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EILDON

# FOGGS LOOKOUT



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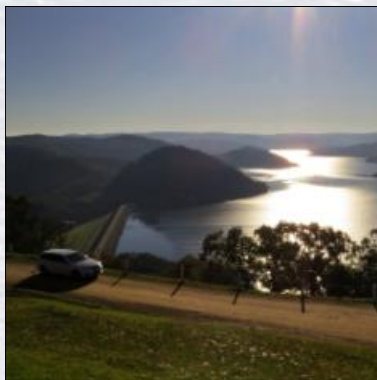
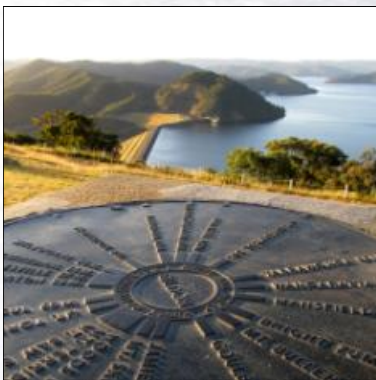


# FOGGS LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	503 m
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park.
<b>Features:</b>	Car park, picnic table, chair.. No disabled access.
<b>Trees:</b>	Obscure approximately 70 percent of original viewable lookout area.

Foggs Lookout is located 9 km from Eildon (15 minute drive) between Eildon and Jerusalem Creek on Mount Pinniger Road (off Jerusalem Creek Road) and overlooks Lake Eildon, Lake Eildon National Park, the Eildon Pondages and the township of Eildon. The last kilometre of road to the lookout is gravel and care should always be taken.

The lookout was unofficially called 'Mount Pinniger Lookout' after Thomas Wilkinson Pinniger, a surveyor involved in the Victorian Geodetic Survey completed in 1858. Pinniger married Helen Stewart in 1857, having seven children. Son George was Surveyor General of Victoria (1925-1926). During the late 1950s the Lookout was officially registered as 'Foggs Lookout' after James D. Fogg, Project manager for UTAH Constructions during the building of the Big Eildon Dam. Fogg was later Managing director of UTAH Australia and was instrumental in the construction of Fogg Dam and the failed Humpty Doo Rice Project in the Northern Territory in the 1950s.



<b>Park:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park
<b>Managed:</b>	Goulburn Murray Water
<b>Phone:</b>	1800 013 357
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# EASTS LOOKOUT



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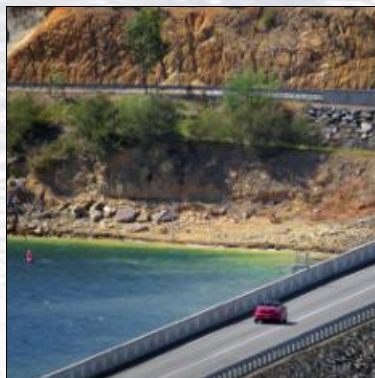
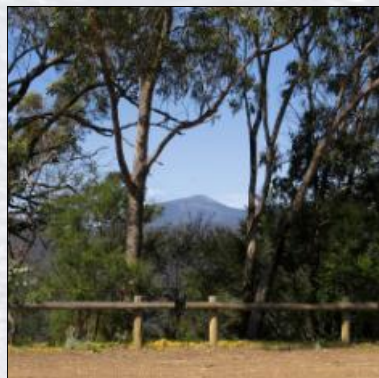


# EASTS LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	363 m
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park.
<b>Features:</b>	Car park. No disabled access or other facilities.
<b>Trees:</b>	Obscure approximately 60 percent of original viewable lookout area.

Easts Lookout is located at the northern end of the Eildon Dam Wall on Tank Hill, opposite Mount Sugarloaf (which was partially cut away for harvesting rock for both the original construction and later upgrade). Access to the lookout is via a 500 m gravel road from Sugarloaf Drive (near the entrance to Eildon Marina). The view is primarily of the Eildon Dam Wall to the south east and extends past Mount Pinniger towards Jamieson and Howqua and Mount Torbreck. Eildon township is partially visible to the south from the carpark area. There is currently no facilities at this location.

The lookout was named in 1956 after Ron East, Chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. His public appointments included engineer for the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission from 1922, Commissioner from 1935, Chairman from 1936-1965 (29 years) and River Murray Commissioner from 1936-1965. He retired in 1965.



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# SPILLWAY LOOKOUT



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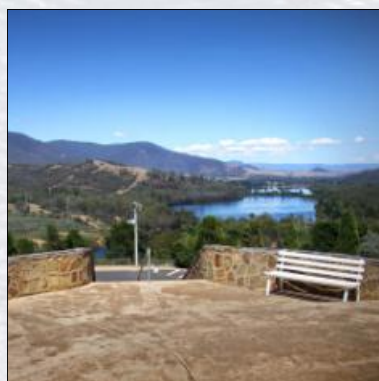
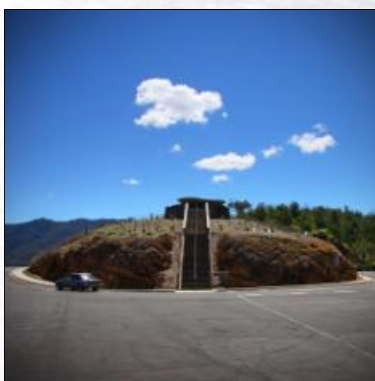


# SPILLWAY LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	295 m elevation / 74 m above Eildon
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Pinniger Road, Eildon Dam Wall, Eildon.
<b>Features:</b>	Public toilet, seats, carpark, near boat ramp and garden area
<b>Trees:</b>	Clear

The Spillway Lookout is also referred to as the 'Kidney Bowl' Lookout and is located at the southern end of the Eildon Dam Wall near the public toilet and the entrance to the Alliance Boat Ramp. Access is via the Eildon Dam Wall loop. The Spillway area includes numerous lookout points, including views along the dam wall to the north and the Dam Intake Tower, west down the Goulburn Valley towards the township of Eildon and the upper and lower pondages and south to the spillway. The area also offers views from the Spillway Garden Lookout (down the stairs), the track behind the spillway wall leading to the Alliance Boat Ramp, along the spillway path and the Southern Spillway Lookout area (cleared of trees mid 2015 after they had grown and completely blocked the view).

The carpark serves as an overflow carpark for the Eildon Alliance Boat Ramp and site facilities include toilets, seating, undercover viewing area and interpretative signage.



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MARYSVILLE

# KEPPEL LOOKOUT



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# KEPPEL LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	860 m
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Marysville State Forest
<b>Features:</b>	Car park. No disabled access or other facilities.
<b>Trees:</b>	Clear

Keppel Lookout is located on Keppel Lookout Road, 800 m from the intersection with Paradise Falls Road. Two wheel drive access is available all year, though care should always be taken as the roads are gravel. The view from the lookout extends over the township of Marysville to the north and beyond up the Marysville valley towards Buxton, Taggerty and Alexandra. The view of the Cathedral Range in the Cathedral Range State Park (on the eastern side of the valley) is spectacular. The view is photographic all year, however it is especially spectacular when snow is covering the ranges.

The carpark accommodates up to 15 vehicles. The lookout is located on the 11 km (3-4 hour) loop Keppel Lookout Walk Trail from Marysville. The track is hard grade and considered the hardest walk in the Marysville area. The lookout was named after the Keppel family, who were early settlers to the Marysville area. They were successful in business and grazed cattle in the ranges around Marysville for many decades, building numerous bush huts.



<b>Park:</b>	Marysville State Park
<b>Managed:</b>	DELWP
<b>Phone:</b>	1800 122 969
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://delwp.vic.gov.au">delwp.vic.gov.au</a>





ACHERON

# LOWER ACHERON CUTTING



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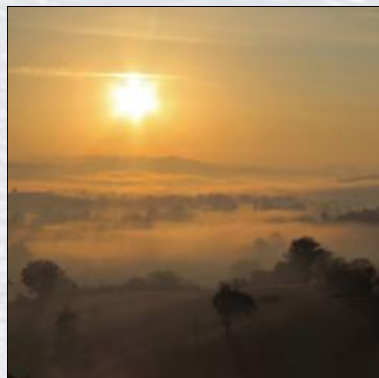


# LOWER ACHERON CUTTING

<b>Height:</b>	860 m
<b>View rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Maroondah Highway, Acheron.
<b>Features:</b>	Gravel Car park and rubbish bin. No disabled access or facilities.
<b>Trees:</b>	Clear

Acheron Cutting Lookout is located on the Maroondah Highway, 7.2 km (6 minutes drive) from Alexandra and 11 km (8 minutes drive) from Taggerty in Central Victoria. This is our district's most visited lookout and has a view that extends over the Goulburn River Valley towards Thornton and Eildon to the east and Alexandra to the North. The lookout was named after the township of Acheron, first settled 1839. Acheron township is located on the Acheron River, a tributary to the Goulburn River. Acheron is still home to one of just two useable wooden trestle bridges on the entire length of the Goulburn River - Victoria's longest river. The other is the Kirwan's Bridge near Nagambie.

The carpark area can accommodate up to 20 vehicles, however the area is gravel, uneven and has no safety perimeter fencing. Care should always be taken and the carpark area should be navigated with care.



<b>Park:</b>	Goulburn Valley Highway
<b>Managed:</b>	VicRoads
<b>Phone:</b>	13 11 71
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au">www.vicroads.vic.gov.au</a>



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# DINNYS LOOKOUT



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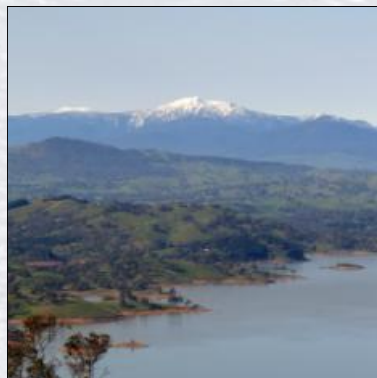


# DINNYS LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	320 m
<b>View Rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Maroondah Highway, Acheron
<b>Features:</b>	Gravel Car park. No disabled access or other facilities.
<b>Trees:</b>	No significant blockage by trees currently registered for this site.

Dinnys Lookout is located on Sonnberg Drive, 13 km (10 minutes drive) south from Bonnie Doon, in Central Victoria. It has an impressive view and includes a gravel carpark. There are no facilities at this site, however a rock cairn has a plaque which explains how the construction of the 7.5 km of Sonnberg Drive was privately funded, completed in just 61 working days (October 1988) and was taken over by the Shire of Mansfield on 16 February 1989. Access to the lookout from Bonnie Doon or Eildon is via the gravel Skyline Road which can be slippery when wet and dusty when dry. The view is picturesque and extends east towards Mansfield, north towards Bonnie Doon and south towards Eildon.

Be aware that native animals cross the road from time to time and drive accordingly. The carpark area can accommodate up to 10 vehicles. The best views are from the roadside, so be aware of vehicles and have children under strict control at all times. The cairn also serves as an official survey marker.



<b>Park:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park
<b>Managed:</b>	Mansfield Shire
<b>Phone:</b>	03 5575 7000
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://mansfieldmtbuller.com.au">mansfieldmtbuller.com.au</a>





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# BRIERS LOOKOUT



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# BRIERS LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	580 m
<b>View Rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Skyline Road
<b>Features:</b>	Carpark, picnic table
<b>Trees:</b>	The main view is unobstructed by trees

Briers Lookout is located on Skyline Road 13 km From Bonnie Doon and 10 km From Haines Saddle. A short driveway ends at a gravel car park area that has been levelled off and is able to accommodate a large number of vehicles. The Lookout was established by the local Landcare Group with support from the Shire of Murrindindi and was opened to the public in 2015. Briers Lookout is named after a local hermit and gold fossicker Bob Briers who lived in the area during the latter part of his life. His death on 3 July 1953 resulted in the creation of local folk law regarding the location of any possible lost gold stockpile. He had never married and often wheeled his wooden wheeled wheelbarrow great distances to purchase supplies, which he often paid for in gold.

The Lookout provides a view of Lake Eildon and the ranges that surround it. You can also see the distant Mount Buller from this location, which is extremely pretty in the winter months when covered in snow.



<b>Park:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park
<b>Managed:</b>	Shire of Murrindindi
<b>Phone:</b>	03 5772 1100
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au">murrindindi.vic.gov.au</a>





BONNIE DOON

# RAIL BRIDGE LOOKOUT



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# RAIL BRIDGE LOOKOUT

<b>Height:</b>	27 m above water level / 307 m above sea level
<b>View Rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Site rating:</b>	☼☼☼☼☼
<b>Area:</b>	Great Australian Rail Train bridge at Bonnie Doon
<b>Features:</b>	Carpark, interpretative signage, concrete walking path
<b>Trees:</b>	No blockage by trees

The Rail Bridge Lookout is located on the Great Victorian Rail Trail at Bonnie Doon and is one of our more unique lookouts, being at the centre of an old rail bridge siding. Work started on the former rail bridge and its sister road bridge in 1954 and was completed in 1955. The rail bridge is 387 metres long, 27 metres high and spans the Brankeet Arm of Lake Eildon. It was made redundant in 1978 when rail services to Mansfield ended, made a walk bridge in 2013 and is now part of the Great Victorian Rail Trail, linking Tallarook with Mansfield. When built, it was one of the tallest and longest rail bridges in Victoria and the dam was the highest capacity earthen dam in the Southern Hemisphere.

The view over the lake and surrounding hills is beautiful. The old township of Doon, now submerged under the lake to the north. The easy grade walk to the centre of the bridge is on a concrete path. There is a carpark at the western end of the bridge with interpretative signage.



<b>Park:</b>	Lake Eildon National Park
<b>Managed:</b>	Mansfield Shire
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