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MARYSVILLE STATE FOREST

# KEPPEL HUT



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# KEPPEL HUT

<b>Elevation:</b>	1280 m
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Marysville State Forest
<b>Features:</b>	Car park, picnic table, fireplace, stockyards
<b>Notes:</b>	4WD / hike access only, seasonal gate



Named after the pioneering Keppel family of Marysville, it is managed by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and supported by the Victorian High Country Huts Association. The site is only accessible by 4WD or by hiking in and includes a stockyard with water supply, a small creek, picnic table, fireplace and internal living area. It is set in a small flat area of pristine Australian bush and is located along the Bicentennial Trail. Seasonal gates apply, so access is restricted in the colder months of the year.

Keppel Hut was a small hut originally built in 1939 after the 1939 Black Friday Bushfires destroyed the surrounding area. It was primarily used as a cattlemen's hut, however it also slowly developed into a destination for tourists who would visit and camp at the site. The hut was destroyed by an accidental fire in 1983 and later rebuilt around the surviving chimney, made from large rocks. The hut was again destroyed by fire during the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires and again rebuilt around the surviving chimney.



<b>Park:</b>	Marysville State Park
<b>Managed:</b>	DELWP
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MT TERRIBLE NATURAL FEATURES & SCENIC RESERVE

# MT TERRIBLE HUT



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# MT TERRIBLE HUT

**Elevation:** 1316 m  
**View Rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Site rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Area:** Mount Terrible Natural Features and Scenic Reserve  
**Features:** Hut with verandah, tables, fireplace, carpark  
**Notes:**



Named after the hardship experienced by our pioneers in travelling the terrain, it is managed by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and supported by the Victorian High Country Huts Association (VHCHA) and the Mt Torbreck A4-4 Memorial Team. The site is accessible by 4WD or by hiking and includes a water tank (always carry your own water just in case the tank is empty), picnic tables, fireplace and internal living area. It is set in a clearing, ensuring beautiful mountain vistas. The hut is also located beside a 22 metre high communications and firetower and along the Bicentennial Trail.

Also known as the Mount Terrible Fire Tower Hut, it is south-west of Kevington in Central Victoria. The summit is within the 100 hectare Mount Terrible Natural Features and Scenic Reserve. The hut was built in 1962 to accommodate firetower workers. It was renovated in late 2008 and was accidentally burnt to the ground on 9 December 2012. It was rebuilt in late 2016 and officially opened in early 2017 as an official Alpine Hut.



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LAKE EILDON NATIONAL PARK

# STONES OUTSTATION



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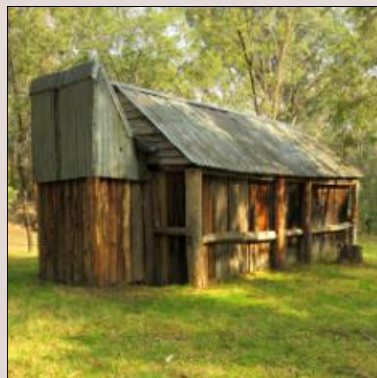
# STONES OUTSTATION

**Elevation:** 305 m  
**View Rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Site rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Area:** Stone Bay, Lake Eildon National Park  
**Features:** Small hut with the stockyard relics nearby  
**Notes:** Located beside Station Creek



Stones Outstation is named after the Stone family, early selectors to the area now known as Stone Bay in Lake Eildon National Park. The hut is managed by Parks Victoria and supported by the Victorian High Country Huts Association. The site is accessible by boat or hiking and is set in a very picturesque clearing. It is 100 metres from Lake Eildon's high water mark, 150 metres from the relics of the Stone Stockyards and near a walking track. The 9.7 km walk to the hut commences at Wallaby Bay in Collier Bay, takes the hiker via Cooks Point and Schoolhouse Point and is mostly of good grade. The walk track continues past the hut to the Mountaineer Creek Camping Ground.

Stones Outstation was originally built in the mid 1800s by the Stone Family for use when grazing stock. In 2011 works were conducted by Parks Victoria in association and the Victorian High Country Huts Association (VHCHA). In 2017 further restoration works were conducted by Parks Victoria, VHCHA and the Idlers 4WD Club of Victoria.



**Park:** Lake Eildon National Park  
**Managed:** Parks Victoria  
**Partner:** VHCHA, Idlers 4WD Club  
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BIG RIVER STATE FOREST

# 15 MILE HUT



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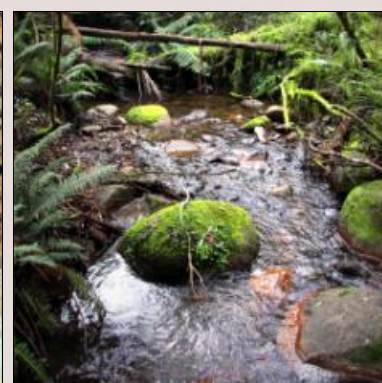
# 15 MILE HUT

<b>Elevation:</b>	557 m
<b>View Rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Big River State Forest
<b>Features:</b>	Hut with verandah, beside the Taponga River
<b>Notes:</b>	This is an unofficial DELWP bush hut



Named because of its location on 15 Mile Track, although in their area, the hut is not an official Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) hut and is therefore not managed by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). It is however kept in good condition by volunteers and the Victorian High Country Huts Association (VHCHA). The site is accessible by 2WD and is located beside the headwaters of the Taponga River. There are few other features at the site, however it is located in pristine Australian bush and located near an old Antinomy mine.

The hut is located on was originally built by deer hunters circa 1990, upgraded in 2010 by an unknown group of volunteers (Basty, Beaza, Johnno, Dean C, Fred, Lindsay, Jack and Carter according to the graffiti left on the hut.). It was then officially upgraded in cooperation with DELWP and the VHCHA in 2016. This is an isolated hut and is prone to cold wet weather. Ensure you have the right clothing and equipment to stay in such a location.



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MANSFIELD STATE FOREST & ALPINE RESORT

# CRAIG'S HUT



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# CRAIG'S HUT

**Elevation:** 1450 m  
**View Rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Site rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Area:** Mount Stirling  
**Features:** Camping, toilet, Pets (with conditions)  
**Notes:** Seasonal access applies on some tracks



Craig's Hut was first built as a hut set for filming scenes for the highly acclaimed and successful 1982 movie production of *The Man from Snowy River*. The movie starred American actor Kirk Douglas and Australian actors Jack Thompson, Tom Burlinson and Sigrid Thornton. They later reprised their roles in the 1988 sequel *The Man from Snowy River II*.

Located 60 km from Mansfield in Clear Hills on Mt Stirling, it was rebuilt as a tourism attraction and officially opened on 4 April 1993. It burnt on 11 December 2006 and was rebuilt and re-opened in January 2008. It is one of numerous huts located in the area and is the most photographed bush hut in Australia, seconded only by Wallace Hut near Falls Creek. The hut is 19 km from Telephone Box Junction, with the last 1.7 km being 4WD only. A formed track is available for this final distance. Access via Mt Stirling is closed in the wetter months. For other access options consult the Park Note below or access a 4WD map of the area. Google Maps can be used to direct you to the site.



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# FRYS HUT



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# FRYS HUT

**Elevation:** 426 m  
**View Rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Site rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Area:** Howqua Hills Historic Area  
**Features:** Carpark, camping, toilet  
**Notes:** Located beside the Howqua River



Jim Fry first purchased the structure that later became known as Fry's Hut in the mid 1870s. He lived there in solitude for over five decades before passing. His nephew Fred Fry then lived in the hut with his brother Stephen until Fred built a new hut in the 1940s. Stephen and Fred had both died by 1971, leaving the newer hut empty. Fred was also the original builder of the Upper Jamieson, Ritchies, Schusters and Gardiner Huts. His life was part of the inspiration for the novel *The Far Country* written by Nevil Shute in the 1950s. Fred was the character Billy Slim, who loved to fish in the novel.

Fry's Hut is located at Frys Flat in the Howqua Hills Historic Area. It is situated on the bank of the Howqua River, near Sheepyard Flats and is a 54 km drive from Mansfield. This is a less isolated hut and as such it is common that it is visited by a large number of people, especially on weekends. If camping in the area, always consider others and always be aware of children around the river.



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# UPPER JAMIESON HUT



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# UPPER JAMIESON HUT

**Elevation:** 743 m  
**View Rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Site rating:** ☼☼☼☼☼  
**Area:** Howqua Hills Historic Area  
**Features:** Hut only  
**Notes:** 4WD only



Jim Fry of Darlingford was an early owner of Fry's Hut and lived in it for 54 years until his death in 1927. He had married Mary Ann Thomson of Darlingford and had two children: Fred (1895-1971) and Molly. After his death his son Fred lived in the hut until his own death. Around the 1930s he built and maintained a number of High Country huts including Upper Jamieson, Gardiner's, Ritchies, and Schuster's Huts. In the 1940s he rebuilt his own home after it was damaged by white-ants. Fred was an excellent bushman, horseman and fly fisherman, casting and catching fish from his saddle.

The hut is located beside the Jamieson River, 800 m from Brocks Road and 61 km from Mansfield. The final section of gravel track is steep and fords the river. Around 2005 the Upper Jamieson Hut and its verandah received attention. It was then refurbished by the VHCHA and Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) in 2008. This is an isolated hut so always let someone know of your travel plans and ensure you carry the right clothing and equipment.



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MANSFIELD STATE FOREST

# RAZORBACK HUT



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# RAZORBACK HUT

<b>Elevation:</b>	1370 m
<b>View Rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Mount Stirling
<b>Features:</b>	Toilet, two huts, large accommodation building
<b>Notes:</b>	Includes a camping area and stockyards



Razorback Hut was first established in 1953 and was later extended to accommodate up to 40 people. It was renovated in 2008 by the VHCHA in cooperation with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The site now consist of numerous structures, a stock yard and toilet block.

The hut is located near King Saddle along Razorback Hut Track and is 1.5 km from the Telephone Box Junction, on Mount Stirling. The site consists of two structures, a toilet and stockyards. The smaller building is more like a bush hut, while the larger building is able to accommodate large numbers of people. An outdoor campfire area helps make this hut and location something special. During winter access to the hut is restricted by seasonal gates, though you can easily park in the large carpark at Telephone Box Junction and walk the easy grade 1.5 km track to the hut. This alpine hut is prone to extreme cold weather and all care should be taken to ensure you have the right clothing and equipment to stay in such a location.



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