic Court House. You get the picture of where this town has come from.

The first school was established in 1864. Young Isaac Isaacs, who became the first Australian born Governor General, was the very first name on the new common school roll.

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Valley View Walk



- Time: 1.5 hrs • Distance: 2.8km
- Start: Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre

Valley View Walk takes you along the side of Bushranger Hill, overlooking the township of Yackandandah. The story goes that one time resident Dan 'Mad Dan' Morgan once stole a racehorse in nearby Tallangatta and was seen escaping across the ridgeline here, hence the name.

As you might have guessed, the views are stunning, the panorama including Mount Big Ben, some 13 kilometres from Yackandandah.

The walk in places is steep, traversing sealed and unsealed road as well as a dedicated walking trail.

**LAUREN SALATHIAL
AND
CHRIS MCGORLICK**

"...a picnic blanket and a straw hat are all it takes to transport you back to a golden era."

Local IDENTITY

WHO ARE YOU? • Both of us share a love for all things slow, lo-fi, and simple in life. We might be the last non-smartphone-adopters in town, but all the important stuff seems to find its way to us. We try to fill our time gardening, riding our bikes, foraging, eating, and finding adventure in our own backyard! Looking back, we now realise that a decade of doing just that was in fact 'research' for starting our own café. Saint Monday is a celebration of all these things, and has become a reflection of (as well as a product of) the progressive community value set that exists in Yackandandah.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO YACKANDANDAH? • Climate, scenery and family connection brought us to the North East in 2011. The great community life in Yackandandah is what encouraged us to put down roots here. By the end of our first week in town, we'd met most of the people living in our street, and were soon in the ukulele club, the Saturday quiz group and the community choir. By the end of our first six months, we had worked with the community to break a Guinness World Record by stitching the longest piece of bunting on the planet (it was almost eight kilometres long)!

FAVOURITE WALK • The Gorge Walk is undoubtedly our favourite walk in Yack. By looping back via Bells Flat Road it's a good amble, but it can easily be shortened. It takes you through a variety of landscapes, you'll probably meet a couple of the town's dogs (and owners) playing at the sports park, and it includes historical features and modern developments. We like to collect a stick each along the way, and play a round of 'Poohsticks' once we reach the footbridge over the mining race. Despite her greater-than-statistically-average losses, Lauren remains a good sport.

FAVOURITE SEASON • It's hard to beat autumn in Yack. The street trees are at their most stunning, mist and woodsmoke hang in the air. There are ample fallen acorns to roll down the main street's leaf sculpture, giving a satisfying 'ding' as they hit the metal cap. It's the perfect weather for sitting in front of the fire at the pub, drinking a local ale.

FAVOURITE LUNCH SPOT • The historic nature of Yack's main street provides the perfect backdrop for a picnic. A flask of tea, a few slices of cake, a picnic blanket and a straw hat are all it takes to transport you back to a golden era of simple pleasures. Our favourite spots include the rotunda in the Memorial Park, the Allans Flat watering hole, and 'the Hobbit House' in the Stanley State Forest – you'll have to ask a local for directions on how to find it!

BEST VIEW • We're lucky internationally-renowned ceramicist, John Dermer, calls Yackandandah home, and for more reasons than just one – his carpark sports the best views up and down the Ben Valley! Visitors to his gallery will, of course, see his beautifully crafted salt-glazed pots, but if they drive and park, they're also likely to see clouds hanging low in the shadow of Big Ben, or to see all the way to Lake Hume on a clear day.



Top 5 PLACES TO SEE ART

A hive of creativity, Yackandandah is packed with galleries and studios and the art even spills out onto the street!



CHARLES SLUGA GALLERY

- Internationally-renowned contemporary watercolour artist, Charles Sluga, captures diverse subjects in a broad range of styles ranging from the semi-abstract to loosely realistic. His home is Yackandandah but he travels the world to exhibit, run workshops, and conduct art tours.

GORDON DICKSON GALLERY

- Would you believe there is another internationally recognised watercolour artist in the main street of Yack? This is a wonderful space housed in the heritage listed Yackandandah Motor Garage building. Gordon paints, teaches and exhibits his work and his paintings include rural and city landscapes, portraits, cities, harbours and boats.

YACK STATION

- A little bit quirky, bursting with creativity and just plain inspiring. What was the site of the old railway station has made way for a space where artists can engage in their creative talents whilst visitors can watch them in action and purchase original and unique pieces.

OZ BLUES AND ROOTS MUSIC STORE

- You might think a music store wouldn't feature in an arts profile but this one is just a bit special. It doubles as a cigar box guitar emporium! Loved by music fans and admired by all, there is some serious cool here. Shayne is an all-round good guy with a loyal following who always has time for a chat.

JOHN DERMER GALLERY

- John Dermer is a world-renowned Australian potter with over 50 years experience. A visit to his studio gallery at Yackandandah is like walking through a doorway into the heart and soul of the man. John's works can be found in National, State and Regional galleries, Parliament House, Federal High Court, and important overseas collections and museums.



DO

As you might have gathered, one of the joys of visiting Yack is just wandering around and taking it all in. Of course, there's more. Complete your history lesson at the Yackandandah Museum. Indulge in some retail therapy. The main street is full of antique shops, quirky gifts and fashion. Take a dip at Allan's Flat waterhole or go for a spin through the Yack Tracks mountain bike trails. There's also an eclectic events calendar, which includes music and arts events, thought-provoking speakers and a billy cart race.

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Where to **STAY**

Best **EATS**

What to **DO**

Drop by, join in and make yourself at home, that's pretty much the message for visitors to Yack. One tip: respect this town's care for the environment, leave a small footprint.



EAT

If you're visiting for the day or the weekend, there are plenty of options for delicious food and espresso coffee in Yackandandah. Sumptuous bakery fare, home-style pub menus and relaxed cafés are ready to refuel hungry tummies. Saint Monday, Gum Tree Pies, The Rusty Bike, Star Hotel and Yackandandah Hotel are but a few of the many great places to check out. The town, near to the fertile Kiewa Valley, is well served by independent, passionate producers. This is definitely not lost on the local chefs, so seasonal and fresh is always on the menu. Sit out under wide covered verandas in an idyllic country setting. Enjoy a snack or meal and take in the atmosphere of this vibrant village.



STAY

A couple of days in Yackandandah might actually make you want to stay forever, such is the relaxing nature of this town. Find yourself a cosy cottage from which to explore. Bottle of red and an open fire anyone? It's worth noting the two motor inns in town, both offering lovely rooms and service that you will want to come back for.



INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Indigo Shire Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands and waters where our walks are located.

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR WALK - BE PREPARED

We want you to have the best experience possible exploring this beautiful region so please consider your safety and comfort:

- Many of the walks in this guide are through old gold mining areas. Disused mine shafts do exist so please stay on designated walking paths and trails.
- Dress appropriately for seasonal conditions and changing daily conditions. Indigo Shire experiences some very cold days in winter and some very hot days in summer so remember to check the forecast.
- Always use sunscreen, even in winter. Consider a hat and sunglasses.
- For longer walks especially, take a basic first aid kit and sufficient drinking water.
- Please take your mobile phone with you. Note, service may not be available on all walks at all times.
- Be aware of extreme weather and natural disaster conditions such as bushfire, hot and dry conditions, heavy rainfall or strong wind incidents.

Please consult [emergency.vic.gov.au](https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au), download the VicEmergency app or call **1800 226 226** for the latest warning and incident information. Alternatively information will be supplied through ABC Goulburn Murray on 675AM Corowa and 106.5FM Upper Murray Albury/Wodonga.

STAY INFORMED AND STAY SAFE

Note, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria will close parks and forests, including state forests and National Parks in areas affected by a Code Red Fire Danger Rating.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police, Ambulance, Fire **000**
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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

For more information about walks or anything else about our towns and region, please visit:

Beechworth Visitor Information Centre

103 Ford St, Beechworth

1300 366 321

explorebeechworth.com.au

Chiltern Visitor Information Centre

30 Main St, Chiltern

03 5726 1611

explorechiltern.com.au

Rutherglen Wine Experience & Visitor Information Centre

57 Main St, Rutherglen

1800 622 871

explorerutherglen.com.au

Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre

27 High St, Yackandandah

02 6027 1988

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parks.vic.gov.au

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