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MOUNT BEAUTY • MYRTLEFORD



# Walks & Trails Guide



**A life lived outside**

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# Welcome

## A LIFE LIVED OUTSIDE

Welcome to Bright and surrounds, an area of outstanding natural beauty, of mountains and rivers, lush fertile valleys and picturesque historic towns. Whether you plan a multi-day hike through national parks, or venture on one of our recommended shorter day walks for a few hours or a day, there is something to suit all levels of fitness and experience, no matter the season.



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### Bright

The many short walking tracks of Bright are picturesque and showcase the beautiful township, rivers, forests and wildlife of the area.

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### Porepunkah

Porepunkah, a small town located 6 km from Bright, hosts several small shops, a café and pub, and the magnificent Ovens River.

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### Wandiligong

Historic Wandiligong, 6 km south of Bright, is registered with the National Trust as a classified landscape.

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This charming village is based at the bottom of Mount Feathertop and Mount Hotham and still possesses remnants of gold mining times gone by.

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Nestled in the foothills of the mountains, Bogong Village is the perfect escape.

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When the snow melts, the warmer weather promises an adventure playground with breathtaking vista views, mountain bike riding, and bushwalking.

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### Mount Buffalo National Park

Offering walking opportunities for almost all levels of fitness and experience on a remarkable mountain.

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### Alpine National Park

Offering a wide variety of walks with the walking season lasting from early November to late May.



Huggins lookout walk

# BRIGHT

## Canyon Trail

4.9 km / 1.5 hours return

2.5 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

Starting from Howitt Park head towards the Star Road bridge. The track on the northern bank of the Ovens River has steep steps and may be difficult for people with limited mobility. The track on the southern bank from Howitt Park to Canyon Lane is a sealed shared trail and wheelchair friendly (Grade 1). For a longer loop, continue past the two suspension bridges to the railway bridge and return along the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Otherwise, cross either of the suspension bridges to create a short or long loop. The short loop is easy and accessible for prams. Interpretive signs highlight the local history of this area. This walk takes you past a small canyon carved by the Ovens River and water races dug by early miners.

## Cherry Walk

5 km / 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

Starting from Howitt Park, head east towards the Rotary Waterslide in Centenary Park then follow the southern bank of the Ovens River to the suspension bridge at the end of Hawthorn Lane, crossing the bridge to the northern bank. Continue to the second suspension bridge, cross and return along the southern bank. Interpretive signs have been placed along the track at regular intervals. A comprehensive Landcare brochure detailing local flora corresponds with numbers found along the track and can be picked up from the Alpine Visitor Information Centre, Bright.

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## Bakers Gully Reservoirs

0.5 or 1 km / 30 to 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

Park at the information shelter approximately 1.3 km up Bakers Gully Road. Follow the walking track that leads from the information shelter then follow the signs to circle one or both reservoirs. The first reservoir was built in 1892 and the second in 1916 and provided a permanent supply of water to the township of Bright, the railway station and trains.

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## Wandi Walk

11 km / 3 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and no steps. Signposted.*

This track follows Morses Creek from its confluence with the Ovens River in Howitt Park, Bright through to Wandiligong. The track from Howitt Park follows Morses Creek south under the Great Alpine Road and through the Bright Holiday Park to Hawthorn Lane Bridge. From here the track passes Pioneer Park Recreation Reserve to Dougherty's Bridge. After crossing Coronation Avenue the track continues on the eastern bank of Morses Creek before crossing at a swing bridge and finishing up at Alpine Park in Wandiligong.

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## Apex Lookout Walk

3 km / 2 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track, some obstacles, short, steep hills with occasional steps. Signposted.*

Park at Quinn's Gap 1.5 km up Mt Porepunkah Road. Walk a short distance up the gravel vehicle track to the east until meeting the signposted Apex Lookout walking track. The steady climb offers views of Mount Feathertop (1922m), Mount Fainter (1833m) and Mount Bogong (1986m), the highest peak in Victoria.

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## Huggins Lookout Walk

1.5 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track, some obstacles, very steep with occasional steps. Signposted.*

This walk can be accessed from either McFadyens Lane (off Bakers Gully Road) or from the corner of Deacon Avenue and Zivan Court. The track winds its way steeply up the side of the valley and rewards the walker with beautiful views over Bright, return on the same track. Please note there is no access to McFadyens Lane via Zivan Court.

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## Murray To Mountains Rail Trail



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

This popular bike and walking track is ideal for all visitors. The fully sealed track spans 83 km between Bright and Wangaratta with many tributaries along the way into surrounding townships. The trail is perfect for all, being mainly flat and allowing visitors to choose their distance. Facilities are located at varying points along the track. More details available at [murraytomountains.com.au](http://murraytomountains.com.au)

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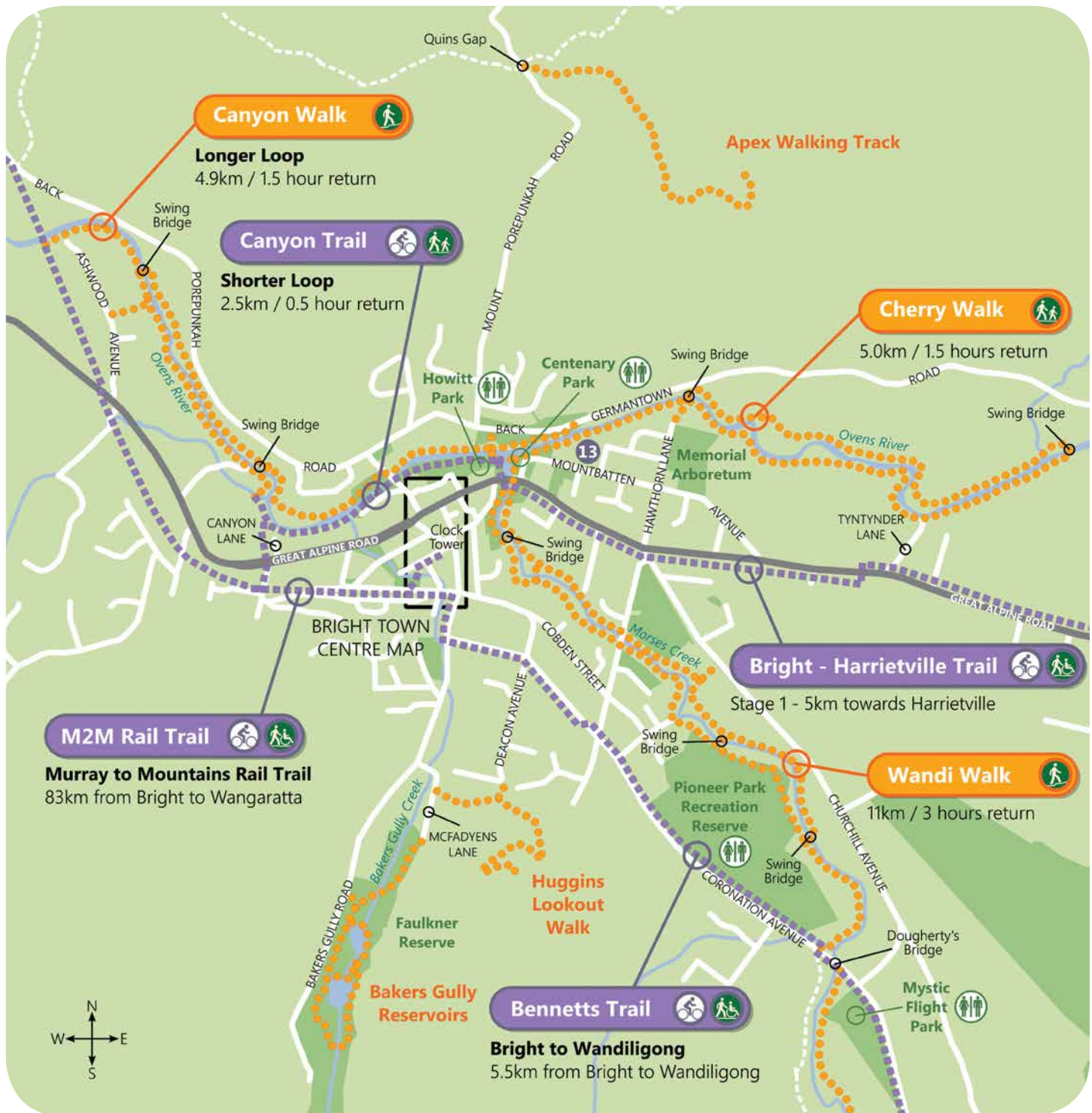
## Bright - Harrietville Trail (stage 1: Bright to Germantown)

10 km / 2 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start at Howitt Park, following the west bank of Morses Creek past the Bright Splash Park and under Quinns Bridge. Turn right onto the sealed trail on the south side of the Great Alpine Road, heading towards Harrietville until you get to the Germantown Bridge. Return the same way.



**Canyon Walk** 

**Longer Loop**  
4.9km / 1.5 hour return

**Canyon Trail**  

**Shorter Loop**  
2.5km / 0.5 hour return

**Cherry Walk** 

5.0km / 1.5 hours return

**M2M Rail Trail**  

**Murray to Mountains Rail Trail**  
83km from Bright to Wangaratta

**Bright - Harrietville Trail**  

Stage 1 - 5km towards Harrietville

**Wandi Walk** 

11km / 3 hours return

**Bennetts Trail**  

**Bright to Wandiligong**  
5.5km from Bright to Wandiligong



## Bennetts Trail

11 km / 2.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Sealed track with gentle hills and no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start in the centre of Bright and head a short distance down Burke Street along the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Turn east down Railway Avenue and then south onto Bakers Gully Road before heading east into Park Street, before the school.

Walk or cycle along the widened footpath and trail to Alpine Park, Wandiligong. On the way you will pass by the historic Bright Cemetery, the Mystic Flight Park (and Morses Creek).

## Blue Plaque Walk

1 km / 40 minutes



*No bushwalking required. Township walk.*

Start from your desired point in town and make your way around Bright looking for blue plaques providing information about the most significant historical sites in town.

For number references please see **map on page 09**.

- |   |                     |    |                        |
|---|---------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Oriental Hotel      | 8  | Grigg's Blacksmith     |
| 2 | Kiewa House         | 9  | Star Hotel             |
| 3 | Library             | 10 | Leslie's Tourist Home  |
| 4 | Victoria Hall       | 11 | Post Office (First)    |
| 5 | Clock Tower         | 12 | Doctor's Surgery       |
| 6 | Alpine Hotel        | 13 | Bright Brewery (First) |
| 7 | Howell's Coachworks |    |                        |



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# POREPUNKAH

## POREPUNKAH RIVER WALK

2.5 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Start at Riverside Park and head east along the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Cross at the old Porepunkah Bridge and continue along the track to the suspension bridge crossing the Ovens River. Cross the bridge and return via the track on the north side of the Ovens River before reaching the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. You can return to Riverside Park via the Rail Trail.



Picnic at Porepunkah



View over Porepunkah



# WANDILIGONG

## The Diggings Walk

2 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed, flat track with occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

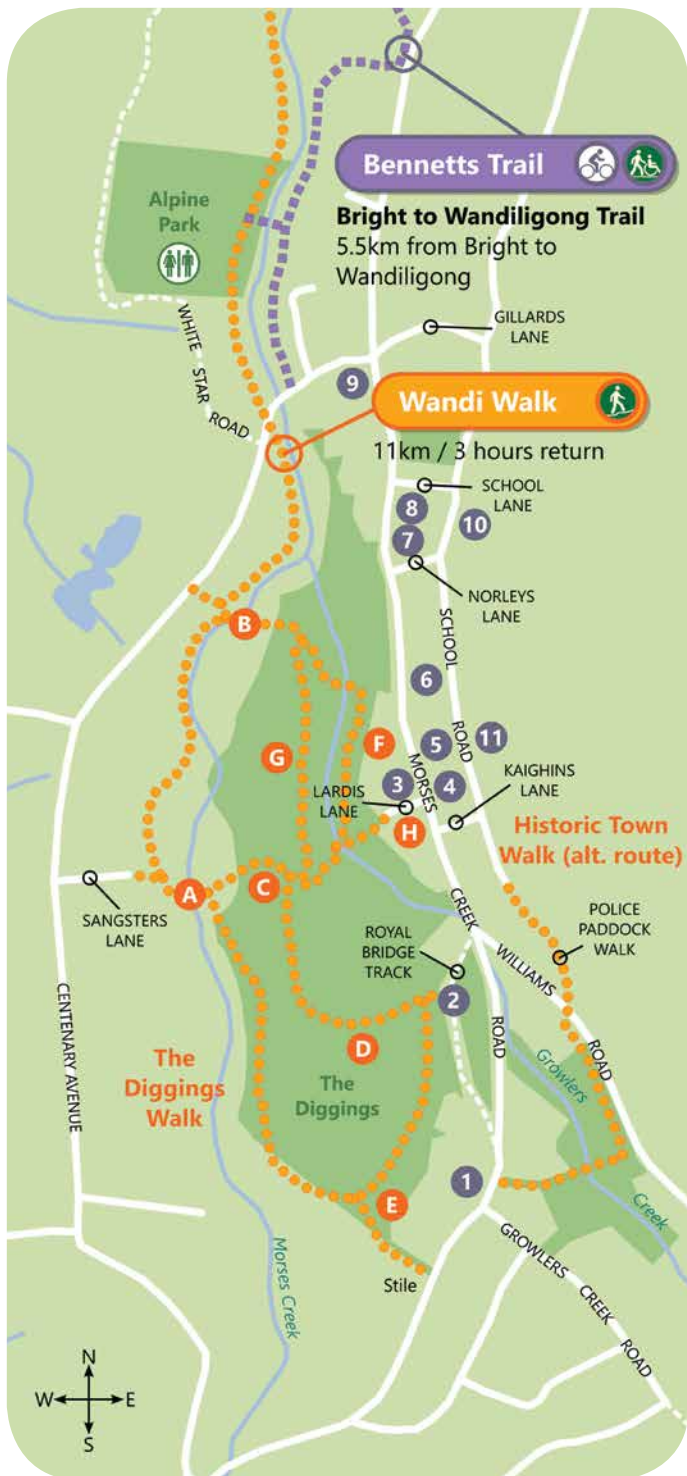
There are many starting points for walks in the Diggings area, the main being the Chinese Bridge car park off Centenary Avenue and the Royal Bridge on the Royal Bridge Track. The Diggings loops take you through some of the former goldfields of Wandiligong, an area that has been subjected to almost every type of mining.

For number references please see **map on page 14**.

- A** Chinese Swing Bridge
- B** Swingbridge Picnic Area
- C** Lardis picnic Area
- D** Bird Hide
- E** Junction Mine
- F** The Adit
- G** The Diggings Picnic Area
- H** Chinese Pavilion







## Historic Town Walk

3 km / 1.5 hours return



*No experience required. Well-formed track with some hills and no steps.*

Start at the Wandi Pub (Mountain View Hotel) on Morses Creek Road, opposite Growlers Creek Road. Walk north on Morses Creek Road and turn left onto Royal Bridge Track. Cross the bridge and continue back onto Morses Creek Road as far as the Manchester Unity Public Hall, passing the original Post Office, General Store, the former Public Library and a number of historic churches.

Return to the start of the walk the same way or extend your walk by taking the steep (Grade 3) route up Gillards Lane to School Road. Turn right onto School Road and pass Wandiligong Primary School and St Peters Catholic Church to Kaighins Lane where you can turn back onto Morses Creek Road.

An alternate return route is to continue past Kaighins Lane onto Police Paddock Walk and down a rough bush track to Williams Road (this track is steep and may be slippery). Turn left and walk along Williams Road looking out for a small park on the right, cross Growlers Creek via a small bridge and climb up the track which brings you out opposite your starting point.

For number references please see **map on page 14**.

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| 1 Wandi Pub (1864)   | 9 Manchester Unity Hall (1874)                                 |
| 2 Royal Bridge   | 10 State School No.275 (1877) - now Wandiligong Primary School |
| 3 Post Office (1885)   | 11 St Peters Catholic Church (1903) - now a private residence  |
| 4 General Store (1860s)  |  |
| 5 The Miners Find  |  |
| 6 Wesleyan Methodist (now Uniting) Church (1878) - now a private residence |  |
| 7 Holy Trinity Anglican Church (1865) - now a private residence            |  |
| 8 Public Library (1878)  |  |



# HARRIETVILLE

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## Bright - Harrietteville Trail

(Stage 1: Harrietteville - Stoney Creek Road)

10 km / 2 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Sealed track with gentle hills and no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start at Pioneer Park in the centre of Harrietteville, cross over the river into Tavare Park and follow the trail towards Bright. Walk or cycle along the trail to the mountain Fresh Trout & Salmon Farm, 5km out of Harrietteville.

## Charlie Miley Walk

3 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Flat, formed track with no steps. Signposted.*

The walking trail starts at the carpark in the Clarrie Keating Memorial Park and branches off with a number of options and loops. The trail weaves through Chinese gold diggings, along the Ovens River and through the recreational reserve. These tracks are sign posted and offer further information on the significance of historical sites along the trails.



Bright - Harrietteville Shared Trail

## Riverside Walk

0.5 km / 15 minutes return (short)

1.6 km / 45 minutes return (long)



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start at the Museum in Pioneer Park. For a short loop walk south along the east branch of the Ovens River to Feathertop Lane. Turn right and continue to the Great Alpine Road and then turn right again back to Pioneer Park. For a longer loop continue along the Ovens River to Bon Accord Track. Turn right and continue to the Great Alpine Road, turn right back to Pioneer Park.

## Washington Creek Via Bon Accord Track

8 km / 3 hours return



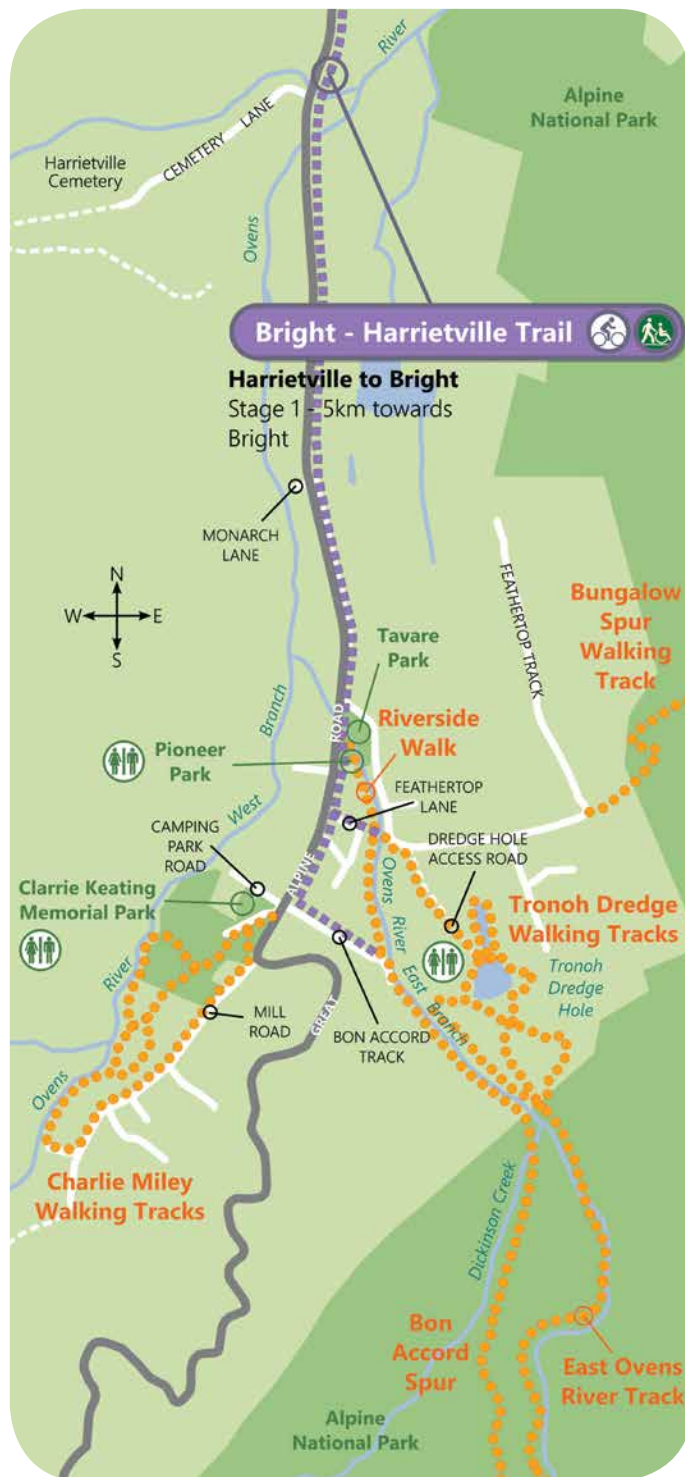
*Bushwalking experience required. Formed track with steep hills and some obstacles. Signposted.*

Starting at the end of Bon Accord Track, the Bon Accord Spur takes you to Mount Feathertop via the Razorback Walking Track. Though this walk is only recommended for experienced walkers, the first section of this track is a fantastic walk on its own. The track will guide you along the east branch of the Ovens River to the confluence of Washington Creek. Return the way you came. For more information on the full walk please see Bon Accord Spur Track on **page 66**.

## Bungalow Spur Track



Starting on Feathertop Track, off the Great Alpine Road, the Bungalow Spur Track takes you to Mount Feathertop via Federation Hut. For more information on this walk please see Bungalow Spur Walking Track on **page 66**.



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## East Ovens River Track

13 km / 3.5 to 4 hours return



*Some bushwalking experience recommended. Formed track with some obstacles and gentle hills. Signposted.*

Starting at the Tronoh Dredge, the track runs east of the Bon Accord Track along the Ovens River. Follow the east branch until the end and return the way you came. Please note there are river crossings along the track.



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## Tronoh Dredge Walking Track

1.4 km / 30 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and steps. Signposted.*

Begin your walk from the Tronoh Dredge Hole car park off Feathertop Track and head either way around this man-made lake. The dredge hole was created by the Tronoh Dredge which was one of the world's largest electric powered mechanical dredges.

There are a number of other walking tracks around the Tronoh Dredge, weaving through native bush and ferns, along the Ovens River or around the dredge holes. These tracks are sign posted and offer further information on the significance of historical sites along the trails.



# MYRTLEFORD

## Reform Hill

The Reform Hill lookout provides visitors with views of the Ovens Valley, Mount Buffalo and the Victorian Alps. There are three different tracks around the hill with significant monuments along the way.



### Reform Hill Monument Track

1.6 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.*

The return walk to the lookout begins at the J.A. Jones Memorial Reserve on the eastern edge of town adjacent to the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Nearby, Paul's Gold Battery stands adjacent to several gold mining adits (tunnels) into Reform Hill. Ascend the Reform Hill Monument Track to the T-intersection then turn left to visit the Hume & Hovell Memorial. From here it is possible to take two different routes to the lookout, both approximately equal in distance. A large loop can be formed by combining all three tracks.

### Reform Hill Mining Loop Track

1.1 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.*

After leaving the Memorial, a steep track will take you past the entrance to the Reform Mine and an old ventilation shaft, which once serviced the Reform Mine. The track continues in a southerly direction, then turns north onto a straight and moderate climb to the summit. Rest stops are provided along the way.

### M2M Rail Trail



**Murray to Mountains Rail Trail**  
83km from Bright to Wangaratta

### Ovens River Trail



5.6km / 1 hour return

### Reform Hill State Forest



Numerous walking tracks

Mining Loop Track

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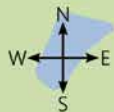
B

Reform Hill Lookout

D

Lookout Track

Monument Track



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## Reform Hill Lookout Track

1.1 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.*

After leaving the Memorial, this walk takes you to the north above the Reform Mine entrance. Along this walk you will see the town's old water storage basin (1934), which previously held water that was gravity-fed into town and has long since been replaced. The climb follows the drier northerly aspect of Reform Hill to the lookout.

For number references please see **map on page 24 - 25**.

- A** Hume and Hovell Monument  
(erected 1924 to celebrate 100 years of exploration)
- B** Reform Mine main shaft and ventilation shaft
- C** Original Myrtleford Reservoir
- D** Reform Hill Lookout



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## Ovens River Trail

5.6 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Sealed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

This scenic sealed loop can be started from within the Myrtleford township or be included as an addition to the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. The main portion of the loop runs from Rotary Park to Apex Park and follows the Ovens River closely as it passes through native bush and crosses the river twice.



## Murray To Mountains Rail Trail



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail runs through Myrtleford in the 83 km between Bright and Wangaratta. The Trail is perfect for all, being mainly flat and allowing visitors to choose their distance. Facilities are located at varying points along the track. More details available at [murraytomountains.com.au](http://murraytomountains.com.au)

## Township Discovery Walk

0.5 km / 30 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Township walk.*

The Myrtleford Discovery Trail is a series of panels, beginning at the Visitor Information Centre on the Great Alpine Road, look out for the tall stainless steel panels.

For number references please see **map on page 24 - 25**.

- 1 Walking Tracks Reform Hill State Forest
- 2 Sergeant Albert David Lowerson VC Myrtleford
- 3 War Memorial, Australia remembers Hops – The Key Flavour of Beer Tobacco – Myrtleford's Golden Leaf
- 4 Our Place – A Festival of Events
- 5 Adventure Out– Take a Walk or Ride a Bike
- 6 Significant People and Places The Beginning of a Township
- 7 A Community rising to the challenge throughout history, and into the Future
- 8 Explore and Experience The Centre of it All
- 9 Abundant Produce and Cool Climate Wines The Great Alpine Road
- 10 Lake Buffalo Mount Buffalo National Park



## Historic Walk

1.8 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Township walk.*

This walk highlights the significant historical aspects of Myrtleford and will take you around the town, discovering what once was a thriving gold mining town.

For number references please see **map on page 30**.

### 1 The Old School Museum •

The Frank Vale Tablet: In recognition of his untiring efforts for State School 955 (1890-1910) a tablet was unveiled to honour the Head Teacher Frank Vale in November, 1924.

The Bills Horse Trough: This trough stood on the roadside opposite where the RSL Hall stands in Smith Street, to service horses in coach and transport work. Annis and George Bills had several horse troughs built and installed around Melbourne about the time George retired in 1908. The RSPCA made George a Life Governor in 1924 and after his death in 1927 the residue of his estate was left for providing horse troughs and for prevention of cruelty to animals.

- ### 2 The Linden Tree, Albert Street •
- The Linden (Lime) tree has been on this site since the 1860s, when it was visible in photographs of the original "Myrtle Creek Store". It saw the demolition of this old store and the erection of "Thomas Mathieson's Store", which still stands today.

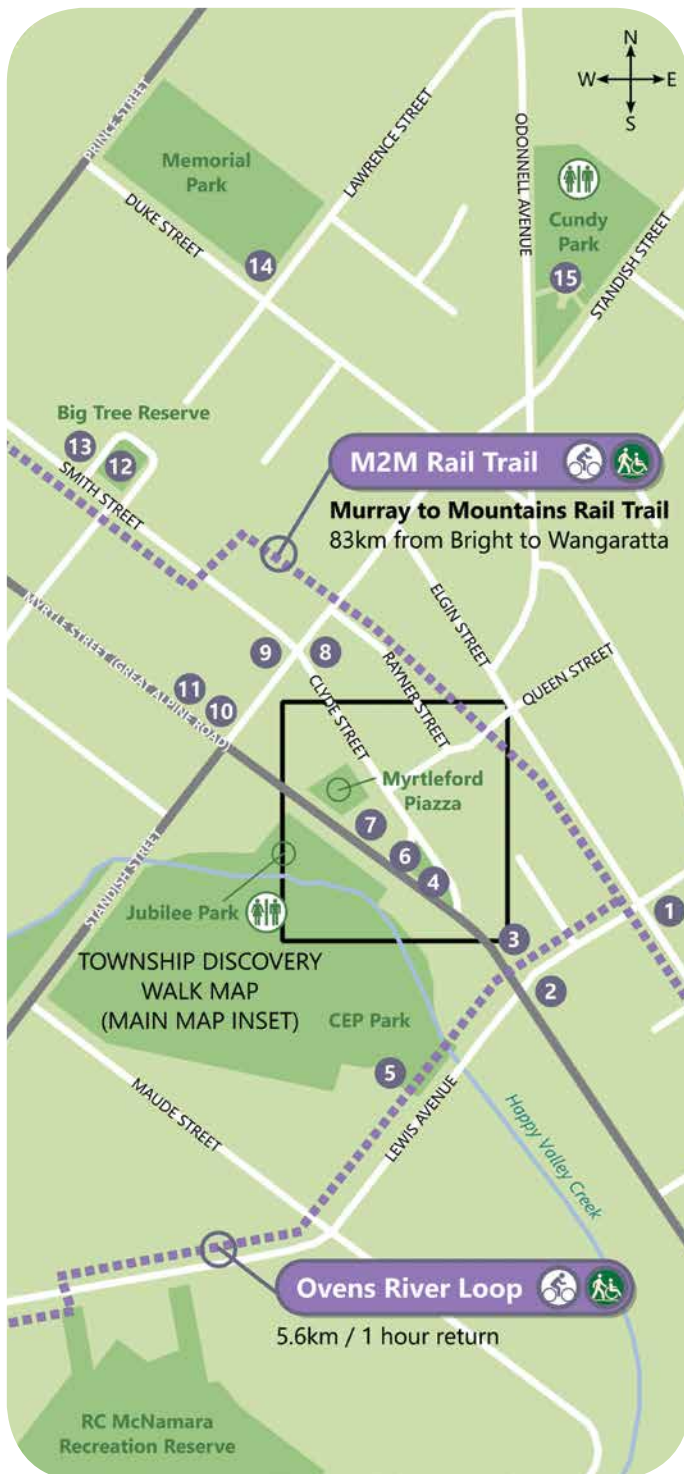
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## Historic Walk

- 3 **The Uniting Church** (formerly Methodist) • A memorial window honouring the loss of four cousins, two Matthews and two Willoughby men in World War 1 dominates the entrance to the church; nearby a plaque commemorates the new church building in 1958.
- 4 **The A.D. Lowerson V.C. Memorial Square**
- 5 **The Fire Brigade Training Track** (see plaque)
- 6 **The Post Office** • Opened in 1971, this is Myrtleford's third post office on this site.
- 7 **St Paul's Anglican Church & Rectory Fence** • A stained glass window at the front of the church commemorates the death of Theatre Nursing Sister Alice O'Donnell who lost her life on the Hospital Ship "Centaur" when it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine off Brisbane on May 14, 1943. To record Myrtleford's 100th anniversary in 1954, the Anglican parish joined in celebrations by erecting a stone fence which included a marble stone recognising the event.
- 8 **The CWA Hall** (now Presbyterian Church) • The CWA was at the forefront of rural women's affairs and played a vital role in developing facilities for infant welfare in the town. For 33 years, until 1959 the Infant Welfare services of the town were provided through the CWA Hall.
- 9 **The Lone Pine** (see plaque)
- 10 **The Former Myrtleford Co-Store** • After five years in Robertson street, the Co-Store established itself on this site in 1927, selling groceries, hardware and clothing.
- 11 **Soldier's Memorial Hall & Supper Rooms** • After World War 1, the hall was erected after much local fundraising in 1925. In 1936, extensions, a stage, and supper rooms were added.
- 12 **The Big Tree** • One of the oldest in the district, this tree is said to have been the meeting place of aborigines prior to contact with Europeans and for a short time after 1837. The other "big tree" on the corner of Myrtle and Prince Streets enabled men and women to assemble separately under trees which were in close proximity to one another.
- 13 **Senior Citizens Centre** (see plaque)
- 14 **Memorial Park** • (two brass plaques sit under the elm trees at the Southern end of the oval)
- 15 **Cundy Park** (see plaque)



# MOUNT BEAUTY & TAWONGA SOUTH



## Mount Beauty Pondage Trail

3 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start from the Lakeside picnic and playground area and walk anti-clockwise following the path around the pondage wall. Follow the track over the spillway and continue along over the Tail Race Channel bridge and you will be behind the Secondary College, the tennis courts, the Primary School, past the oval and back to where you started.



## Mermaid Pool & Rock Pool Walk

1.2 km / 20 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with no steps and gentle hills.*

Take the first road to the right off Damms Road (Rock Pool Road) and continue until reaching the car park. Walk the bush track 250m into the Mermaid Pool, a beautiful swimming hole ideal for families, and continue along the track another 400m to the Rock Pool. Return the same way or follow the track along the river from the Mermaid Pool.

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## Survey Track / Pole Track

7 km / 2.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.*

The Survey Track is a shared walking and mountain bike track that commences opposite the Mount Beauty Golf Course Club House in Tawonga Crescent. Park at the top of Tawonga Crescent or at the Big Hill Mountain Bike Park, if doing the full loop that includes the Pole Track. The Survey Track is the original route to Bogong Village and provides views over the east branch of the Kiewa River as it winds upwards, to a hairpin turn on the Bogong High Plains Road called 'Cranky Charlie'. A couple of fire trails have to be crossed, look for the restart of the track on the other side. On reaching Cranky Charlie either return the way you came, or cross the Bogong High Plains Road and walk up West Kiewa Road for approximately 500m to where the Pole Track branches off to the right. Pass through the gate and descend back down to Mount Beauty to a second gate then join the Aqueduct Track to return to the Big Hill Mountain Bike Park. The track may also be done in reverse, along the Pole Track from the Big Hill Mountain Bike Park.

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## Pebble Beach Trail

4 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Flat well-formed track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

The track starts at the commencement of Embankment Drive off the Bogong High Plains Road at the entrance to Mount Beauty. This sealed track crosses the Pondage spillway and then meanders along the west branch of the Kiewa River all the way to Pebble Beach. Enjoy lovely views towards Mount Bogong with the track perfect for walking or riding. For good swimmers, there is a long deep pool at the turn around point.

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## Mount Beauty Gorge Walk

2.8 km / 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Start the walk directly opposite the Visitor Information Centre along the road next to the switch yard, past the gate, and follow the track alongside the river until you come to the tail race head, then veer left. You may also begin the walks from the Big Hill Mountain Bike Park, off the Bogong High Plains Road on the right side, heading towards Falls Creek. Walk uphill along the Aqueduct Track behind the large holiday apartments, following the signposted track for 1 km to a swing bridge over the West Kiewa River. To get to the adit/shaft and the canyon, plus gain great views of the gorge, cross over the swing bridge and walk uphill. The adit was dug in the 1950's to help with the construction of the Kiewa Scheme. During summer, when the rocks are dry in the river bed, it is possible to walk and wade upstream for 400m to an impressive canyon. It is not advisable to do this last section if the rocks are wet and slippery. The last section of the canyon is best attempted in the late afternoon when the sun shines on the water.

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## The Gully - Junction Creek Nature Walk

1km/ 40 minutes return



*Some bushwalking experience required. Mostly formed track with some obstacles, some gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Start at the intersection of Vails Road and Kiewa Valley Highway. The trail begins just past the bridge, heading west through the gully system, passing through tree ferns and crossing several bridges over Junction Creek. At the western end of the walk follow the steps up towards Vails Road. Either return the same way or walk back down Vails Road. Keep an eye out for resident wombats along the track.



# TAWONGA

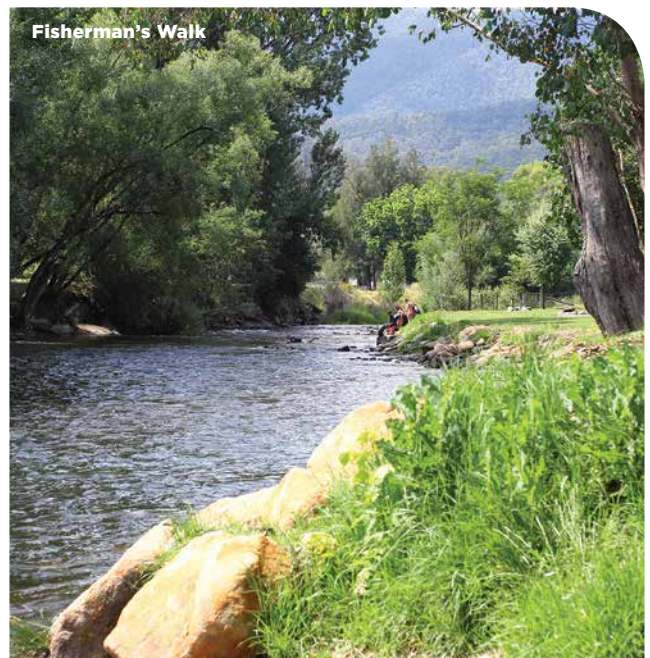
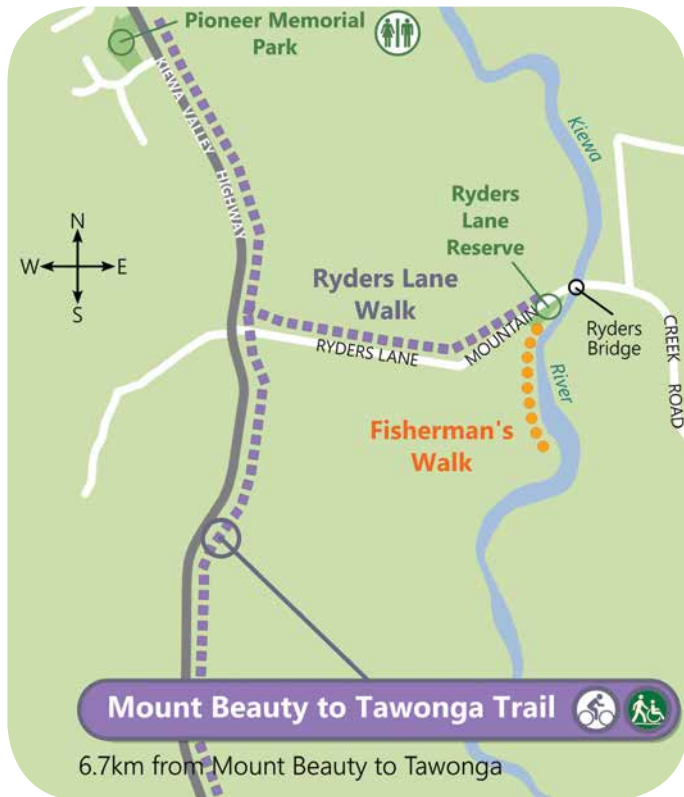
## Mount Beauty To Tawonga Trail

13.4 km / 3 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with no steps and gentle hills.*

This walk connects Mount Beauty, Tawonga South and Tawonga, passing a lookout which provides impressive views across the Kiewa River valley to Victoria's highest peak, Mount Bogong (1986m). This walk can be started at any point between Mount Beauty and Tawonga.



## Fisherman's Walk

1 km / 40 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed, flat track with no steps. Clearly signposted.*

Start at the picnic ground next to Ryders Bridge. The walk takes you south alongside the Kiewa River towards Mount Beauty. This area is popular with locals for swimming during the warmer months. Located 100m from the bridge along the river bend is a fantastic swimming hole.

## Ryders Lane Walk

2.5 km / 50 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with gentle hills and no steps. Clearly signposted.*

This walk connects the Mount Beauty to Tawonga Walk to the Fisherman's Walk via Ryders Lane. Turn onto Ryders Lane from the Kiewa Valley Highway and walk down to the picnic ground on the Kiewa River at Ryders Bridge.

# BOGONG VILLAGE



## Lake Guy Walk

3 km / 1 to 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with some obstacles, gentle hills and many steps. Signposted.*

Park in the car park just below Bogong Jacks Tavern. The track around Lake Guy starts 150m northwest of the car park. Continue through the tunnel in the dam wall and follow the walking track to 'The Junction' at the confluence of the Rocky Valley and Pretty Valley Stream which then flow into Lake Guy (Junction Dam). Return past the new power station, either above it on the road, or below on the walking track beside the lake.



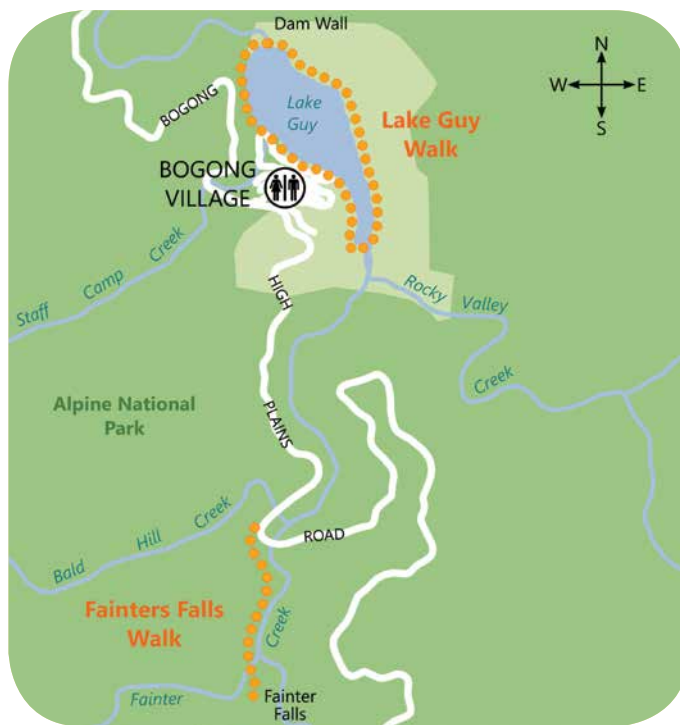
## Fainter Falls

1.5 km / 40 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with hills and no steps. Clearly signposted.*

This walk is located 1 km past Bogong Village, just before the Bogong High Plains Road crosses the Pretty Valley Stream. Start the walk opposite the car park. Follow the signed walking track, which provides spectacular views of the Falls and the beautiful environment beside the wild river.





# DINNER PLAIN



## Carmichael Falls Walk

2 km / 1 hour return



*Some bushwalking experience required. Mostly formed track with some obstacles, some gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

Heading off along the Dinner Plain 4WD track, this clearly marked trail within the Alpine National Park descends through snow gum forest to a viewing platform overlooking the picturesque Carmichael Falls.

## Brabralung Trail

26 km / 8 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track, mostly level with some gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

Walk or ride this multi-use trail that runs through the Alpine National Park, linking Dinner Plain to Hotham resort. Look out for native flora and fauna and spot the resident emus at JB Plain. This trail will take you through woodland to alpine plains that give the High Country its unique scenic views. There are numerous areas to rest and picnic. A location not to miss is the old cattlemen's post, JB Hut, where you can also camp. A side walk - 2 km return - to Paw Paw Plain is a must for fine views of Mount Tabletop and the remote Dargo River Valley.

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## Room With A View

3 km / 1 hour return



*Some bushwalking experience recommended. Mostly formed track with some obstacles, gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Clearly signposted.*

A short and easy walk from Dinner Plain out through snow gum forest to an open plain with spectacular views of Mount Hotham, Mount Feathertop, Bogong High Plains and the Cobungra River. Starting from Dinner Plain Hut, follow the track to the sign marking the crossing point to the northern side of the Great Alpine Road and the track leading to the Forest Walks trailhead. The Room with a View walk initially follows a slightly undulating trail then flattens out. The track heads north along the eastern flanks of Dead Timber Hill. After 0.5 km it drops gently down to a grassy plain and veers west to a marker that designates the track loop. Most walkers prefer to keep to the left route as it descends through snow grass and drops through the snow gums to a small clearing - the 'room with a view'. The track loop continues north back up to the marker on the open plain from where it returns to the Forests Walks trailhead.

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## Montane Loop

1.1 km / 30 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and no steps. Clearly signposted.*

The Montane Loop begins at the Forest Walks trailhead on the northern side of the Great Alpine Road from Dinner Plain village. Follow the gravel track to the boardwalk that crosses a small alpine bog. From here the trail heads east across a grassy area which makes up the northern edge of the Dinner Plain plateau. A short boardwalk crosses a drainage line before the track gently descends down into the sub-alpine woodlands where small weathered granite outcrops can be seen. Turnaround Rock, where the Montane Walking Track intersects with Montane Loop, is located about 400m along. At this point the track swings around and heads northwest.

Room with a view



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## Montane Walking Track

9 km / 3 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track, some obstacles, short steep hills with occasional steps. Signposted.*

Cross to the northern side of the Great Alpine Road and head east along the Montane Walking Track for 3.3 km through State Forest to Slippery Pinch. Cross back to the southern side of the road through a small gate in the fence. The track then meanders through snow gum woodlands along the top side of some old cattle yards before dropping down to sub-alpine grasslands and the Victoria River. Cross the grasslands and follow the edge of the Victoria River before crossing it at a timber bridge. Head back into the sub-alpine woodlands through the picturesque river valley then up to the drier side of the mountain. A short side walk south to Precipice Plain Lookout is well worth the trip before making the easy 2.6 km walk back to the village along the Dinner Plain Track.





**Brabralung Trail** 

13km from Dinner Plain to Hotham Heights

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## Tabletop Walk

14 km / 5 hours return



*Bushwalking experience recommended. Mostly formed track with some gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Mount Tabletop is a distinctive flat plateau linked to the Great Dividing Range by a low ridge. From JB Plain follow the old fence line south across the plains for 0.5 km. From here the route is marked. After crossing the snow plains and snow-gum woodland, the route drops down to Tabletop Creek and then follows a long ridge up the plateau. The track is marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit. Return via the same route.

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## Precipice Plain Walk

9 km / 3 hours return



*Some bushwalking experience recommended. Mostly formed track with some obstacles, mostly level with some gradual steep sections on the entry and exit. Occasional steps. Signposted.*

Walk or bike along the Dinner Plain 4WD track to a lovely natural lookout across the remote Dargo Valley. Catch the sunset in the high country for fabulous colours in the sky.

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## Dead Timber Hill

4 km / 1.5 hours return



*Bushwalking experience recommended. Mostly formed track with some gradual steep sections and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Starting from Dinner Plain Hut, follow the track to the sign marking the crossing point to the northern side of the Great Alpine Road and follow the track leading to the Forest Walks trailhead. Follow the Dead Timber Hill track to the west to discover breathtaking views. Return same way or via Brabralung Trail.



# MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

## NATIONAL PARKS

### Gorge Heritage Walk

2.5 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required, formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and many steps. Clearly signposted.*

This loop walk starts in the Gorge Day Visitor Area opposite the Mount Buffalo Chalet. Follow a series of interpretive signs that lead firstly to some of the most spectacular views of the Gorge and Crystal Brook Falls and then loop back to explore the area's history and beauty through the eyes of local pioneer, Guide Alice.



### Eurobin Falls / Ladies Bath Falls

1.5 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required, formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and many steps. Clearly signposted.*

This track climbs past the pretty Ladies Bath Falls, still popular for a dip on a warm day, and onto Lower Eurobin Falls. A steeper track continues up to the base of the Upper Falls.

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## View Point Nature Walk

4 km / 2 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required, formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and many steps. Clearly signposted.*

Starting from the Lakeside Day Visitors Area at Lake Catani, this walk climbs up through Sub-Alpine Bogs and Mountain Ash Forests to a final lookout with fantastic views of the Buckland Valley and the distant alps.

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## Cathedral - Hump Track

2 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed steep track. Clearly signposted.*

Starting at the Cathedral Picnic Area, this track leads past the spectacular granite tor of the Cathedral and on to the summit of the Hump (1695m) for fine views of the Mount Buffalo plateau, Cresta Valley and the Horn.



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## The Horn Track

1.5 km / 45 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required, formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and many steps. Clearly signposted.*

This track starts at The Horn Picnic Area, 2 km from Cresta Valley along a well maintained dirt road. The Horn (1723m) is the highest point on the Mount Buffalo plateau and provides a 360° view of the plateau and the surrounding alps.

## Chalwell Galleries Track

1.7 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Rough, very steep track with many obstacles and steps. Signposted.*

Begin near the Lake Catani Day Visitors Area. This track passes through the 'galleries' which are a jumble of large granite rocks forming impressive passages. Please use caution as there are some tight squeezes through the galleries which do require some scrambling.

## The Big Walk

11.3 km / 4 to 5 hours one way



*No bushwalking experience required. Rough, very steep track with many obstacles and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Following one of the original routes onto the Mt Buffalo Plateau this walk climbs 1000m in 9 km. The track begins at the Eurobin Creek Picnic Area at the park entrance and culminates at the Gorge Day Visitor Area. Walkers will pass through several vegetation zones as the altitude increases while enjoying spectacular views of the Australian Alps and the Gorge from the numerous lookouts. Adequate preparation is advisable as water is limited along the track and the weather can be unpredictable.



Chalwell Galleries Track





# ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

## Mountain Creek Walks

The walks start from the Mountain Creek Picnic and Camping Area, 10.5 km along Mountain Creek Road from the Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga. Nestled at the base of Mount Bogong (1986m) there are several walks ranging in length, through cool moist fern-filled gullies or among drier peppermint forests on the slopes. Mountain Creek Picnic and Camping Area is also the starting point for the most popular routes up Mount Bogong, the Staircase and the Eskdale Spur. See page 59.

### Shady Gully Nature Walk

1 km / 15 minutes return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with no steps and gentle hills. Signposted.*

Starting south of the main bridge, this is an easy loop walk that provides you with a taste of the riparian forest of this area. Follow Mountain Creek which has its headwaters on nearby Mount Bogong and then cross back to complete the loop.

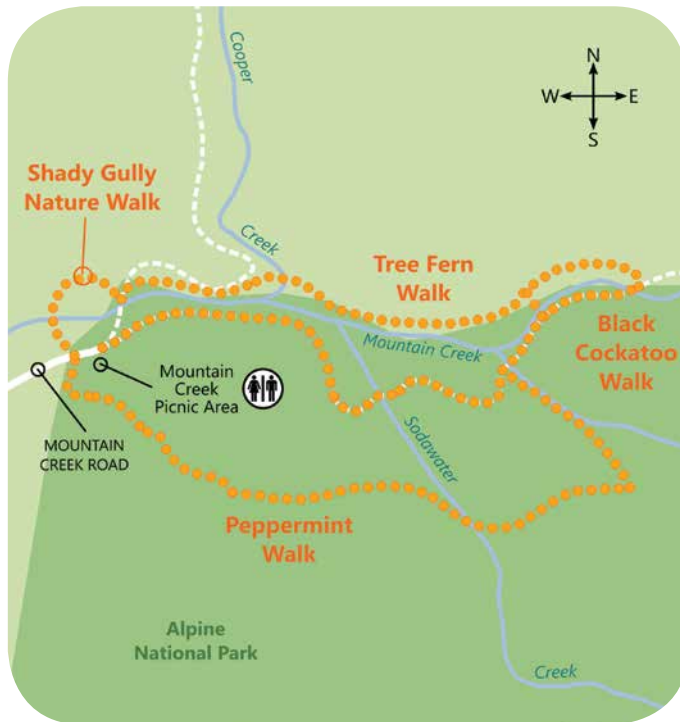
### Tree Fern Walk

2 km / 1 hour return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with some steps and gentle hills. Signposted.*

This track starts north of the bridge and is a gentle meander along Mountain Creek. This track is well defined and if you would like a longer walk you can take the turn off to the Black Cockatoo Walk. (see opposite page)



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## Black Cockatoo Walk

2.5 km / 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with some steps and gentle hills. Signposted.*

This track starts along Mountain Creek Road, past the picnic area (4WD), or can be combined with the Tree Fern Walk to create a longer loop along the banks of Mountain Creek.

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## Peppermint Walk

2.5 km / 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required, formed track with some obstacles, short steep hills and many steps. Clearly signposted.*

The Peppermint Walk starts in the picnic area and heads off along the Mount Creek Road (4WD). After 1 km, turn south and follow the track as the vegetation changes from tree ferns, sedges and tussock grasses to peppermint and blue gum forests.



## Mount Bogong Walks

Mount Bogong is the highest peak in Victoria (1986m). Climbing Mount Bogong is strenuous and a high level of fitness is required. You must also be prepared for sudden unexpected weather changes.

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## Staircase

16 km / 1 day return



*Experienced bushwalkers only. Rough track with many obstacles and many steps that are very steep and difficult. Signposted.*

The track to the summit begins at the Mountain Creek Picnic Area and follows a vehicle track to the foot of the Staircase Spur, where the ascent begins. Bivouac Hut, about halfway along the climb, offers emergency shelter before the track passes through snow gums and out onto the steep rocky ridge leading to the summit plateau. The exposed treeless plain of the summit offers little shelter in poor weather. Strong winds, fog, freezing temperature, rain and snow are all common at this altitude. Navigation can be extremely difficult so turn back at the tree line if the conditions are poor or deteriorating.

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## Eskdale Spur

8 km / 6 hours return



*Experienced bushwalkers only. Rough very steep track with many obstacles and occasional steps. Signposted.*

Follow the track up Mountain Creek past the bottom of the Staircase Spur for approximately 5.5 km to Camp Creek Gap or, you can drive to Camp Creek Gap via Trappers Gap Track/Camp Creek Track. The track climbs steeply up the Eskdale Spur past Michell Hut to the tree line where the track intersects with the Granite Flat Track. Once the shelter of the snow gums is left behind the remainder of the walk is very similar to the exposed rocky ascent of the Staircase onto the summit plateau.





## Bogong High Plains Walks

Discover the beauty of the Bogong High Plains with the historic huts, snow gums and wildlife on the many walks.

### Wallace - Cope Heritage Trail

6 km / 2.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and some steps. Clearly signposted.*

This interpretive trail explores the history of the high plains starting at the Wallace Hut car park. From the car park, walk the short distance to historic Wallace Hut and continue past the hut to the aqueduct. Cross the aqueduct and follow the track to the right, past the Rover Chalet and onto the Australian Alps Walking Track to Cope Hut. Follow the track from Cope Hut toward the Bogong High Plains Road and return to Wallace Hut along a spectacular section of track with fine views toward Mount Kosciuszko (2228m), Australia's highest mountain.

### Ropers Lookout

5 km / 1.5 hours return



*No bushwalking experience required. Well-formed track with occasional steps and gentle hills.*

The walk starts at the eastern end of the Rocky Valley Storage dam wall, 3 km along the Bogong High Plains Road from Falls Creek. Follow the aqueduct for 1.5 km before climbing a small gully among snow gums. Ropers Lookout is a small basalt knoll with excellent views of the Falls Creek Alpine Resort and the Bogong High Plains. Return along the same route.



## Mount Feathertop Walks

There are many walks around the Mount Hotham and Mount Feathertop area, with the most iconic The Razorback walk to Mount Feathertop. There are three routes to reach Mount Feathertop, described below. The best time to visit Mount Feathertop is between November and April.

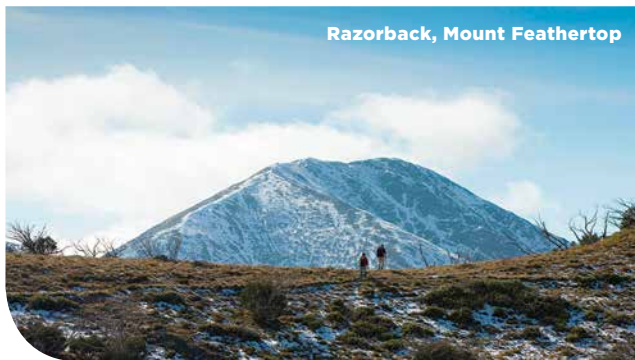
### The Razorback

22 km / 8 hours return

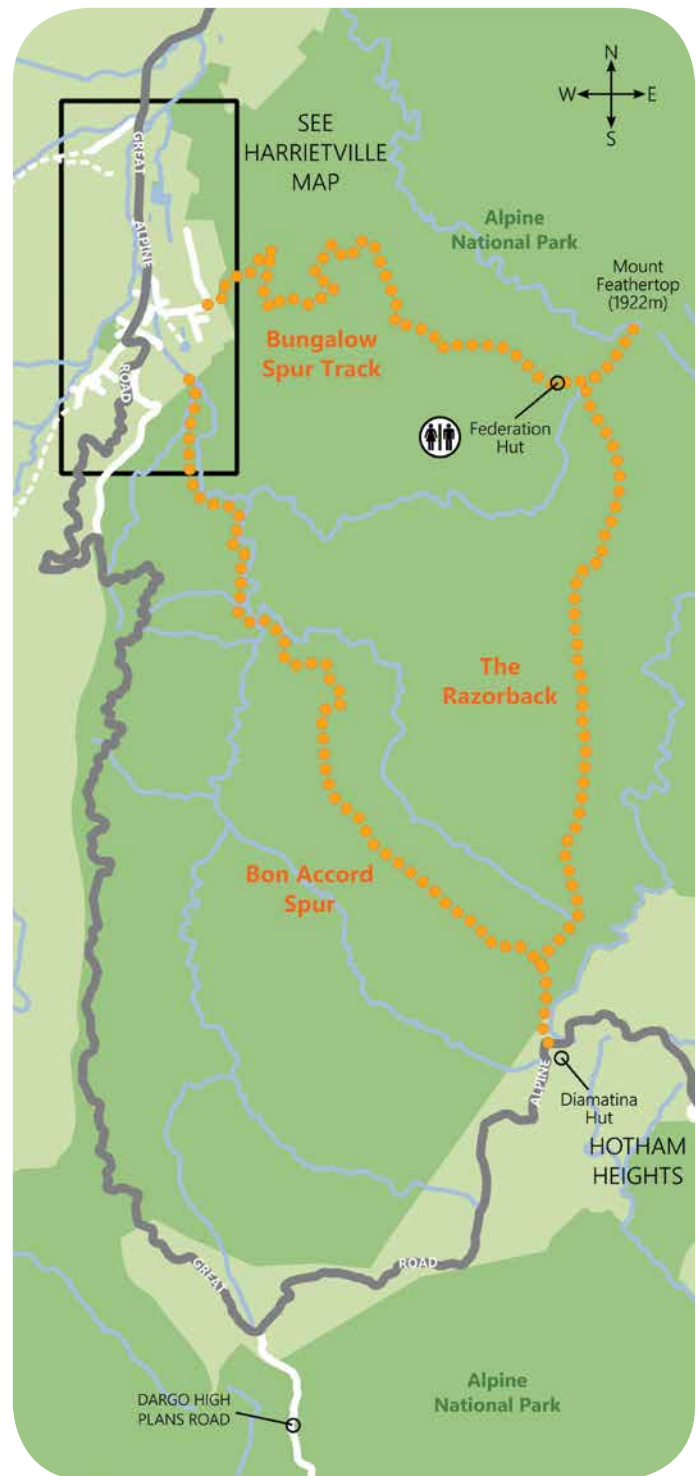


*Bushwalking experience recommended. Rough, very steep track with many obstacles and occasional steps. Signposted.*

The Razorback walking track begins at the Diamantina Hut, 2.5 km on the Harrietville side of the Hotham Village. The Razorback is a high ridge linking Mount Hotham (1861m) and Mount Feathertop (1922m). The route is generally above the tree line so excellent views are available for much of the walk, however, as the ridge is very exposed it should be not be crossed in unsettled or bad weather. The Razorback intersects with the Bon Accord Spur track about 1 km from the start and then intersects the Bungalow Spur Track 1.5 km from the summit of Mount Feathertop at a site called The Cross. The final climb to the top is steep but well worth the effort. Return by the same route or, if you have made suitable transport arrangements, walk down to Harrietville via the Bungalow Spur Track. Ensure you are well prepared for this walk, as the weather can be unpredictable.



Razorback, Mount Feathertop



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## Bungalow Spur Track

22 km / return time dependant on  
experience & fitness



*Experienced bushwalkers only. Formed, very steep track with some obstacles. Signposted.*

To reach the start of the track see the Harrietville walks map. The Bungalow Spur Track is the most popular approach to Mount Feathertop. It is well graded and sheltered for most of its length. Near the intersection with the Razorback walking track, Federation Hut provides emergency shelter, toilets and tent sites.



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## Bon Accord Spur

24 km / return time dependant on  
experience & fitness



*Experienced bushwalkers only. Formed very steep and difficult track with some obstacles and many steps. Signposted.*

To reach the start of the track see the Harrietville walks map. Follow the east branch of the Ovens River for 5 km to the confluence of Washington Creek where the steep climb up the spur starts. The Bon Accord Hut ruin is 9.5 km from the start of the track. From here it is 2 km up to the Razorback, then 0.5 km to the Great Alpine Road. The Bon Accord Spur was the route taken by walkers, horse riders and pack horses to Mount Hotham before the Great Alpine Road was built. Today it provides a pleasant walk to Mount Hotham, or it can be part of a route taking in the Razorback and Bungalow Spur. For this, an overnight camp would be necessary, the best place being at Federation Hut near the junction of the Bungalow Spur walking track and the Razorback walking track.



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & CAUTIONS

Weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas. Snowfalls and blizzards can be experienced at any time of the year.

### BE PREPARED WITH:

- Wind and waterproof jackets
- Warm clothing - hat, gloves and strong footwear
- First aid kit for longer walks
- Energy food and enough water for the day
- Compass and relevant topographical map

Let someone know before you go and ensure you check road conditions before setting out. Many roads and tracks are closed seasonally during the colder, wetter months for environmental and safety reasons.

For more comprehensive information on the Mount Buffalo National Park and these walks please refer to 'Mount Buffalo National Park; Visitor Guide to the Great Granite Plateau' Parks Victoria Park Notes before visiting. These notes outline important information regarding weather conditions and general cautions specific to the Park and can be viewed at [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au)

### For more information on walking tracks in our area:

#### National Parks

Visit [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au)

#### Dinner Plain & Hotham

Look for the 'Mt Hotham & Dinner Plain Tracks & Trails' guide, go to [visitdinnerplain.com.au](http://visitdinnerplain.com.au), or pick up the 'Dinner Plain Track Notes' from the Visitor Information Centre.

#### Falls Creek

See the 'Falls Creek Self-Guided Walks Trail Guide' or visit [falls creek.com.au](http://falls creek.com.au)

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## HEALTH SERVICES

### Medical Centres

Bright	03 5750 1000
Mount Beauty	03 5754 3400
Myrtleford	03 5751 9900

### Hospitals

Bright	03 5755 0100
Mount Beauty	03 5754 3500
Myrtleford	03 5751 9300

## INFORMATION

VicRoads - Road Closures	131 170
VicEmergency Hotline	1800 226 226
Parks Victoria	131 963

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

### Alpine (Bright) - Visitor Information Centre

**A** 119 Gavan Street, Bright  
**T** 1800 111 885  
**W** [visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au](http://visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au)

### Myrtleford - Visitor Information Centre

**A** Post Office Complex, Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford  
**T** 03 5755 0514  
**W** [visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au](http://visitbrightandsurrounds.com.au)

### Mount Beauty - Visitor Information Centre

**A** 31 Bogong High Plains Road, Mount Beauty  
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**Parking is available at the start or near the start of each walk listed.**

## 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 will close parks and forests (including state forests and National parks) in the relevant weather District for public Safety. For Bushfire information please call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

## PLEASE NOTE

The maps contained in this brochure may not be suitable for navigation purposes for all walks. It is advised that the appropriate Parks Victoria Park Notes and/or Land Victoria topographic maps be obtained prior to undertaking any of the listed walks within Mount Buffalo National Park and Alpine National Park.

## LEGEND



Walk Information Signs



Toilet



Picnic Table and/or Shelter



BBQ



Drinking water



Shared Trail



Playground



Sealed Track



Unsealed Track

## GRADING INFORMATION

Walks in this brochure have been graded using the Australian Walking Track Grading System. Please see each walk for specific grading details.



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



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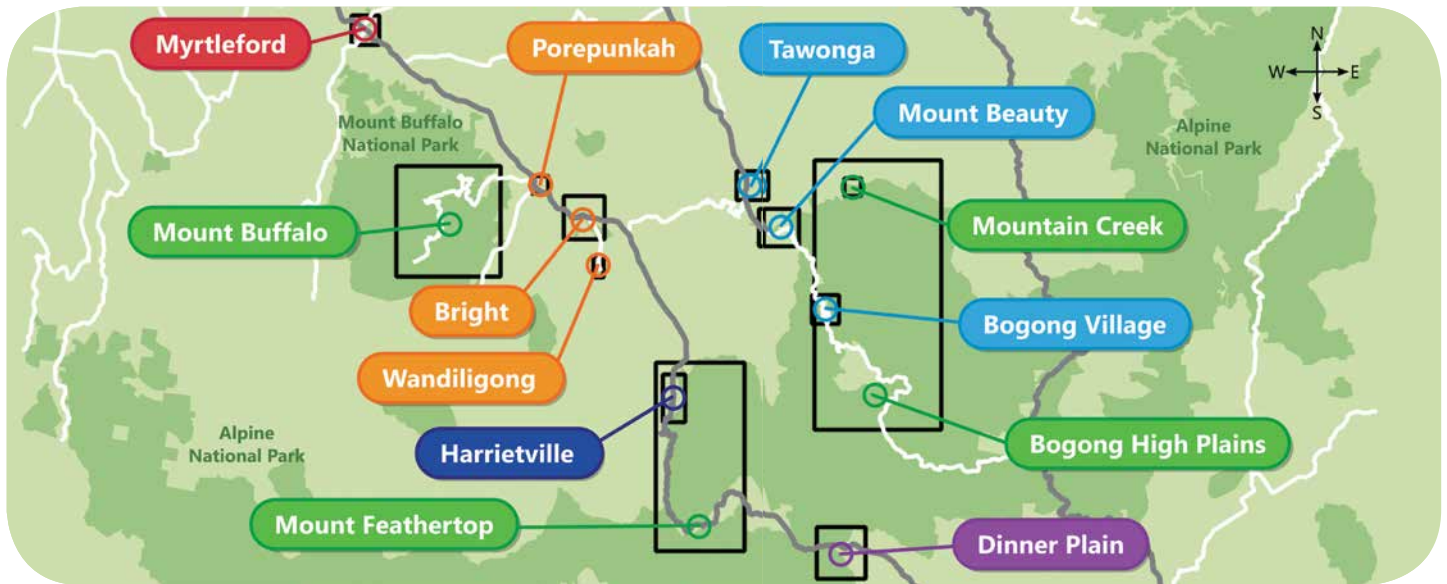
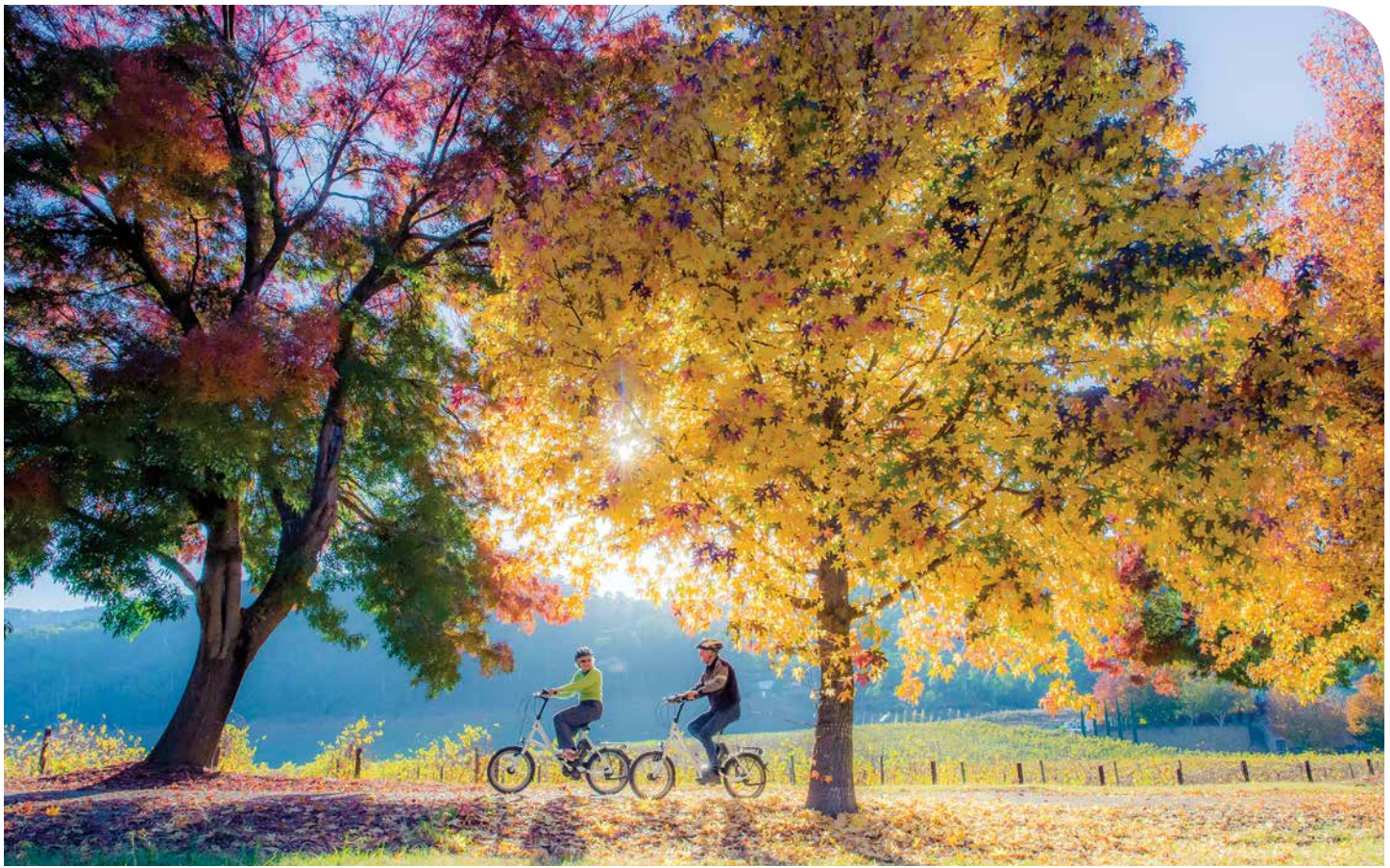
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