

BRIGHT & DISTRICT

Free database designed for mobile devices highlighting some of the more popular tourist attractions in and around Bright.

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We improve this document as time allows.

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Bright is a popular tourist town in Central Victoria at the base of Mount Buffalo, Mount Hotham and Falls Creek. It is 319 m above sea level and has a population of around 2500 people, though this swells during holiday times. It is 321 km from Melbourne, 74 km from Wangaratta and 60 km from the historic tourist township of Beechworth.

The earliest inhabitants of the area which is now known as Bright were the Mugullumbidj Aboriginal clan. The area was named Morse's Creek during white settlement after local identity FH Morse and renamed Bright in honour of British actor and politician John Bright in 1861. The District was extremely active during the goldrush years, including an extremely high number of Chinese miners who had migrated to the area.

The Bright area is a perfect location to stay when experiencing the diverse natural wonders and historic attractions in and around the District. The lovely Ovens River flows majestically through the town and the walk tracks above and below the town take in canyons and beautiful natural scenery. In winter the District caters for snow traffic to Falls Creek Village, Mount Hotham Village and Mount Buffalo and in autumn it is known for its colours. Spring is known for its waterfalls and wildflowers and the warmer months are favoured for mountain biking, walking, as well as other man-made features such as the historic alpine huts. Fishing is popular in season, and rock climbing and hiking are also popular. There are numerous District Lookouts and scenic ultra-light flights are even available over Bright.

Bright is a complete destination, offering visitors picturesque natural features, as well as supporting walking, bike riding, fishing, swimming and other river based water sports. It offers a beautiful setting and outstanding dining, accommodation and shopping opportunities.

Please note that mountain ranges are prone to quick and at times unexpected weather changes. Always ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear, carry water in summer months, protect yourself from the sun and always be aware of snakes, spiders, bees, wasps and ants (including jack jumpers). Always let someone know of your travel plans and check with appropriate organisations to ensure roads and attractions are open.

We hope you enjoy your visit.



Helpful Websites



Alpine Visitor Information Centre

119 Gavan Street, Bright 1800 111 885

Note: A cafe is also attached to the centre.





Bright Museum

Railway Avenue, Bright 03 5755 1949

Open (See website for latest opening times)

Note: Appointments by arrangement





Paragliding (Bright Flight)

179–181 Morses Creek Road, Bright 0481 283 489

Bright Flight is one of the main paragliding schools in the Bright area. Visit the website for more, or contact the Bright Visitor Information Centre.





Mount Hotham Resort

Mount Hotham (53 km from Bright) Contact: Use online email form

Open all times, but check individual business times

Note: Chains must be carried in snow season





Falls Creek Alpine Village

Falls Creek (58 km from Bright) 1800 232 557 (Resort management)

Open all times, but check individual business times

Note: Chains must be carried in snow season



Bright Facts

- Bright is 321 km from Melbourne and 319 m above sea level.
- The population of Bright is just over 2500 people.
- Hume and Hovell explored the area in 1824 and named the Ovens River.
- Bright was originally named Morse's Creek after local identity FH Morse.
- In 1861 Bright was renamed after British actor and politician John Bright.
- The Bright Post Office opened in 1866.
- The Buckland Gold Diggings had the highest mortality rate of all Victorian diggings because of an outbreak of typhoid (Colonial fever) from 1853–55.
- As the gold rush to the Buckland Valley subsided, Chinese miners moved in and sifted through and continued digging the abandoned claims.
- The nearby Buckland Valley was where the historic anti-Chinese <u>Buckland</u> Riot took place on 4 July 1857. It compared to the Eureka Stockade in size and intensity, but it is less known historically.
- The main industry in Bright is tourism.
- The area supports a number of paragliding launch sites, making it a centre for paragliding festivals, events and competitions.
- The nearby Mount Bogong is the highest peak in Victoria at 1986 m.
- The former Bright Railway Station has been repurposed as a museum.
- There are numerous mountain bike trails in the Bright District.
- There is a rail trail between Wangaratta and Bright.
- There is a trail between Bright and Harrietville.
- Bright has both an IGA and Woolworths supermarket.
- Bright has a large number of eateries including a Beechworth Bakery.

BRIGHT DISTRICT

CANYON WALK

HUGGINS LOOKOUT

APEX LOOKOUT

BAKERS GULLY RESERVOIR

CLEAR SPOT LOOKOUT

MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL

GREAT VALLEY TRAIL

HARRIETVILLE DAY VISITOR AREA

HARRIETVILLE TRONOH DREDGE HOLE

BUCKLAND BRIDGE

SINCLAIR'S WATERHOLE

MOUNT PORPUNKAH LOOKOUT

MYRTLEFORD LAKE BUFFALO

MYRTLEFORD PHEONIX TREE

Other Attractions

IN BRIGHT

Canyon Walk



MANAGED BY ALPINE SHIRE (03 5755 0555)

Canyon Walk

Name: Bright Canyon Walk (3 km circuit, 1 hour medium grade)

Known for: Lovely river views and nature walk

Location: Commences at Howitt Park and continues downstream

GPS: Trail head: -36.725881, 146.960608

Facilities: Interpretive signage, toilets and picnic tables at start Notes: An upstream walk also starts from the same park



The Canyon Circuit Walk is an excellent way to enjoy nature. While taking time out enjoy the picturesque Ovens River as it meanders towards Porepunkah.

The walk begins at Howitt Park near the large playground and begins as a sealed track – turning to a dirt track after a few minutes walk. The track follows the south side of the Ovens River, crosses the river on a swing bridge, then returns along the northern side of the river. The 3 km walk is of medium grade.



The Canyon Walk takes around an hour to complete and includes interpretive signage that highlights the area's significant gold mining history, including some of the numerous water races dug out of the sedimentary rock. Viewing areas are well placed and the natural beauty of the walk makes it a great choice for nature lovers and photographers. The walk is more slippery when wet, and care should be taken with children around water.







Huggins Lookout



Managed by Alpine Shire (03 5755 0555)

Huggins Lookout

Name: Huggins Lookout (parking at Lookout)

Known for: Northerly view over Bright

Location: Bright, 4.7 km from the town centre

GPS: -36.739679, 146.963225

Facilities: Bench chair

Notes: You can walk or drive to this Lookout



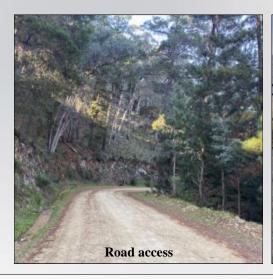
Huggins Lookout is an excellent vantage point for those wishing to enjoy an expansive view looking north over Bright township and surrounding ranges.

The walk to the Lookout begins at the carpark at the elbow of <u>Deacon Avenue and Zivan Court</u>. The 15 minute (850 m) moderately steep uphill walk is on a medium grade track. Begin by walking the track between the two houses. To drive the Lookout, drive up Bakers Gully Road for 2.3 km from the roundabout at Railway



Avenue. Then turn left into the gravel track (McFadyens Lane) and follow it uphill for 550 m to the intersection with Huggins Road. Turn left into the gravel Huggins Road and follow this road for 1.9 km to the Lookout carpark. The Lookout is at the carpark and no further walking is required.

McFadyens Lane and Huggins Road are in good condition for gravel roads and the Lookout is easily accessed by a 2WD.







NEAR BRIGHT

Apex Lookout



Managed by Alpine Shire (03 5755 0555)

Apex Lookout

Name: **Apex Lookout** (parking at Lookout)

Southerly view over Bright Known for:

Quins Gap Track, Bright, 3.9 km from town centre Location:

GPS: -36.716091. 146.973082

Facilities: Bench chair

Notes: You can walk or drive to this Lookout (4WD/AWD)



Apex Lookout offers southerly views over Bright township and surrounding ranges. It has an elevation of 637 m.

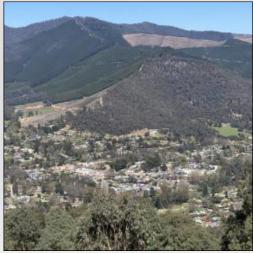
The walk to the Lookout begins at Quins Gap on the northern side of Bright. Quins Gap is at the intersection of Quins Gap Road, Tom Briggs Road. grade formed tracks.



to Quins Gap and turn up Apex Lookout Track. Continue for 1.6 km to the Lookout carpark. The track to the Lookout is steep and rough in places, and is suitable for 4WD or AWD only.

Once at the Lookout, enjoy the two vantage points. One looks to the southeast, whilst the other looks more southerly and over Bright township. The two vantage points are around 50 metres apart and both offer a wooden bench seat. Two communication towers are also found at this site.







NEAR BRIGHT

Bakers Gully Reservoir



MANAGED BY ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL & RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA

Bakers Gully Reservoir

Name: Bakers Gully Reservoir Walk

Known for: Beautiful bush setting with two medium grade short walks

Location: Start at the interpretative sing on Bakers Road

GPS: -36.740383, 146.956497 Facilities: Small roadside carpark

Notes: Medium grade walk around one or two bodies of water



Bakers Gully Reservoir is an enjoyable location for nature lovers and those who love to walk through native forest and would enjoy bush scenes. Two small reservoirs are located in the Bakers Gully Reservoir State Forest and there is an abundance of flora and fauna. Water birds frequent the site. The two reservoirs were built in 1892 and 1916 for town water.

The start of the Reservoir Walk is at a small roadside carpark 1.7 km from the centre of Bright on Bakers Gully Road. Park on the side of the road at the large interpretative signage on the



left. Then follow the established track around either one or two bodies of water (Lower Loop 800 m, Upper Loop an additional 900 m). The Upper Loop takes you along an elevated slope with beautiful views and stunning pine trunks.

The walk follows an established track. In the wetter months the track can be slippery and always be aware of snakes and spiders. Bikes are not allowed on the tracks though dogs are able to be walked as long as they are on leads.







Clear Spot Lookout



MANAGED BY DELWP

Clear Spot Lookout

Name: Clear Spot Lookout (parking at Lookout)

Known for: Easterly view over Bright

Location: Demon Ridge Track, 11.4 km west of Bright

GPS: -36.757528, 146.935860

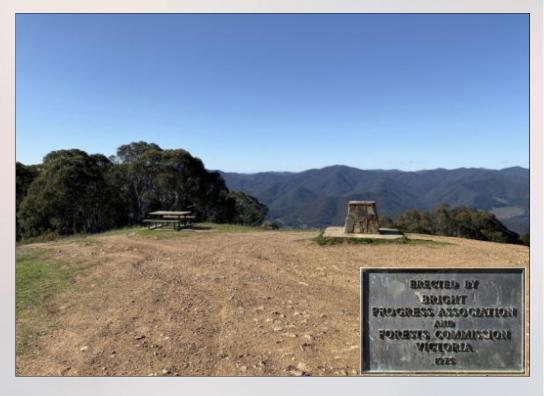
Facilities: Picnic table

Notes: Clear Spot Road is accessible via 2WD in drier months



Clear Spot Lookout offers easterly views over Bright township and the surrounding ranges. It has an elevation of 1001 m which means it receives snow in the cooler months. The road to the Lookout is slippery in wetter conditions.

The Lookout also offers views to the north, though these views are largely obscured by trees. The road to this Lookout is very popular with mountain bike riders, so always be aware of their possible presence, especially on tight bends.



To drive to the Lookout, travel up Bakers Gully Road for 2.6 km from the roundabout at Railway Avenue in Bright. Then turn right into the gravel Clear Spot Road. Continue for 7.8 km to the intersection with Demon Ridge Track. Turn left and continue for a further 1 km to the Lookout. There is a cleared area just past the communications tower with a picnic table and rock cairn supporting the below pictured directions disk. This site is especially beautiful at dawn.







Murray to Mountains Rail Trail



MANAGED BY ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL & RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA

Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

Name: Murray to Mountains Rail Trail (Mountain section)

Known for: Sealed rail trail

Location: Start from Wangaratta Bridge or the Bright Museum

GPS: -36.730252, 146.959090

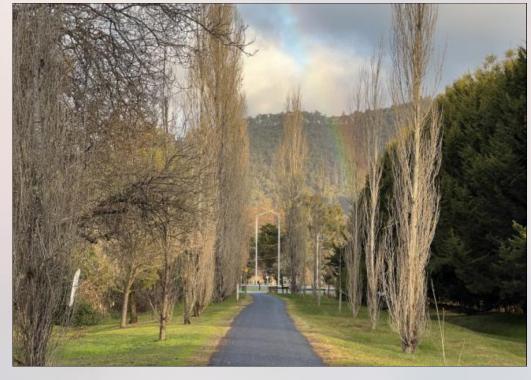
Facilities: Toilet stops along the trail. See website for details

Notes: Bright to Wangaratta is a 82 km stretch



The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail is a fully sealed rail trail that is considered one of the best in Australia. The trail takes the rider through northeast Victoria and to beautiful countryside, valleys, and bushland as well as giving them views of some of the more significant mountain views in North Central Victoria.

While you can ride directly between Wangaratta (near the main bridge) and Bright (near the Bright Museum), you can also include the historic township of



Beechworth in your rail trail adventure by including the Beechworth Branch Line Rail Trail. Many riders choose to stay overnight at Beechworth and then complete the ride to their destination the following day. Some break the trip into three sections by staying a night at Murchison.

Talk to the Bright or Wangaratta Visitor Information Centres for information about shuttle operators and bike hire companies along the route. Bike hire can include e-Bike options for those who need a little extra help in completing the journey.







BRIGHT TO HARRIETVILLE

Great Valley Trail



Great Valley Trail

Name: Great Valley Trail

Known for: Sealed walking trail up a beautiful valley

Location: Start at the Bright Museum GPS: -36.730252, 146.959090

Facilities: None

Notes: Bright to Harrietville is a 26 km stretch



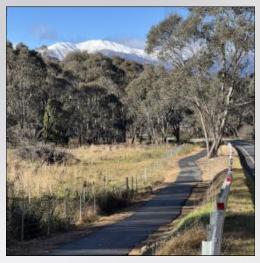
The Great Valley Trail is a sealed trail from Bright to Harrietville that was finished in 2022. The trail takes you up the extremely picturesque Ovens River Valley. Views of the mountains make the trail compelling, especially when they are covered in snow.

The trail is of excellent condition and ends at the Harrietville Day Visitor Area where there are picnic tables and toilets. This is also the start of some local walks including a short walk to the historic Tronoh Dredge Hole and Joop's Jetty. There are

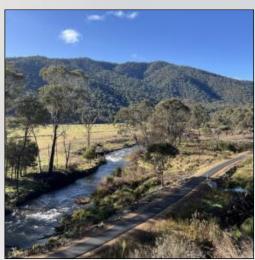


numerous dining experiences at Harrietville as well as accommodation opportunities that include: <u>Harrietville Hotel Motel</u>, <u>Harrietville Caravan Park</u> and numerous bed and breakfast locations and retreats. Harrietville is also the gateway to Mount Hotham.

Talk to the Bright Visitor Information Centre for information about shuttle operators and bike hire companies who may operate along the trail. Bike hire can include e-Bike options for those who need a little extra help in completing the journey.







Harrietville Day Visitor Area



Harrietville Day Visitor Area

Name: Harrietville Day Visitor Area

Known for: Historic displays, Day Visitor Area and walk trail head

Location: Pioneer Park, Harrietville, 22 km from Bright

GPS: -36.889933, 147.064549

Facilities: Toilet, interpretive signage, picnic tables, historic displays

Notes: This site serves as the trailhead to short and long hikes



Harrietville is a small town at the base of Mount Hotham on the Great Alpine Road. It was established as a gold mining settlement and the first Post Office opening in 1865. Today it has a population of just under 400 people and is a popular tourist spot.

Pioneer Park is a well featured Day Visitor Area and includes historic displays that remind us of early settlement. Picnic tables positioned in exquisite parkland are located along both sides of the river and are well positioned close to the river.



Travel to Harrietville, then turn left into Pioneer Park directly after crossing the Ovens River East Branch. This is also the trailhead for the picturesque 1.6 km long Riverside Walk Track. The track is or easy grade and takes around 45 minutes at a casual pace. You can also cross the bridge at the Day Visitor Area and walk to the historic Joop's Jetty and Day Visitor Area, located at the former Tronoh Dredge Hole. From Joop's there is a short 1 km Dredge Hole Loop walk. Longer walks to Diamantina Springs, Mt Hotham and Mt Feathertop commence at Pioneer Park.







Tronoh Dredge Hole



MANAGED BY DELWP

Tronoh Dredge Hole

Name: Joop's Jetty at Tronoh Dredge Hole Historic Site

Known for: Views, history, Day Visitor Area,

Location: Dredge Hole, Harrietville GPS: -36.895930, 147.069652

Facilities: Carpark, picnic tables, Wood BBQ, toilet

Notes: A short walk around the lake is of medium grade



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Joop's Jetty is within the reclaimed site of a huge dredge hole cut by the Tronoh Dredge in the 1900s. It operated between 1942 and 1954 and employed 60 people and brought electricity to the area. The site is now a popular Day Visitor Area.



Travel to Harrietville, then turn left into Feathertop Track (just before the bridge at the Harrietville Day Visitor Area). Travel for 500 metres and then turn right at the bend onto the gravel road. Travel 400 m through the pines and park in the carpark area just past the toilet block. The dirt road is slippery when wet. The lake is deep and the water cold, so always take extreme care if swimming and be aware of children around water at all times. The walk around the lake takes 15 minutes at a casual rate and is very picturesque.







Buckland River Bridge



Buckland River Bridge

Name: Buckland River Bridge Day Visitor Area

Known for: Day Visitor Area and historic bridge beside new bridge

Location: Buckland Valley Road, 21 km from Bright

GPS: -36.794899, 146.848691

Facilities: Picnic table, interpretive signage

Notes: No camping, but camping is available further up the Valley



The Buckland Bridge Day Visitor Area is a visitor site located beside the gorgeous Buckland River. It offers excellent views, natural bush setting, interpretative signage, picnic tables and easy access via the fully sealed Buckland Valley Road.

The historic signage at this site is excellent and helps the visitor better understand the significant history associated with the site and area.

Of significant note is the historic Buckland Bridge, built circa 1929 by a local miner



and an unknown bridge builder. The bridge replaced a wooden bridge located further downstream, and was built with four long steel girders sourced from abandoned gold dredges. Three of the dredges had operated in the Buckland Valley (*Barwidgee*, *Buckland River* and the old *Buckland River*). The girders held buckets, and large chains pulled these buckets through wet soil, before passing it onto the gold processing plant at the rear of the dredge. Here bulk amounts of gold were successfully extracted. Gold dredges once operated throughout Victoria. This area is also known for the <u>Buckland Riot</u>, where on 4 July 1857 Chinese miners were oppressed and murdered,







Sinclair's Waterhole



MANAGED BY ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL

Sinclair's Waterhole

Name: Sinclair's Waterhole on Buckland River

Known for: Beautiful water scene

Location: Rockpool Lane, 11 km from Bright

GPS: -36.721733, 146.881320

Facilities: Carpark

Notes: Always monitor children and do not swim at this waterhole



Sinclair's Waterhole on the Buckland River is a short 11 minute drive from Bright and offers the visitor or photographer a beautiful natural water scene. The site is best after soaking rain when the river is running well. However it is still very picturesque with less than optimal flows.

Children must be supervised at this site at all times. Rocks are slippery and uneven and so it is recommended that you do not get close to the edge. Do not dive into the water as the river is shallow



and obstacles such as branches can be carried into the hole and be concealed by rough water disturbing the surface. Finally the currents at the site are strong and present a clear danger.

From Bright, travel along the Great Alpine Road to the main roundabout at Porepunkah and turn left into Buckland Valley Road. Continue for 3.6 km and turn left into Harris Lane. Travel 800 m and turn right into Rockpool Lane. Travel for 150 m to the carpark. Exit your vehicle and walk onto the river rocks via a small track. Always let someone know of your travel plans.







Mount Porepunkah Lookout



MANAGED BY DELWP

Mount Porepunkah Lookout

Name: Mount Porepunkah Lookout (parking at site)

Known for: Day Visitor Area and historic bridge beside new bridge

Location: Mount Porepunkah Road, 23.5 km from Bright

GPS: -36.657278, 146.962072

Facilities: Carpark

Notes: There is a large communications tower at this site



Porepunkah is a small town 10 km northeast of Bright, located where the Great Alpine Road. crosses the Ovens River. The town has a population of around 1000 people and is known for its excellent riverside parkland and water activities in the Ovens River. It is the closest modern town to the 1857 Buckland Riot site.

The Lookout's elevation is 1180 m and at the large communications towers on Mount Porepunkah, northeast of the town of Porepunkah.



Travel to Porepunkah and turn right into One Mile Creek Road. Follow this road for 13.7 km to the intersection of an unnamed road to the right. Travel this road 900 m to the Mount Porepunkah summit and Lookout. There are no facilities at the site, but the view is excellent on a clear day. The road to Mount Porepunkah Lookout is of good grade gravel and accessible via 2WD. Be aware of logging trucks on the road as this area is heavily logged. You can also access Mount Porepunkah Lookout via Mount Porepunkah Road which begins at Quins Gap just below Apex







Lake Buffalo



Lake Buffalo

Name: <u>Lake Buffalo</u> (parking at site)

Known for: Water sports, swimming, picnic areas, scenic beauty

Location: Buffalo River Road, 52 km from Bright

GPS: -36.714064, 146.660333

Facilities: Day Visitor Area, picnic tables, toilets, Shady trees **Notes:** Certain water sports are permitted (refer website)



Myrtleford is a small town 31 km northwest of Bright, on the Great Alpine Road and the Ovens River. The town has a population of just over 3,200 people and is known as a tourist town – being on the way to Bright, Mount Beauty and the snowfields of Mount Hotham, Falls Creek and Mount Buffalo. Originally known as Myrtle Creek, the first post office opened in 1858, during the goldrush.

Lake Buffalo is an irrigation dam at the confluence of the east and west arms of the Buffalo River and within the



Murray-Darling Basin catchment area. It flows into the Ovens River just west of Myrtleford.

Travel to Myrtleford and turn west into Buffalo River Road at the roundabout (intersection with the Great Alpine Road). Continue to 22 km to Lake Buffalo. You can enjoy the Day Visitor Area on the left (before crossing the dam wall) or continue over the dam wall to the second large Day Visitor Area. The boat ramp is located at the first Day Visitor Area.







Myrtleford Phoenix Tree



MANAGED BY DELWP

Myrtleford Phoenix Tree

Name: Myrtleford Phoenix Tree (parking at site)

Known for: Artistic tree root

Location: Great Alpine Road, 31 km from Bright

GPS: S36.557602, E146.718728

Facilities: Roadside parking on service road

Notes: Trunk has been damaged by white ants in the past



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The tree is located beside the Great Alpine Road on the northern entrance to town. The fashioning of the tree



base into its current artistic form was conducted by sculptor Hans Knorr and was unveiled on 15 April 1986 by then Chairman of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) Dr. NK Boardman F.A.A F.R.S. The CSIRO is Australia's foremost National science agency.

Travel to Myrtleford and park along the service road. The tree is located on the grassed medium strip between the main road and the service road.







BEECHWORTH

BEECHWORTH WOOLSHED FALLS

BEECHWORTH SPRING CREEK

BEECHWORTH HISTORIC BUILDINGS

BEECHWORTH POWDER MAGAZINE

LAKE SAMBELL CIRCUIT WALK

NEWTOWN BRIDGE AND FALLS

MURMUNGEE LOOKOUT

ELDORADO HISTORIC DREDGE

BARRY FALLS

STANLEY BARGE DAM & NATURE WALK

STANLEY MAGIC FOREST

NEAR BEECHWORTH

Woolshed Falls



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Woolshed Falls

Name: Woolshed Falls (parking at site)

Known for: Large waterfall and ability to walk over sedimentary rocks

Location: Gorge Road, Beechworth, 67 km north of Bright

GPS: -36.318674, 146.668516

Facilities: Picnic tables, toilet

Notes: Care needs to be taken with children near water

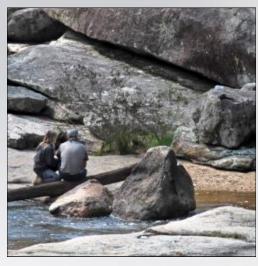


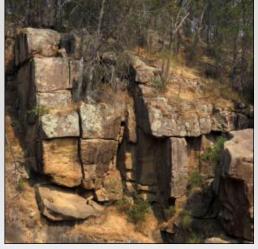
Beechworth is an historic town with old buildings, lovely gardens, and numerous tourist attractions, including tours of the historic jail and other historic buildings. The township is known for its beauty, which includes Lake Sambell, parkland and a small botanic garden. It is a 40 minute drive from Bright.

Woolshed Falls is a large series of cascades and falls near Beechworth. Views from the platform (right) are excellent and you can walk on the rocks above the Falls.



Travel to Beechworth, then continue north through Beechworth on the Beechworth-Chiltern Road for 3 km. Turn left into Beechworth-Wodonga Road and travel for 2 km to Mcfeeters Road on the left. Turn left and continue for 1 km to the entrance to Woolshed Falls on the right. Drive to the upper carpark for quick access to the viewing platform. The lower carpark is closest to the rock walk and historic granite water race, cut from rock during the gold rush to form the Spring Creek diversion which enabled gold to be extracted from the creek bed. Be careful around the water, keep to the tracks, and stay away from steep areas.







Spring Creek



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Spring Creek

Name: Spring Creek Walk or Beechworth Cascades

Known for: Large waterfall and ability to walk over sedimentary rocks

Location: Gorge Road, 62 km north of Bright

GPS: -36.348547, 146.677302

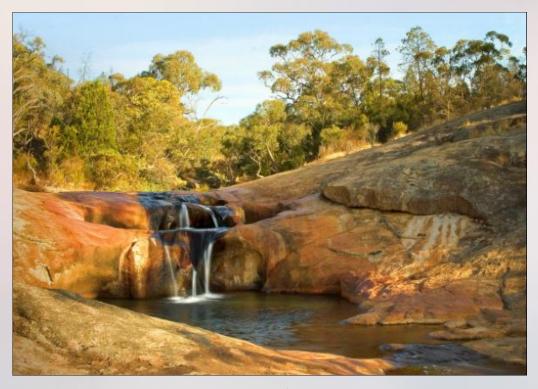
Facilities: Picnic tables, toilet

Notes: Always supervise children near water, slippery when wet

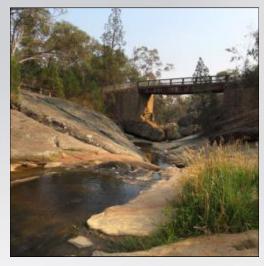


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Spring Creek, or Beechworth Cascades as it is also known, is a series of cascades near Beechworth. Views are from walking down to Spring Creek via a walking track.



Travel to Beechworth, then continue north through Beechworth from the main roundabout on Sydney Road for 1.7 km. Turn left into Gorge Road and travel for 2.2 km to the old sandstone bridge over Spring Creek. Park on the far side where there is limited parking, and walk down into the wide open creek valley using the basic bush track. This area is a favourite of photographers who also enjoy the late afternoon and evening light on the coloured and stained rock. The rocks are extremely slippery when wet and children should be supervised at all times around water. To leave the site, continue along Gorge Road until it takes you back to Beechworth.







BEECHWORTH TOWNSHIP

Beechworth Historic Buildings



MANAGED BY INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL (1300 365 003)

Beechworth Historic Buildings

Name: Beechworth Historic Building Precinct

Known for: Old buildings that can be inspected (Fees apply)

Location: Ford Street, 60 km north of Bright

GPS: -36.358688, 146.688047

Facilities: Opposite <u>Town Hall Gardens</u> with full facilities **Notes:** Inside fees apply. Pay at Visitor Centre opposite

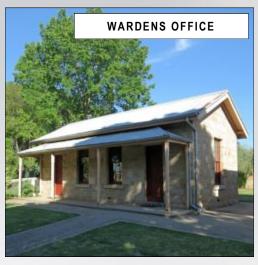


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The precinct was added to the National Heritage List in 2024 and includes the courthouse, wardens office, Chinese protectorate, gold office and telegraph office.



Travel to Beechworth where the historic buildings are found on Ford Street, one block north of the main shopping strip and opposite the <u>Beechworth Visitor Information Centre</u> and the Town Hall Gardens. Buildings can be inspected from the outside at all times, but fees apply for inside inspections. Tickets can be purchased at the Information Centre, found in the Historic Town Hall. Paid tours include the Ned Kelly Guided Walking Tour and the Echoes of History Guided Walking Tour, and tickets to the Beechworth Burke Museum can also be purchased. Information on the historic <u>Beechworth Gaol</u> tour can also be sourced here (tickets are sold at the gaol cafe).







Beechworth Powder Magazine



Beechworth Powder Magazine

Name: Beechworth Powder Magazine

Known for: One of just a few powder magazines left in Victoria

Location: Gorge Road, 59 km north of Bright

GPS: -36.355301, 146.678961

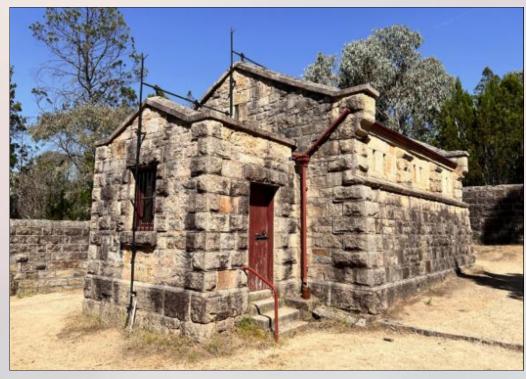
Facilities: Carpark, interpretative signage

Notes: Carpark



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The Powder Magazine was built in 1860 to store gunpowder for gold miners and is just a few minutes drive from the Beechworth Historic Building precinct. It remains one of only a handful



of restored powder magazines left in Victoria. Made of granite, the building was fitted with copper fittings and a lightning rod fitted to ensure safety. If an explosion was to occur, the design of the building would ensure the force of the blast was forced upwards and away from surrounding structures and the township. The magazine closed in 1918 and was restored in 1966.

From the roundabout in Beechworth, travel north along Beechworth-Wadonga Road for 1.6 km and turn left into Gorge Road. Travel for 1.3 km and park in the Powder Magazine Carpark.







Lake Sambell Circuit Walk



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Lake Sambell Circuit Walk

Name: Lake Sambell Walk

Known for: Circuit walk around a beautiful lake

Location: Lake Sambell Reserve, 49 km north of Bright

GPS: -36.358614, 146.694291

Facilities: Carpark, toilets, undercover picnic tables, chairs

Notes: Includes outside fitness equipment



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The Lake Sambell Walk is a 2.4 km medium grade walk around a stunningly beautiful lake inside Beechworth. The walk takes you past a children's playground, day visitor area with undercover



tables, a fitness equipment area, a large number of bench seats with outstanding views, wildflowers, an old pier, some unique area of erosion that is unique and areas of wildflowers.

From the roundabout in Beechworth, travel south east along Albert Street for 500 m and turn left into McConville Road. Drive until you find a parking bay. Walk clockwise or anticlockwise around the lake following the good-grade walking path. Always be aware of snakes and spiders and ensure children are supervised at all times. Carry water on hot days.







Newtown Bridge & Falls



Managed by Indigo Shire Council (1300 365 003)

Newtown Bridge & Falls

Name: Spring Creek Lookout (Bridge and Falls viewing platform)

Known for: View of Newtown Falls and historic bridge **Location:** Gorge Road, Beechworth, 58 km from Bright

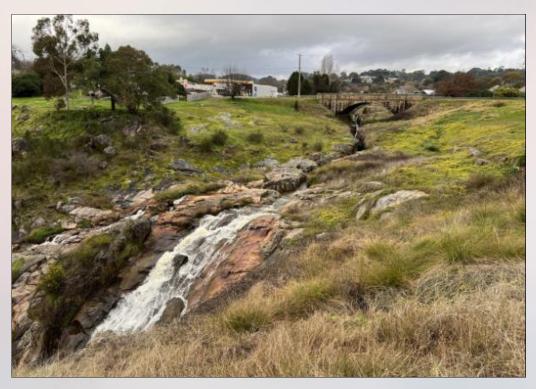
GPS: -36.365309, 146.680968 Facilities: Interpretative signage

Notes: The viewing area is just below the road

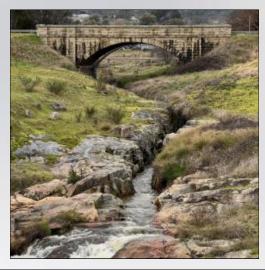


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The Newtown Bridge and Newtown Falls is best viewed from the Spring Creek Lookout, 100 m down Gorge Road which intersects with the main road 50 m south of the bridge.



From the roundabout in Beechworth, travel southwest along Ford Street for 900 m and turn right into Gorge Road. Drive a further 50 m to the lookout. Park on the roadside and walk down the stairs to the viewing platform. Carry water on hot days. Louis Chevalier, brother of highly significant Russian Colonial artist Nicholas Chevalier, built a timber sawmill beside Spring Creek in 1853. Mechanical power for the mill was produced by harnessing the flow of water down. Always be aware of snakes and spiders and ensure children are supervised at all times.







Murmungee Lookout



Managed by Indigo Shire Council (1300 365 003)

Murmungee Lookout

Name: Murmungee Lookout

Known for: Scenic view

Location: Lady Newton Drive, 54 km north of Bright, 9 km from Beechworth

GPS: -36.418785, 146.711831

Facilities: Carpark, picnic table, bench seat, interpretative signage

Notes: Gravel road



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The Historic Building precinct includes the sandstone Beechworth courthouse, wardens office, Chinese protectorate, gold office and the telegraph office.



Travel towards Beechworth on the Buckland Gap Road, then turn right into the 2WD compatible gravel Lady Newton Drive (8.7 km before reaching Beechworth). Travel 2 km to the Lookout on the right. There is ample parking for up to 10 vehicles. On the way in you may see the carved face on a burnt out tree. The view is excellent from this lookout and worthy of a visit when in the area. Camping is available nearby at Clarke's Corner Camping Area. To access the camping continue on Lady Newton Drive for a further 1.8 km and the camping area is on the left. Another carved tree can be seen at the entrance to the camping site.







Eldorado Dredge



Eldorado Dredge

Name: Cocks Eldorado Dredge (parking at site)

Known for: Historic gold mining dredge and lake

Location: Eldorado Historic Area, 75 km from Bright

GPS: -36.313918, 146.503262 Facilities: Carpark, interpretive signage

Notes: An excellent reminder of days past and the gold rush



Eldorado is a small picturesque town 75 km northeast of Bright, It has a population of around 300 people and was established as a town in the 1950s after a gold rush to the area.

The Eldorado Dredge is a popular tourism destination and showcases the remains of a large steel gold dredge. The dredge and its 110 digging buckets was used to dredge up over 30 million cubic metres of soil and rock from the river flats of Eldorado Plain looking for precious gold. When

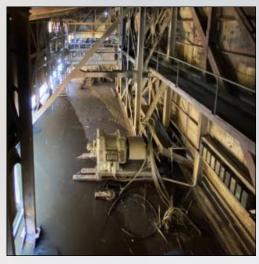


launched in 1936, it was the largest dredge of its kind in Australia, and northeast Victoria was the most highly dredged region in Australia. The upper Ovens was once home to over 50 dredges.

Travel to Eldorado and head northwest along Main Street (becomes Memorial Avenue) to Eldorado-Byawatha Road. Turn right and continue for 200 metres to the entrance of the Dredge circuit road and carpark area. The last section of the road is good grade gravel. There is a small area Access is free and available 24x7. Always supervise children around water.







Barry Falls



Managed by Indigo Shire Council (1300 365 003)

Barry Falls

Name: Barry Falls

Known for: Beautiful waterfall and walk

Location: Carpark: Warbler Track, Eldorado, 7.2 km from Eldorado **GPS:** -36.334384, 146.573622 (Carpark: -36.330670, 146.572495)

Facilities: Carpark, Interpretative signage

Notes: You can also climb to the top of the falls and upper falls



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Barry Falls is a popular tourism destination and is a surprisingly pretty waterfall after a soaking rain. Though flows can be disappointingly low in the warmer drier months. The walk to the falls is easy grade and extremely pretty. The walk to the top of the falls and upper falls area is of hard grade.



Travel to Eldorado and head east along Main Street (Woolshed Road) for 5.2 km. Turn right into Nieoffs Road. Travel for 230 m and turn right into Warbler Track. Continue for 280 m to the Barry Falls carpark. Then walk along the well-formed track for 1 km to the base of the Falls. From the base you can climb to the top of the Falls for the view, and enjoy a smaller pretty upper falls and cascades further up again. Always let someone know of your travel plans, supervise children around water, be aware of snakes and spiders, and ensure you wear appropriate clothing.







Stanley Barge Dam



Stanley Barge Dam

Name: Stanley Barge Dam and Nature Walk

Known for: Scenic lake

Location: Stanley, 55 km from Bright, 10 km from Beechworth

GPS: -36.406910, 146.754406

Facilities: Carpark, toilet, picnic table, interpretative signage

Notes: A nature walk takes you around the lake



Stanley is a small picturesque town 55 km north of Bright, 10 km from the historic township of Beechworth which has a population of just over 3000. The dam was constructed in 2007–08 and today serves as an excellent Day Visitor Area and short Nature walk and fishing hole.

Originally a gold mining town, it was formerly known as Snake Gully and Nine Mile Creek. During the gold mining days it is noteworthy how a disproportionate number of miners had Scottish heritage. Much of the mining efforts



centred around the wet sluicing technique which used large hoses to direct high pressure water into the rock and dirt to turn it to sludge which could be more easily processed for traces of gold. Sluicing was extremely destructive to the environment, leaving large scars on the land.

Travel to Stanley where the dam carpark is located on Myrtleford-Stanley Road. A track leads you around the lake and a large metal leaf sculpture is located halfway. Seating is provided at the sculpture. Fishing is allowed in season. Always supervise children around water.







STANLEY TOWNSHIP

The Magic Forest



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The Magic Forest

Name: The Magic Forest (200 m return, 5 minute medium grade)

Known for: California Redwood plantation

Location: Number One Road, Stanley, 59 km from Bright

GPS: -36.383011, 146.774383

Facilities: There are no facilities at this location **Notes:** An excellent location for photography



Stanley is a small picturesque town 55 km north of Bright, 10 km from the historic township of Beechworth. Stanley has a population of just over 300 people. The Stanley California Redwood plantation was established as a test coup and has shown they can be grown here.

The Magic Forest is just 4.5 km (8 minutes) northeast of Stanley in an area dominated by privately owned stands of pine. Access is via Number One Road. The drive to the site is via 2WD compatible gravel roads.



Drive north of Stanley on Stanley Road for 1 km and turn right into Europa Gully Road. Continue for 1 km and turn right into Chambeyron Road. Continue for 850 m and turn left into Number One Road. Continue for 1.5 km to the carpark. The large carpark area is actually the junction of Upper Nine Mile Road and Number One Road. Exit your vehicle and walk east up the narrow Number One Road around the road block. It is narrow, short and can be slippery when wet. It takes you through picturesque bushland before arriving at the redwood plantation on the right.







MT BUFFALO

THE CHALET AREA

ROLLASON FALLS

LADIES BATH FALLS

EUROBIN FALLS

LAKE CATANI AND CIRCUIT WALK

MONOLITH WALK

CHALWELL GALLERIES WALK

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MAHOMETS TOMB

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DICKSONS FALLS & NATURE WALK

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

The Chalet area



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

The Chalet Area

Name: <u>The Chalet Area</u>

Known for: Beautiful heritage building, views and picnic area **Location:** Mount Buffalo National Park, 36 km from Bright

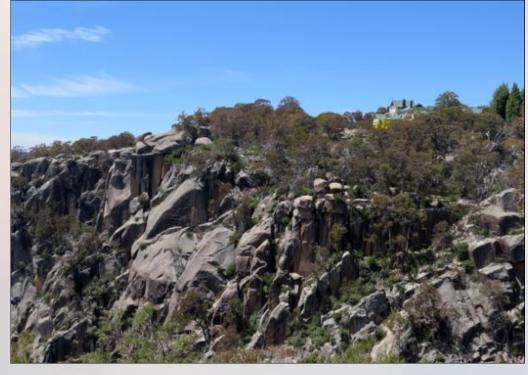
GPS: -36.722235, 146.822033 Facilities: Toilets, picnic tables

Notes: Chalet is currently closed for renovations, chains in winter



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The Chalet area is home to

the historic Chalet, which is currently closed and being renovated. The area offers a large carpark area, views from multiple Lookout platforms, a paragliding platform and acts as the trailhead to numerous walks. There are a number of picnic tables at the site as well as a sheltered picnic area with a large long table that is great for groups (below right). Walks that start at the Chalet include the walk to Lake Catani (which links to the Lake Catani Lake Walk and Chalwell Galleries walk), the Monolith walk, Reeds Lookout, and Crystal Brook Bridge and Falls.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Rollason Falls



MANAGED BY PARKS VICTORIA (131 963)

Rollasons Falls

Name: Rollasons Falls (4 km return, 1.5 hour)

Known for: Beautiful tiered waterfall with large rock pool at base **Location:** Mount Buffalo National Park, 23.3 km from Bright

GPS: -36.694083, 146.828487 Facilities: Carpark, toilets, picnic tables

Notes: 2 km hard grade walk to Upper Falls, chains in winter



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Rollasons Falls is one of the

best walks for natural beauty and photography. The meeting of granite and sedimentary rock make it informative for those interested in geology. The walk begins at the carpark. The track turns to hard grade near the Falls and care must be taken as paths are often positioned along steep faces and are slippery when wet. The top of the Falls is dangerous and care must be taken. The rock pool at the Lower Falls is recognised as a great place to swim in the warmer months, when flows are low. Check Parks website before travelling for closures.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Ladies Bath Falls



Ladies Bath Falls

Name: <u>Ladies Bath Falls</u> (1 km return, 30 minutes)

Known for: Beautiful waterfall with upper and lower viewing areas Location: Mount Buffalo National Park, 17.3 km from Bright

GPS: T'head:-36.716527, 146.840895, **Site:** -36.717456, 146.837333

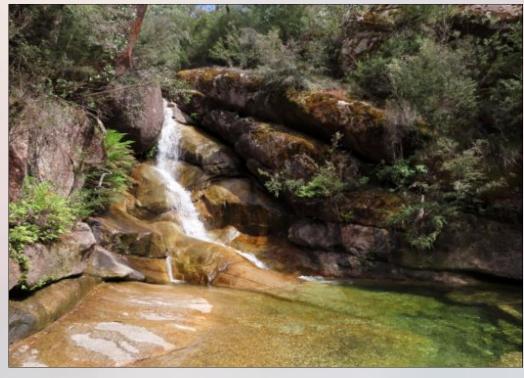
Facilities: Carpark

Notes: 1 km medium grade walk to Falls, no pets, chains in winter



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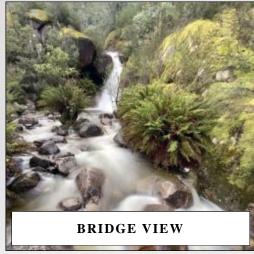
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Ladies Bath Falls and Pool is

part way along the well formed track to Eurobin Falls. Make sure to check with the Parks Victoria website before travelling, to ensure the attraction is open to the public and there are no time specific site notes.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Eurobin Falls



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Eurobin Falls

Name: <u>Eurobin Falls</u> (2 km return, 1 hour)

Known for: Beautiful waterfall with upper and lower viewing areas

Mount Puffelo National Bark, 17.3 km from Bright

Location: Mount Buffalo National Park, 17.3 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.716527, 146.840895, **Site:** -36.719614, 146.836721

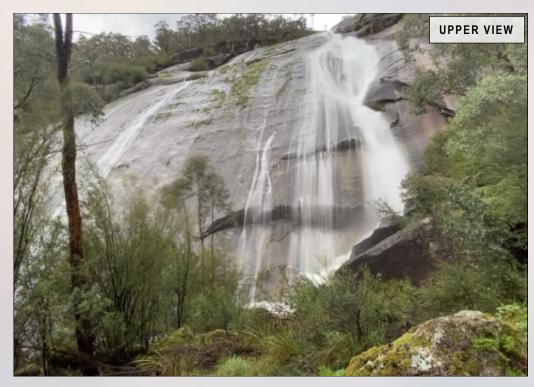
Facilities: Carpark

Notes: 2 km hard grade to Upper Falls, no pets, chains in winter



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Follow the track past Ladies

Bath pool and walk up to the lower Eurobin Falls viewing platform (150 m) and upper Eurobin Falls viewing platform (300 m). The walk from the lower to Upper Falls increases in steepness. Make sure to check with the Parks Victoria website before travelling, to ensure the attraction is open to the public and there are no time specific site notes.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Lake Catani Circuit



MANAGED BY PARKS VICTORIA (131 963)

Lake Catani Circuit

Name: <u>Lake Catani Walk</u> (3 km circuit, 2 hour easy grade)

Known for: Alpine lake nature walk

Location: Lake Catania, Mount Buffalo, 38 km from Bright

GPS: -36.733798, 146.811941

Facilities: Carpark, camping, toilet, BBQ and tables

Notes: Camping, Day Visitor Area, toilets, no pets, chains in winter



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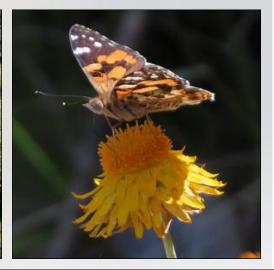


Lake Catani is a small alpine

man-made lake created in 1910 by workers building the Mount Buffalo Chalet for water storage. After construction, the lake quickly became an extremely popular tourist attraction. The Lake Catani walk is mostly on a well formed track and starts at the campground carpark, but can also be accessed from any point around the lake. You can also park at the Chalet and walk to the lake walk. The eastern 600 m section of the walk is on the main road with no pathway, so extreme caution must be taken. The walk has abundant wildflowers.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Monolith Walk



Managed by <u>Parks Victoria</u> (131 963)

Monolith Walk

Name: Monolith Walk (1.6 km return, 14 minute medium grade)

Known for: Alpine nature walk with granite boulders

the rock and then using a wire rope ladder to climb to the top.

Location: Trailhead at Parks Office, Mt Buffalo, 34.5 km from Bright GPS: T'head: -36,725696, 146,803797, Site: -36,727384, 146,807470

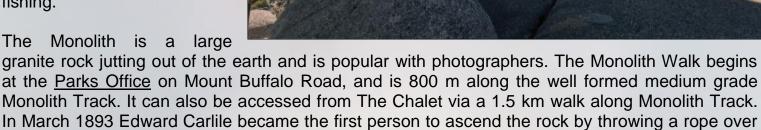
Facilities: Carpark

Notes: Camping at Lake Catani, no pets, chains in winter



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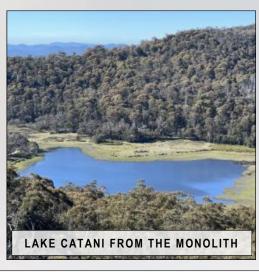
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MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Chalwell Galleries Walk



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Chalwell Galleries Walk

Name: Chalwell Galleries (1.7 km circuit, 1.5 hour hard grade)

Known for: Alpine nature walk with climbing over and around boulders

Location: Trailhead at Lake Catani Campground, 36.5 km from Bright

GPS: Trail head: -36.736189, 146.812256

Facilities: Carpark

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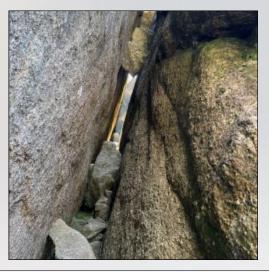


Chalwell Galleries Walk is a

1.7 km circuit that begins at Lake Catani Camping Ground and involves scrambling through and down large granite rocks and along a trail that takes you through beautiful snow gums and pristine alpine bushland. The climbing section of the walk requires moving through a very restricted area (bottom right) while descending a steep grade. It is not suitable for those who struggle with heights, confined spaces or rock climbing. Ensure you have hiking shoes and suitable clothing.







Cathedral-Hump Walk



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Cathedral-Hump Walk

Name: Cathedral Hump Track (2 km return, 1.5 hour hard grade)

Known for: Alpine nature walk with granite boulders

Location: Trailhead at Cathedral Saddle, 41 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.755532, 146.790613, **Site**: -36.755997, 146.788776

Facilities: Toilet, Interpretive signage

Notes: Camping at Lake Catani, toilet, no pets, chains in winter



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The Cathedral-Hump Walk is

a 1 km walk to the <u>Hump Lookout</u>, where you get spectacular views of the <u>Cathedral</u>, a huge and imposing granite rock formation. The track takes you past large granite rocks and along a formed trail that takes you through beautiful snow gums. The walk begins at the Cathedral Picnic Area (1540 m), located midway between Lake Catani and The Horn. The walk is of hard grade and keep to the track at all times due to the many dangers and unguarded cliffs. The Cathedral is of high risk and access is suitable for rock climbers only.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Mahomets Tomb



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Mahomets Tomb

Name: Mahomets Tomb (1.8 km return, 1 hour medium grade)
Known for: Alpine nature walk with walk through granite boulders
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Location: Trailhead at Cathedral Saddle, 41 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.755532, 146.790613, **Site:** -36.752079, 146.797093

Facilities: Toilet, Interpretive signage

Notes: Camping at Lake Catani, toilet, no pets, chains in winter



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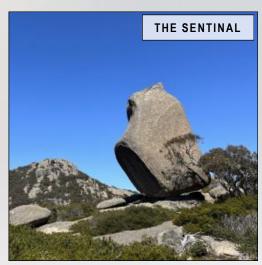


The walk to Mahomets Tomb

is a 900 m walk through beautiful snowgums and grasslands. The track also offers branches to <u>The Sentinel</u>, The Castle and Corral Peak. The walk begins at the Cathedral Picnic Area (1540 m), located midway between Lake Catani and The Horn. Note that moving amongst the huge granite boulders at the site is tight. This is one of the more scenic walks on the mountain thanks to the snowgums, boulders and views. The Sentinel offers good shade and views. The lesser spectacular Castle and Corral Peak do have very scenic walks.







MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

The Horn Walk



Managed by <u>Parks Victoria</u> (131 963)

The Horn Walk

Name: The Horn Lookout Walk (1 km return, 40 min hard grade)

Known for: Highest point on Mount Buffalo

Location: Trailhead at The Horn carpark, 45 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.776262, 146.764449, **Site**: -36.776228, 146.767528

Facilities: Carpark, picnic tables

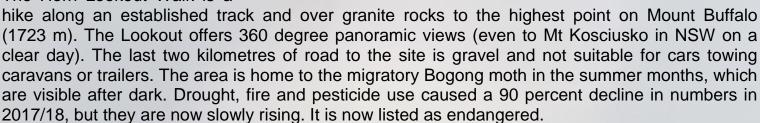
Notes: No pets, chains in winter, vehicle access restricted in winter



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The Horn Lookout Walk is a









Crystal Brook



Crystal Brook

Name: Crystal Brook (500 m return, 10 min easy grade)

Known for: Alpine nature walk, bridge, Lookout and waterfall view **Location:** Trailhead 800 m before Chalet, 35 km from Bright

GPS: Bridge: -36.719968, 146.817416, Lookout: -36.718416, 146.821399

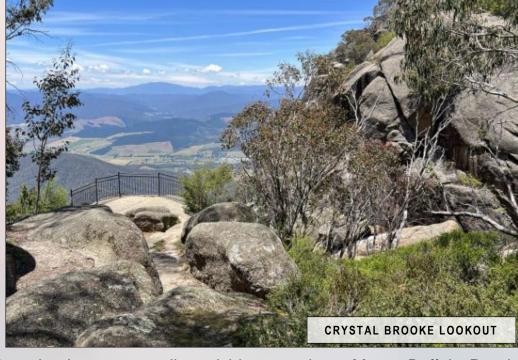
Facilities: Interpretive signage

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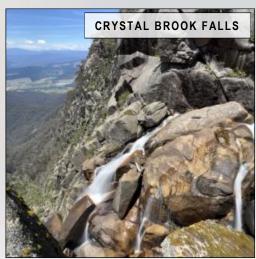


The walk to Crystal Brook

Bridge and Crystal Brook Lookout begins at a <u>small roadside carpark</u> on Mount Buffalo Road, 800 m before the Chalet Day Visitor Area. The walk to the Crystal Brook Bridge is 100 metres. This site is where an historic photograph was taken by world renowned Australian photographer NJ Caire over 100 years ago. Interpretive signage informs the visitor of this history. It is then a further 150 m to the Crystal Brook Falls Lookout. From there you can continue a short walk to Pulpit Rock Lookout and then a little further to Wilkinsons Lookout.







Pulpit Rock Lookout



Pulpit Rock Lookout

Name: Pulpit Rock Lookout (3.2 km return, 45 min medium grade)

Known for: Alpine nature walk and Lookout

Location: Trailhead 800 m before Chalet, 35 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.720416, 146.816560, Lookout: -36.719021, 146.819194

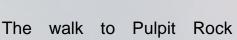
Facilities: Interpretive signage

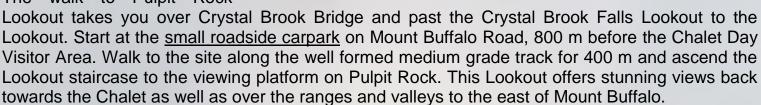
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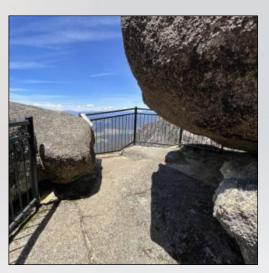
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Wilkinsons Lookout



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Wilkinsons Lookout

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Known for: Alpine nature walk and Lookout

Location: Trailhead 800 m before Chalet, 35 km from Bright

GPS: T'head: -36.720416, 146.816560, Lookout: -36.718416, 146.821399

Facilities: Interpretive signage

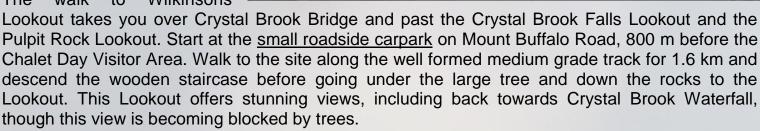
Notes: No pets, chains in winter, vehicle access restricted in winter



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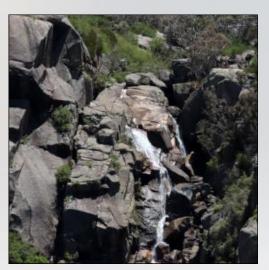
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The walk to Wilkinsons









WILKINSONS LOOKOUT

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Buffalo Reservoir Dam



Managed by <u>Parks Victoria</u> (131 963)

Buffalo Reservoir Dam

Name: Buffalo Reservoir Dam (300 m return, 1 minute easy grade)

Known for: Small alpine dam wall

Location: Mount Buffalo, 33 km from Bright

GPS: -36.729765, 146.774274

Facilities: Picnic table, Interpretive signage

Notes: Short 150 walk to dam wall on easy grade track



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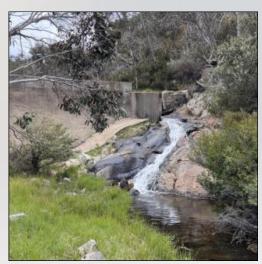


The Buffalo Reservoir Dam is

located 3.4 km along Reservoir Road which commences at Mount Buffalo Road between the VicRoads Patrol Depot and the Parks Victoria Office. Reservoir Road is a 2WD compatible gravel road. The gate at the start of the road is closed in the cooler months, though you can walk or ride the track which is of easy grade and has minor gradients only. The carpark is large and includes a picnic table. The carpark is also a trailhead for walks to Mt Dunn (1.7 km), Macs Point (3.5 km) and Mollisons Galleries (8 km). The track to the site takes you through picturesque snow gums and the area abounds with flora and fauna.







Dicksons Falls & Nature Walk



MANAGED BY PARKS VICTORIA (131 963)

Dicksons Falls & Nature Walk

Name: Dicksons Falls (3.5 km return, 40 minute medium grade)

Known for: Small waterfall and lovely Nature Walk

Location: Mount Buffalo, 40 km from Bright

GPS: Trail head: -36.763608, 146.787344, Falls: -36.775193, 146.795108

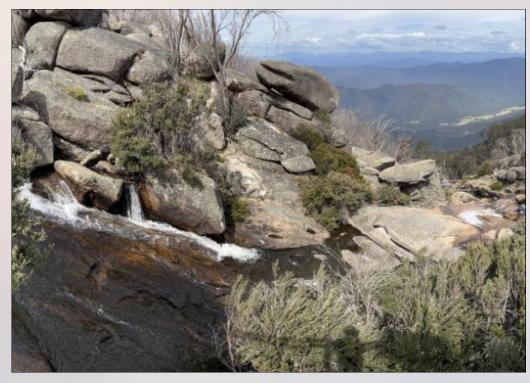
Facilities: Interpretive signage

Notes: The walk is extremely picturesque



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The Dickson Falls Waterfall is a small waterfall found 1.75 km along Nature Walking Track which is off Mount Buffalo Road at Cresta Valley. The walk is of medium grade, includes numerous boardwalks over boggy areas and is extremely picturesque. In spring and early summer the area is alive with wildflowers and the clear crystal brook that runs through part of the walk contains medium sized fish. The waterfall is beautiful though is best viewed after soaking rain to ensure it is running at its best. A viewing platform provides for views of the Falls as well as stunning alpine views.







FALLS / HOTHAM

MOUNT BEAUTY

MOUNT BEAUTY TAWONGA GAP LOOKOUT

MOUNT BEAUTY SULLIVANS LOOKOUT

MOUNT BEAUTY CANYON WALK

MOUNT BEAUTY PEBBLE BEACH WALK

FALLS CREEK

LAKE GUY NATURE WALK

CLOVER ARBORETUM

FAINTER FALLS

WALLACE HUT

COPE HUT

MOUNT HOTHAM

JB PLAINS HUT

CARMICHAEL FALLS

Tawonga Gap Lookout



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Tawonga Gap Lookout

Name: Mount Beauty Tawonga Gap Lookout

Known for: Excellent view of Mount Beauty and Great Dividing Range

Location: Tawonga Gap Road, Mount Beauty

GPS: -36.7120377, 147.120271

Facilities: Large carpark and viewing platform, picnic tables **Notes:** This is seven minutes drive from Mount Beauty



Mount Beauty is a small township originally built by the State Electricity Commission. It is on the upper reaches of the Kiewa River, has a population of just over 900 people and is a stopping point on the way to Falls Creek.

Tawonga Gap Lookout is located within the Tawonga Gap Scenic Reserve at an elevation of 895 m. It offers stunning views of the Kiewa Valley, Mount Beauty township, the Great Dividing Range and Mount Bogong (Victoria's highest mountain at 1986 m).



From Bright, travel along the Great Alpine Road towards Mount Hotham for 5.5 km and turn left onto Tawonga Gap Road. Travel a further 17.9 km to Tawonga Gap Lookout on the left. The lookout is 12.5 km before the picturesque township of Mount Beauty. <u>Sullivans Lookout</u> is located 1.5 km (2 minutes drive) towards Mount Beauty and offers a slightly lower viewing angle and elevation and is well worth stopping at as well. Views from both lookouts are stunning all-year-round, though are especially picturesque during the winter months.







MOUNT BEAUTY

Sullivans Lookout



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Sullivans Lookout

Name: Mount Beauty Tawonga Gap Lookout

Known for: Excellent view of Mount Beauty and Great Dividing Range

Location: Tawonga Gap Road, Mount Beauty

GPS: -36.7179698, 147.131872

Facilities: Large carpark and viewing area

Notes: This is six minutes drive from Mount Beauty



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Sullivans Lookout is located within the Tawonga Gap Scenic Reserve at an elevation of 790 m. It offers stunning views of the Kiewa Valley, Mount Beauty township, the Great Dividing Range and Mount Bogong (Victoria's highest mountain at 1986 m).



From Bright, travel along the Great Alpine Road towards Mount Hotham for 5.5 km and turn left onto Tawonga Gap Road. Travel a further 19.3 km to Sullivans Lookout on the left. The lookout is 11 km before the picturesque township of Mount Beauty. Views from both lookouts are stunning all -year-round, though are especially picturesque during the winter months. <u>Lawler Spring</u> is 1 km further towards Mount Beauty and <u>Tawonga Gap Lookout</u> is located 1.5 km (2 minutes drive) further towards Bright and has a higher viewing angle and perspective.







Mount Beauty Canyon Walk



MANAGED BY PARKS VICTORIA (131 963)

Mount Beauty Canyon Walk

Name: Mount Beauty Canyon Walk (4 km return, 1 hr hard grade)

Known for: Beautiful walk up the river in summer to the canyon

Location: Mount Beauty

GPS: T'head: -36.743790, 147.164230, **Site**: -36.752828, 147.179856

Facilities: Picnic table half way to the canyon

Notes: Hard grade as requires rock hopping/wading in the river



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The Canyon is a picturesque spot on the Kiewa River.

Drive down the old sealed road opposite the Mount Beauty Visitor Information Centre to the river. Park in the gravel carpark and walk the track around the gate and upstream. Continue over the



swing bridge and follow the signed track. The walk is rewarding and a swim in the clear waters of the canyon offer the hiker a cool and refreshing reward on a hot day. Late afternoon is often considered the preferred time to visit the canyon, as light streams up the river and illuminates the canyon. This hike is strictly for competent hikers, as walking, wading and jumping over rocks in the river with wet feet is dangerous. The walk can only be attempted when the river is at its lowest point in the summer months, otherwise the river flows too high and fast and is too cold. Seek direction and advice about river conditions at the Information Centre before attempting this walk.







Pebble Beach Walk



MANAGED BY ALPINE SHIRE (03 5755 0555)

Pebble Beach Walk

Name: Pebble Beach Walk Loop (2.5 km, 30 minutes easy grade)

Known for: Beautiful and easy walk along the West Kiewa River

Location: Mount Beauty

GPS: T'head: -36.734873, 147.162475, **Site**: -36.726652, 147.160328

Facilities: Carpark, bench seats

Notes: The path is of excellent grade



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Today the West Kiewa River is used by AGL to generate clean energy. The Kiewa Hydro Electric Scheme was built between 1938–61 and continues to run to this day.

Pebble Beach is on a bend of the river and was a popular swimming hole previously



known as Corner Pool. It was renamed Pebble Beach in 1992 when it became a tourist walk. It is now a recognised unique site to visit and take some time out. The walk commences from the Pebble Beach Carpark which is located at the northern end of Mount Beauty Pondage on Embankment Drive. The carpark is well established and can accommodate a large number of vehicles. Interpretative signage provides information about the walk and seating is available. The loop walk is sealed and the elevation is flat making this a great walk for all ages.







Lake Guy Walk



MANAGED BY AGL ENERGY (131 245)

Lake Guy Walk

Name: Lake Guy (2 km return, 1 hour medium grade)

Known for: Beautiful lakeside picnic area

Location: Lake View Cres, Bogong Village, 43 km from Bright

GPS: -36.802591, 147.224554

Facilities: Picnic tables, toilet

Notes: A lake, Day Visitor Area and walk open at all times



Bogong Village is an alpine village halfway between Mount Beauty and Falls Creek in the Alpine National Park. It was originally built for workers on the Kiewa Hydro Electric Scheme and today offers accommodation for those wishing to visit the mountain.

Lake Guy is a man-made reservoir at the bottom of the Village and has a picturesque Day Visitor Area and Lake Walk that once included the unique ability for the visitor to walk through the inside of the dam wall.



Lake Guy is 15.5 km from Mount Beauty, 16.5 km before Bogong Village and 2.6 km from the <u>Fainter Falls Carpark</u>. Park at the Day Visitor Area near the toilets and general store. The circuit walk was closed at the dam wall in 2021, so the walk is now a 1.2 km partial walk around the lake. Start by heading south (upstream), cross over two bridges (Rocky Valley Stream and the Pretty Valley Stream) and then head north along the east side of the lake to the dam wall. Then return the same way. This walk is beautiful and highly recommended.







FALLS CREEK

Clover Arboretum



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Clover Arboretum

Name: Clover Arboretum (parking at site, easy grade)

Known for: Beautiful open area and gardens

Location: Bogong High Plains Road, on way up to Falls Creek

GPS: -36.788846, 147.216086

Facilities: Interpretive signage, seats (39 km from Bright)

Notes: A small but impressive arboretum in an unexpected spot



Falls Creek is an Alpine Resort situated on Falls Creek (mountain) in the Alpine National Park. It is 33 km east of Bright.

The mountain has elevation of 1780 m and is popular in summer months for its alpine huts, bush walking, photography, nature studies, camping and more. In winter it is popular as a snow resort (snow chains must carried). The large Rocky Valley Lake supplies ample water for snow-making machines in winter.



Clover Arboretum is 11.5 km from the township of Mount Beauty, 3.3 km before the Bogong Village main entrance and 5 km from the <u>Fainter Falls Carpark</u> when heading up the mountain. Limited parking is available at the site. The gardens are open all day and are especially green and lush in the wetter months. The site was proclaimed an Arboretum in 1973 when the SEC (State Electricity Commission) was privatised. It is on land previously occupied by workers' dwellings which were removed in the 1950s due to structural dampness issues. It is a lovely place to stop at and have a rest. The moss/lichen covered rocks and unique wooden seats are photographic.







FALLS CREEK

Fainter Falls



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Fainter Falls

Name: Fainter Falls (2.8 km return, 1 hour medium grade)

Known for: Beautiful waterfall with river views on the walk Location: Bogong High Plains Road, 44.5 km from Bright

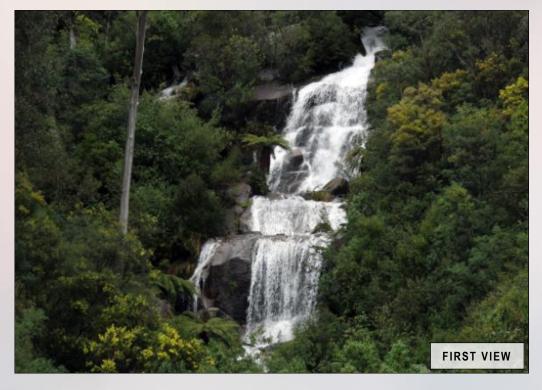
GPS: -36.821428, 147.223403 Facilities: Interpretive signage

Notes: Enjoy the river view and two waterfall viewing areas



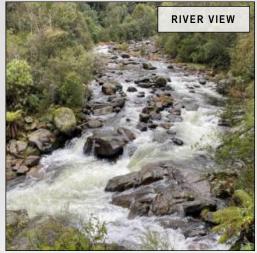
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Fainter Falls is 16.5 km from the township of Mount Beauty and 1.7 km before the Bogong Village main entrance. The <u>Fainter Falls Carpark</u> is a basic roadside pull-off area. Park and follow the signed medium grade 1.4 km return walking track, past the large steel viewing platform giving spectacular views of the Pretty Valley branch of the East Kiewa River. Walk to the first viewing area, then continue to the second viewing area. The bush along the walk is lush and beautiful in all seasons. Carry snow chains in winter.









Wallace Hut

Name: Wallace Hut (1.4 km return, 15 minutes easy grade)

Known for: Alpine bush hut

Location: Bogong High Plains Road, 68 km from Bright

GPS: -36.896739, 147.307295

Facilities: Toilet, picnic tables, Interpretive signage

Notes: Easy grade walk track to the hut



Falls Creek is an Alpine Resort situated on Falls Creek (Mountain) in the Alpine National Park. It is 33 km east of Bright.

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First built in 1889, it remains one of Victoria's most photographed alpine huts. It is 40 km from Mount Beauty and 9.6 km past Bogong Village on Bogong High Plains Road on the Bogong High Plains. Road access is closed during winter. Continue past the Village and travel around Rocky Valley Storage Reservoir and park at the Wallace Hut Carpark. Then walk along the well formed easy grade track for 700 m. Camping is permitted at the hut, but don't camp near the hut as photographers come and go constantly wishing to photograph it. Carry snow chains in winter.







Cope Hut



Cope Hut

Name: Cope Hut (500 m return, 20 minutes easy grade)

Known for: Alpine bush hut

Location: Bogong High Plains Road, 70 km from Bright

GPS: -36.906599, 147.292429
Facilities: Toilet, Interpretive signage

Notes: Well formed easy grade track to the hut



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Cope Hut is popular for photographers. It is 42 km from Mount Beauty and 11.5 km past Bogong Village on Bogong High Plains Road on the <u>Bogong High Plains</u>. The road is closed during winter. Continue past the Village and travel around Rocky Valley Storage Reservoir, past Wallace Hut and park at the <u>Cope Hut Carpark</u>. Walk along the well formed easy grade track for 250 m to the hut. Unlike Wallace Hut, this hut is fitted out with ample sleeping areas. It is surrounded by beautiful snow gums and is extremely picturesque.







JB Plains Hut



MANAGED BY PARKS VICTORIA (131 963)

JB Plains Hut

Name: JB Plains Hut Known for: Alpine bush hut

Location: Great Alpine Road, 65 km from Bright

GPS: -37.022411, 147.220832

Facilities: Carpark, toilet, Interpretive signage

Notes: Well formed easy grade 150 m track to the hut



Mount Hotham is situated in the Alpine National Park and is home to an Alpine Ski Resort. The Resort is 57 km east of Bright, 226 km northeast of Melbourne and is the second highest resort village in Australia at 1750 m.

Mount Hotham has a highest point of 1862 m and is popular in summer months for its alpine huts, mountain biking, bush walking, photography, nature studies, camping and more. In winter it is a snow resort (snow chains must be carried).



It is found along the Great Alpine Road 65 km from the township of Bright, 10 km past Hotham Alpine Resort, 1.8 km from the alpine village of <u>Dinner Plain</u> and 13.3 from the Mount Hotham Airport. Continue past the Hotham Village and travel 10 km to the carpark on the right. Walk 150 m along the well formed easy grade track for 150 m to the hut. The hut is an official alpine refuge hut and is fitted out with ample sleeping areas. It is surrounded by a beautiful stand of snow gums and is known for its extremely picturesque setting.







Carmichael Falls



Managed by Parks Victoria (131 963)

Carmichael Falls

Name: Carmichael Falls
Known for: Alpine waterfall

Location: Carmichael Falls Track, 67 km from Bright

GPS: T'Head: -37.027366, 147.238711, **Site**: -37.034323, 147.240474

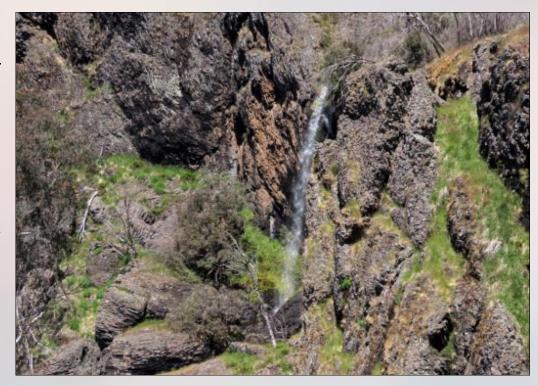
Facilities: Large viewing platform

Notes: Medium grade formed track 850 m to viewing platform



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This falls is located behind the Dinner Plains township and the walk commences from Carmichael Falls Track which runs off the Great Alpine Road just before the township of Dinner Plains. The gate is closed in the wetter months. Travel to Dinner Plains and turn right into Carmichael Falls Track. Continue for 900 m to the start of the signposted walk. Walk down the track through the beautiful snowgums for 950 m (15 minutes) to the large viewing platform. The waterfall is visible to the northwest though is at its best after a soaking rain. The walk back to the trail head is mostly uphill and takes around 25 minutes.







Other Picturesque Walks

There are numerous other walks available to the avid walker/hiker. These vary in length, and hardship with some being in the lowlands, and others in alpine environments. Get a copy of *Bright and Surrounds Walks & Trails Guide* at the Bright Information Centre. Some favourites include:

MOUNT BUFFALO NP ENTRANCE (EUROBIN PICNIC AREA) TO THE CHALET

Walk from the <u>Eurobin Picnic Area</u> at the entrance to Mount Buffalo National Park to <u>The Chalet</u>. The walk is just under 24 km return (just under 12 km one way). This is a very hard climb that ascends around 1 km in elevation and is not for the faint hearted. If your fitness level is very high you should be able to complete the walk up to the Chalet in five hours. If your fitness level is less than very high, allow more time. Always let someone know of your travel plans. *Contact Parks Victoria or the Bright Information Centre to make sure the walk is open*.

LAKE CATANI TO NORTH BUFFALO PLATEAU (MOUNT MCLEOD TRACK)

Walk 16.2 km return from just northeast of the Mount <u>Buffalo Reservoir</u> (leaving the seasonally closed gravel Reservoir Road) to the remote North Buffalo Plateau on McLeod Walk Track. Note that remote camping is available at the <u>Mount McLeod Hiker Camping Area</u>, though you will need to carry all food and gear in. You can also take the Mount McLeod Shortcut Track as an alternative. Make sure you have a good map to help support this hike and let someone know of your travel plans. Note that Reservoir Road is also known as Rocky Creek Track near Buffalo Reservoir. Crystal Brook flows out of Buffalo Reservoir. Allow six hours if you are very fit. *Contact Parks Victoria or the Bright Information Centre to make sure the walk is open*.

THE GORGE TO LAKE CATANI

Walk 2.5 km from The Gorge Day Visitor Area via the Haunted Gorge Lookout, The Underground River to Lake Catani Camping Area and Lakeside Day Visitor Area. This is a medium grade shorter walk.

BRIGHT TO RAIL TRAIL BRIDGE OVER OVENS RIVER

This 4.1 km return walk follows the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail from the centre of Bright to the outskirts of Bright. Commence walking the Rail Trail at the Historic Bright Railway Station (<u>Bright Museum</u>). When you arrive at the concrete <u>Ovens River Rail Trail Bridge</u> over the Ovens River, take in the beautiful elevated view then turn around and return. This is an Easy Grade walk which is sealed and of gradual grade. *Contact the Bright Information Centre for information on other sections of the Rail Trail that are picturesque walk options*.

Bright and District is home to stunning flora and fauna.

The following section presents 60 of the more common bush flowers and wildflowers you may find on your travels.

Visit the Bright Information Centre for more information on local bush plants and wildflowers. You can also contact the local Parks Victoria office for help.



Cranberry heath
Astroloma humifusum



Hop bitter pea
Daviesia latifolia



Leopard orchid *Diuris pardina*



Hoary guinea-flower Hibbertia obtusifolia



Cascade everlasting
Ozothamnus secundiflorus



MilkmaidBurchardia umbellata



Tufted blue lily Thelionema caespitosum



Fireweed groundsel Senecio linearifolius



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Ovens wattle Acacia pravissima



Kangaroo apple Solanum aviculare



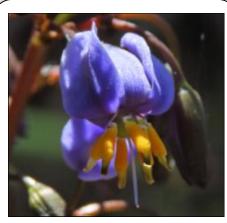
Native violet Viola banksii



Blue burr daisy Calotis cuneifolia



Golden wattle Acacia pycnantha



Blue flax lily Dianella caerulea



Australian buttercup Ranunculus lappaceus



Dusty miller Spyridium parvifolium



Happy wanderer Hardenbergia violacea



Golden everlasting
Xerochrysum bracteatum



Prickly Moses Acacia ulicifolia



Cape broom Genista monspessulana



Handsome flat pea Platylobium formosum



Erect guinea-flower
Hibbertia riparia



Round-leaved mint bush Prostanthera rotundifolia



Burgan scrub Kunzea ericoides



Common cats ears Hypochaeris radicata



Dutch clover Scientific name



Pale vanilla lily Arthropodium milleflorum



Mountain correa
Correa lawrenceana



Silver wattle Acacia dealbata



Nodding greenhood Pterostylis nutans



Tall St Johns wort *Hypericum perforatum*



Purple beard orchid Calochilus robertsonii



Mountain grevillea Grevillea alpina



Bidgee-widgeeAcaena novae-zelandiae



Common everlasting Chrysocephalum apiculatum



Tiger orchid *Diuris sulphurea*



Victorian Christmas bush Prostanthera lasianthos



Common centaury Centaurium erythraea



Common billy buttons
Acacia paradoxa



Yam daisy Microseris lanceolata



Clustered everlasting Chrysocephalum semipapposum



Creamy candles Stackhousia monogyna



Australian gypsywort Lycopus australis



Large-leaf bush-pea
Pultenaea daphnoides



Slender sun orchid *Thelymitra pauciflora*



Violet kunzea Kunzea parvifolia



Scarlet pimpernel *Anagallis arvensis*



Common billy buttons
Craspedia variabilis



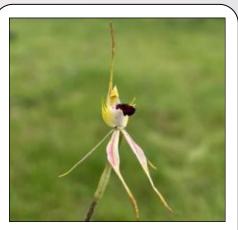
White everlasting Chrysocephalum baxteri



Rock wattle Acacia rupicola



Early NancyWurmbea biglandulosa ssp. biglandulosa



Plain-lip spider orchid Caladenia clavigera



Salmon sun orchid Thelymitra rubra



Common fringed lily *Thysanotus tuberosus*



Chocolate lily
Arthropodium strictum



Yellow rush lily Tricoryne elatior



Dogwood Cassinia aculeata



Common gorse Ulex europaeus



Tree violet Melicytus dentatus



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