# Walks & Rides

### Clunes-Creswick-Daylesford-Trentham





## Introduction

Whether you are after a gentle stroll or a more energetic hike, this region provides many options for walkers. Cyclists are catered for too, from the Goldfields Track to mountain bike trails in Creswick and rail trails such as the Domino Trail in Trentham. All ages and abilities will find something to suit.

Take the time to explore all aspects of the area, indulge in the local food and wine, check out the markets, step back in time to the gold rush era, then pamper yourself after a long day exploring. There is a plethora of options in this region to suit all tastes from the adventurous to the leisurely.

### Visitor Information

Visitor Information Centres are manned by a team of dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers and staff who can assist with any questions you may have regarding your visit to the area. To help you in planning your visit you can contact one of our Visitor Information Centres.

#### Daylesford Regional Visitor Information Centre

98 Vincent Street, Daylesford 3460 9am – 5pm, 7 days a week (Closed Christmas Day) Free call: 1800 454 891 www.visitdaylesford.com.au

#### **Creswick Visitor Information Centre**

41 – 43 Albert Street, Creswick 3363 10am – 5pm, 7 days a week (Closed Christmas Day) Ph: 03 5345 1114 www.visitcreswick.com.au

#### **Clunes Visitor Information Centre**

The Warehouse – Clunes 36 Fraser Street, Clunes 3370 Mon & Thurs: 10am – 6pm, Tues: Closed Wed & Fri: 10am – 4pm Sat: 10am – 3pm & Sun: 11am – 3pm Ph: 03 5345 3359 www.visitclunes.com.au

#### Trentham Visitor Information Centre

Victoria Street, Trentham 3458 Sat & Sun: 10am – 4pm (depending on Volunteer availability) Ph: 03 5424 1178 www.visittrentham.com.au

#### **Getting here**

The Hepburn Shire is serviced by train and coach; with train stations in Creswick & Clunes and bus stations in Daylesford and Trentham. Bikes can be carried free of charge on V/Line trains if space is available. Bikes are not permitted on V/Line coaches. More information at www.vline.com.au or www.ptv.vic.gov.au



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### Trail Information

### Trail Grading



**Gentle:** On formed tracks over even and gently undulating terrain.

**Moderate:** Tracks may be narrower with steps, variable surfaces and some tripping hazards. Mostly gentle grade.

**Adventurous:** Bushwalking or bike riding experience recommended. Track may be rough, long and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.

All times and distances listed are return trips. Dogs are permitted on all walks, but must be on a lead at all times.

### Map Symbols



Walkers only: The track is suitable for walkers only. Not suitable for cyclists due to narrow and rocky trails.



**Cyclists only:** This track is suitable for cyclists and not recommended for walkers.



Walkers/Cyclists: Both walkers and cyclists can use this track. (Times listed are for walkers.)



Points of interest

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Public toilets



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Start/Finish point

Mineral water spring



TrailRider:

Suitable for the TrailRider All Terrain Wheelchair.

The TrailRider is an all terrain access wheelchair which allows community members and tourists with physical and mobility issues to explore the great outdoors and experience parks, reserves, tracks and trails. The TrailRider is available to hire for free from the Daylesford Visitor Information Centre. Bookings are essential.

Please call 1800 454 891 to make a booking or visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/trailrider/ for more information.



### Clunes



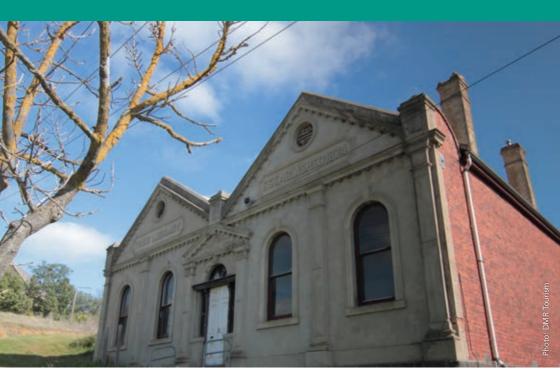
Step back into the gold rush era in Clunes, with streetscapes straight out of a colonial history book. This picturesque and laid-back town was once the fifth largest in the State. As one of the original and most intact gold towns in Australia, you'll feel like you're entering a bygone era when you visit Clunes.

Victoria's history changed dramatically in 1851 when the first gold discovered in Victoria was found here and the great gold rush was on, with miners flocking in from right around the globe. That gold history is still clearly evident, as Clunes has an outstanding collection of well-preserved 19th century architecture. The main street is still wide enough to turn a horse and wagon.

Clunes is now forging a future based on a new sort of gold – books – and the town's intact heritage streetscape provides the perfect back drop to a weekend of browsing through the town. Each May Clunes hosts the popular Booktown Festival and has attained recognition as an International Booktown – the only town in Australia to have this status.



### Clunes Creek Walk



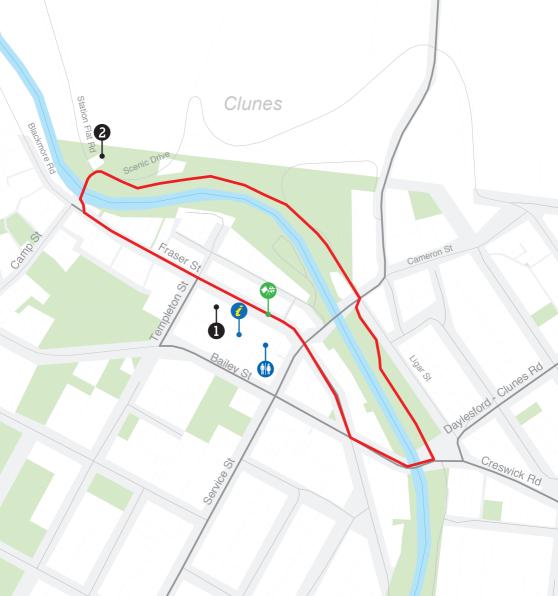


Distance: 2.1 km Time: 30 minutes

Grading:

Starting from the Visitor Information Centre, this trail takes you through the historic streetscape of Clunes which is lined with 19th century buildings. Follow the creek past Esmond Park and along the shady banks of the waterway. Spend some time visiting the shops on Fraser Street and visit the Museum at The Warehouse – Clunes to further immerse yourself in the history of this town.

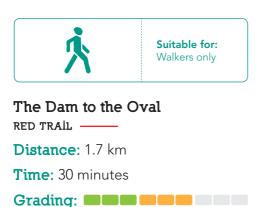
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- 1. Discover the 19th century architecture including the former London Chartered Bank (1871) and Italianate Post Office (1878).
- Esmond Park, located on the hillside overlooking the town centre. It contains a number of old gold mining sites including relics of the Port Phillip Mine which operated in the area from 1857 to 1901.



### Mt Beckworth Walks



Situated eight kilometres west of the township of Clunes, the Mt Beckworth Scenic Reserve surrounds the summit of the impressive mountain and features a network of tracks through open woodlands and springtime wildflowers. For more information on Mt Beckworth contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963.

Enter Mount Beckworth from Mountain Creek Road and turn right, following the signage to The Dam picnic area and car park. For great views of the surrounding area take this trail to the clearing at the oval.



The Oval to the Summit

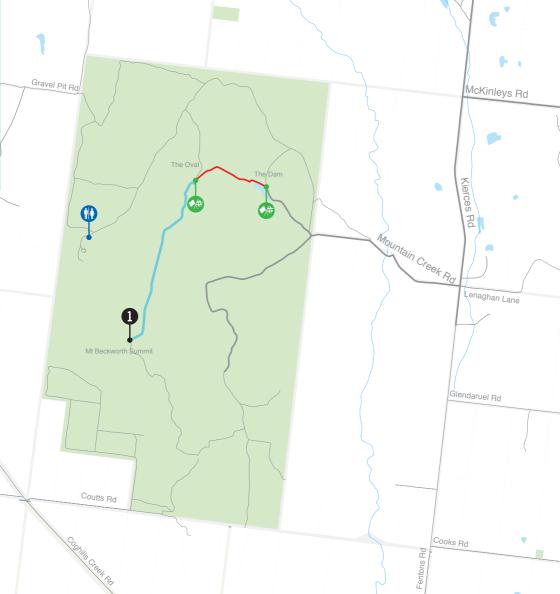
Distance: 3.3 km

Time: 2 hours

Grading:

For more information on Mt Beckworth Scenic Reserve contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963 Follow the signage past The Oval to the summit of Mt Beckworth. From the summit you will have some breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.





- The summit of Mt Beckworth stands at 634 metres and provides spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. Find the Lollipop Tree at the summit – the lone pine tree atop the rocky outcrop.
- → Keep a look out for finches, honeyeaters, parrots and the majestic wedge-tailed eagles that call this area home.



### Creswick



Creswick was built on the proceeds of rich gold deposits which were discovered in the 1850s. Today you can explore this historic township which includes one of the country's most impressive collections of heritage architecture, with buildings that owe their grandeur to the boom times of gold.

Adding to Creswick's history, this town is Australia's birthplace of reforestation. John La Gerche began re-planting forest areas ravaged by mining activity in 1882. Today, much of La Gerche's work survives around Creswick including magnificent plantings lining local streets. Explore the inspiration and birthplace of noted artist Norman Lindsay and other Lindsay family members. Pick up the Creswick of the Lindsays Arts Trail guide from the Creswick Visitor Information Centre to find out more about their contribution to the area.

There is a range of adventurous mountain biking trails surrounding Creswick. For more information on these, please collect a Creswick Walking and Cycling Map from the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.



### Creswick Creek Trails



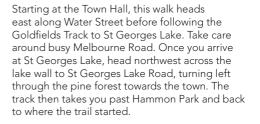
**Creswick Creek Loop** 

RED TRAIL -

Distance: 4.8 km

Time: 75 minutes

Grading:





St Georges Lake BLUE TRAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Distance: 2.2 km

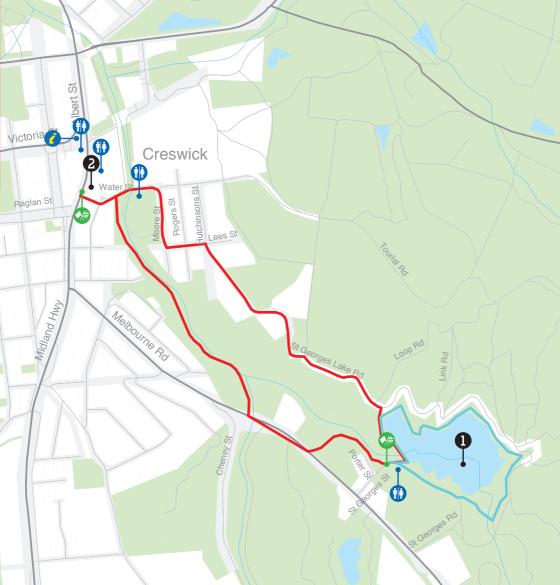
Time: 35 minutes

Grading:

For more information on Creswick Regional Park contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963

A short but challenging loop around St Georges Lake. The path winds itself along the lake shore, with narrow and sometimes steep sections. Plenty of picnic spots, an abundance of birdlife and beautiful views makes this walk worth the effort.





- St Georges Lake is a perfect place for walking or for a day of picnicking, gas bbqs and toilets are provided and dogs are permitted but must be on a lead. Now surrounded by conifers and willows, this lake is perfect for a day of picnicking.
- 2. Creswick Town Hall was built in 1876 and is a magnificent two storey National Trust classified building.



### Creswick Forest



Suitable for: Walkers/Cyclists

School of Forestry

BLUE TRAIL -

Distance: 2 km

Time: 40 minutes

Grading:



La Gerche Gully Loop

RED TRAİL —

Distance: 2.4 km

Time: 1 hour

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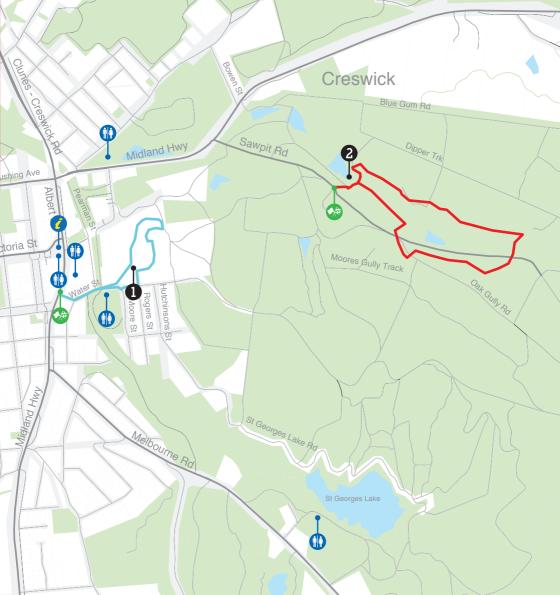
For more information on Creswick Regional Park contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963

Street, cross Creswick Creek and enter the School of Forestry through its ironwork gates. Head left uphill, past Tremearne House to the Old Creswick Hospital which was built in 1863. Return back downhill and pass on the other side of Tremearne House. From here, exit the School of Forestry grounds and walk back into town.

From the Town Hall, head east down Water

Access this trail from Sawpit Road, off the Midland Highway. Look for the sign directing you past the old stables to the wide gravelled start of this well-signposted walk. The highlight of this walk is the 120 year old Oak Gully, which was planted by John La Gerche in 1887. Here you can enjoy spectacular displays of autumn colour.





- 1. Tremearne House was built by a doctor in 1881 and still displays ornate iron fretwork and is a great example of the craftsmanship from that era.
- 2. John La Gerche commemorative statue view the carving at the start of the walk which was carved using a chainsaw in 2014 from a fallen Californian Redwood.



### Creswick Lakes



Suitable for: Walkers/Cyclists

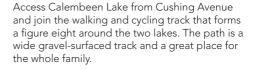
Calembeen Park

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Time: 45 minutes

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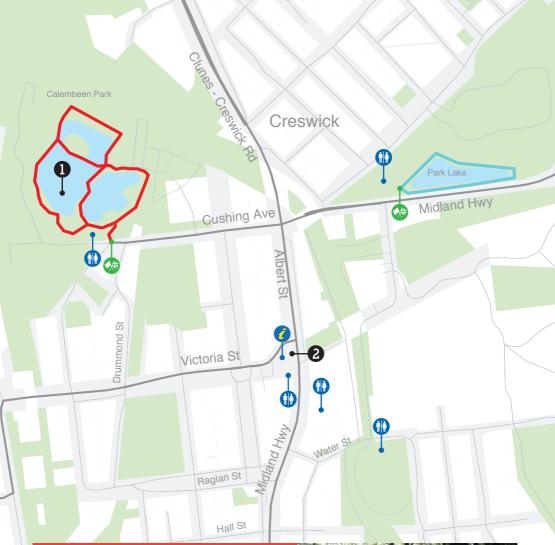






Park Lake Circuit BLUE TRAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Distance: 1 km Time: 30 minutes Grading: Take a stroll around the decorative Park Lake with its island features and fountain. You can extend your walk by exploring the parkland along the hillside above the lake. Take some time to read the interpretive signage by the lake along the Midland Highway.





- Calembeen Park has two beautiful lakes that are home to displays of waterlilies and birdlife. Once known as 'the pool' to locals, you can view the historic dive tower and spend some time swimming there on a summers day.
- Creswick of the Lindsays Arts Trail is an urban arts trail focusing on the famous Lindsay family and their history in Creswick. Collect the trail guide from the Visitor Information Centre on Albert Street or scan the QR code out the front of the Visitor Information Centre.



### Daylesford, Hepburn Springs & Surrounds



Here you will find natural mineral springs and relics of the goldmining era set in delightful bush surroundings. Sensual, spirited and naturally stylish, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs is the place to unwind, pamper yourself, indulge your senses, or simply enjoy an enticing menu of natural attractions.

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs are world famous for their 72 health-giving mineral springs and over 30 spas, wellness retreats and healing centres. The area has many beautiful natural attractions accessible by both car, bike and foot, so come and explore what is on offer.





### Tipperary Walking Track



Lake Daylesford to Twin Bridges

Distance: 2.6 km

Grading:

Time: 1 hour

Starting at the picturesque Lake Davlesford, walk

Combine all three trails for a 14 km walk.

Looking for a longer walk?

Starting at the picturesque Lake Daylestord, walk down to Central Springs Reserve, where the lake flows into Wombat Creek, follow the narrow trail along the side of this creek to the Twin Bridges picnic area. Cross to the other side of the creek for the walk back to Lake Daylesford. Take care when crossing the highway to the Twin Bridges picnic area.

Twin Bridges to Tipperary Springs

Distance: 4.6 km

Time: 1.5 hours

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Grading:

For those feeling a little more energetic, cross over the footbridge and continue following the walking track on the west side of the creek from Twin Bridges to Tipperary Springs. Once at Tipperary taste the natural mineral water then head back up the road to connect with the walking track back to Twin Bridges and Lake Daylesford.

### Tipperary Springs to Bryces Flat

GREEN TRAIL ------

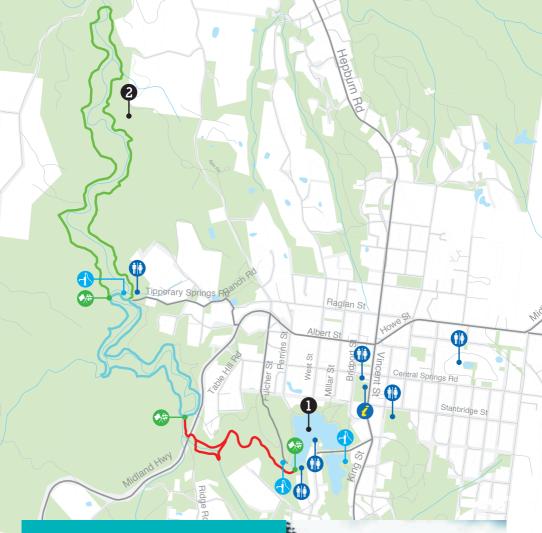
Distance: 6.6 km

Time: 2.5 hours

Grading:

Cross the footbridge past the picnic area to join the walking track along the west side of the creek. Continue along the walking track through old gold diggings and take the stepping stones across the creek at Bryces Flat. Take the trail on the east side of the creek and look out for the disused Mistletoe Mine on your return journey.

For more information on Hepburn Regional Park contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963



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#### **Points of interest:**

- Lake Daylesford is a man-made lake, originally a site of gold diggings, then later a Chinese market garden. The construction of the lake began in 1927.
- 2. Spot relics from the mining era along the trail, including the disused Mistletoe Mine.
- There is an abundance of mineral water reserves in the region. Take some time to taste the waters at the mineral springs along the trail. Some of the springs have hand pumps, while others have free-flowing pipes.



Photo: Kim Selby

### Two Lakes Trail



RED TRAİL -

Distance: 9.4 km

Time: 3 hours

Grading:

Looking for a shorter walk? Walk the loop at either Lake Daylesford or Jubilee Lake.

Start and finish at the Fulcher Street car park of Lake Daylesford and explore the stunning natural areas around the famous lakes of Daylesford. Start by walking clockwise around Lake Daylesford and past the Lake House. Cross a small footbridge, turn left after approximately 40 metres and follow the rough track up the hill. Turn left at Burrall Street and pass the entrance to Victoria Park. Cross the road, enter the Jubilee Lake walking track on your left and follow this track to Jubilee Lake. Cross the footbridge and walk around the lake in an anti-clockwise direction. Once you reach the footbridge again, scramble up the steep steps to join the old railway line. Follow the Great Dividing Trail signage through Cornish Hill until you reach Stanbridge Street. Follow the trail back to your starting point at Lake Daylesford.

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- Stop off at Wombat Flat Mineral Spring, one of the many mineral springs in the region and try the water fresh from the ground. Don't forget a cup or drink bottle.
- 2. Lake Daylesford is a man-made lake, originally a site of gold diggings, then later a Chinese market garden. The construction of the lake began in 1927.
- $\rightarrow~$  See the abundance of birdlife that these lakes are home too.



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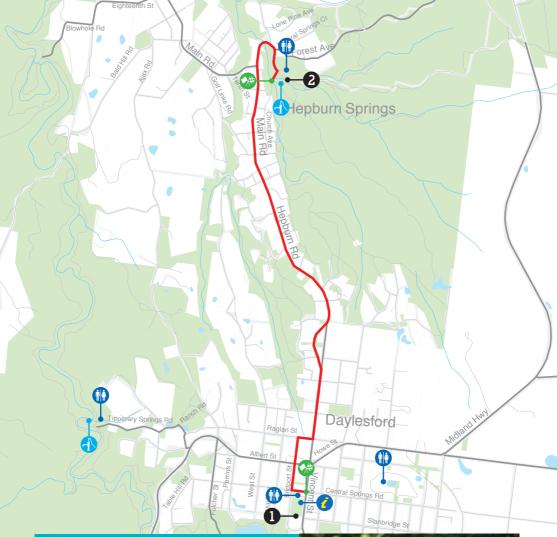
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### Two Towns Ride





An easy ride between Daylesford and Hepburn Springs with bike path for the majority of the way. Stop off for a break in the village of Hepburn Springs and enjoy the shops and cafes. Collect some goodies for a picnic on your way past. Have a break at the Mineral Springs Reserve where you can try the mineral water straight from the pump. Follow the same path back to Daylesford. This ride can be done in reverse and is suitable for families and children.



- Look out for the historic buildings on your way through both towns. Many were built in the 1850s during the gold rush. Stop off at the Daylesford Museum at 100 Vincent Street, Daylesford for more information on the history of the area.
- 2. This region has over 80% of Australia's natural mineral springs. Try some of the many springs of the area at the Hepburn Springs Mineral Reserve. Take a walk and discover Locarno Spring, Sulphur Spring, Soda Spring and Wyuna Spring. Don't forget a water bottle or cup to try the water.



## Historic Hepburn Springs



### The Blowhole to Breakneck Gorge

Distance: 7.6 km

Time: 2.5 hours

#### Grading:

For a shorter walk take one of the signposted walks around the Blowhole. Spur Loop Walk: 750m 15 minutes or Diggings Walk: 3.4km return 80 minutes Start off at the Blowhole Car Park, follow the track to the Blowhole where you can view the creek diversion tunnel and follow the trail to Breakneck Gorge. Once you reach Main Rd, return to your starting point along the same path.





#### Historic Springs Trail GREEN TRAIL ———

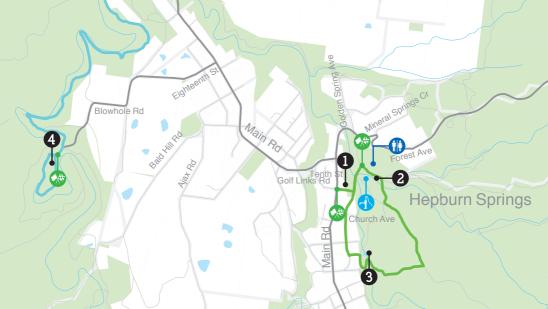
Grading:

Distance: 3 km

Time: 1.5 hours

Begin this trail at 10th Street, walk through the War Memorial Gates and down into Hepburn Springs Mineral Reserve. Continue past the playground and follow the 4WD track that ascends into the bush. The trail takes you to the historic Hepburn Springs Swimming Pool then back towards the town.

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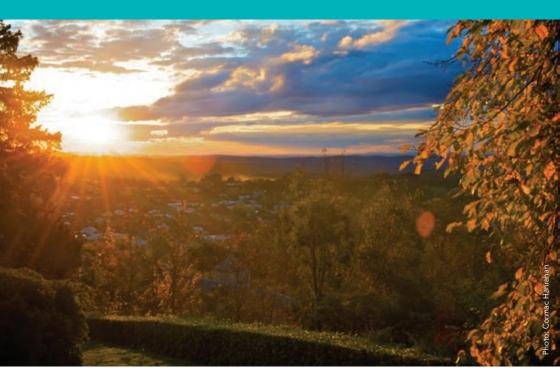


- 1. Take a walk through the War Memorial Gates and remember the soldiers who gave their lives in the First World War, Second World War, Korea, Malaya and Vietnam Wars.
- 2. Take some time to explore the historic Hepburn Springs Mineral Reserve. A great place for a picnic. Don't forget to take a cup to taste the mineral water fresh from the pumps.
- 3. The historic Hepburn Springs Swimming Pool was built in the 1930s. This swimming pool was created by damming the natural basin across Spring Creek. It was used for State Swimming Championships in the 1930s. This area is of great significance to the Dja Dja Wurrung people, the original inhabitants of this region.
- 4. The Blowhole was created in the 1850s when gold miners used dynamite to blow a tunnel through the rock to divert Sailors Creek. An impressive site when the water is flowing strongly.



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### Cornish Hill



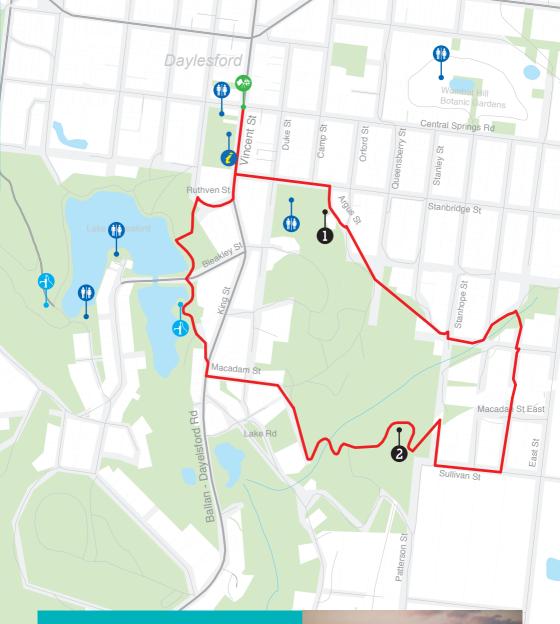


Grading:

**Suitable for:** Walkers/Cyclists /TrailRider

Distance: 5 km Time: 2 hours Start this trail at the top of town, at the stunning Thomas' Lookout on Argus Hill. Follow the yellow TrailRider signage through the old gold mining area of Cornish Hill and see the work the Friends of Cornish Hill have done on removing weeds and replanting native vegetation.

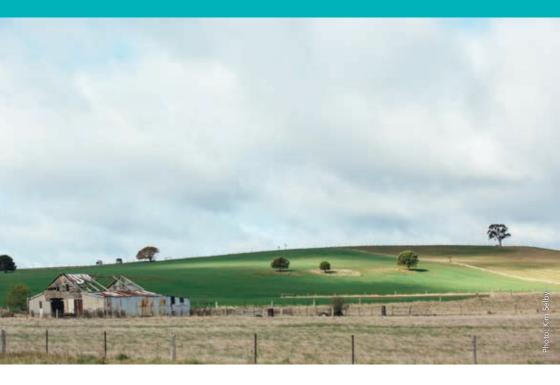




- Enjoy a beautiful view over the forest surrounding Daylesford. View the location of a plaque acknowledging the contribution of the Cornish miners of the area.
- Stand above the disused Cornish Hill goldmine shaft and imagine the miners working to extract the gold from the quartz in the 1800s.

Photo: Kim Selby

# Glenlyon Walk

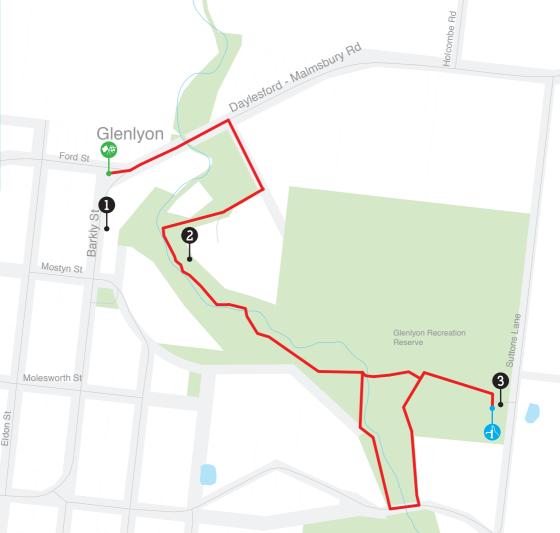




Suitable for: Walkers/Cyclists /TrailRider

Distance: 4.6 km Time: 1.5 hours Grading: Starting from the Glenlyon General Store, this trail takes you along the Loddon River to the Glenlyon Mineral Springs and Recreation Reserve, returning back along the same track. Take care when crossing the river. Read the interpretation boards along the way and learn about the environment of the area.



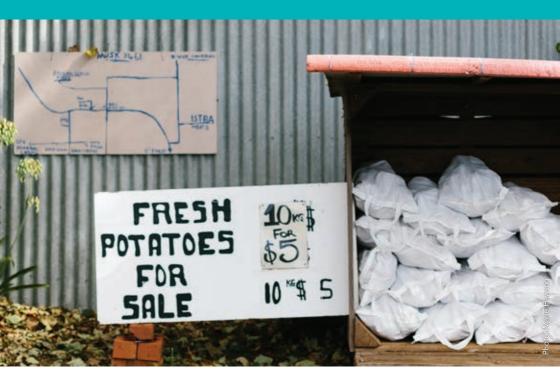


- Along Glenlyon's main road, view the magnificent elm and oak trees which were planted to commemorate the First World War.
- This trail follows the curves of the Loddon River. Keep your eyes out for birds and wallabies. This area has been cleared of weeds and replanted with native plants by the local Landcare group.
- Glenlyon Mineral Springs taste the mineral water fresh out of the pump. This is a lovely place to stop for a short break or leisurely afternoon.



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### Daylesford Musk Ride





This track is a mixture of sealed and gravel roads.

Starting from the centre of Daylesford, this trail heads through the industrial area of East Street, the historic mining area of Italian Hill and to the hamlet of Musk. It then loops around onto the Daylesford-Trentham Road, past the Daylesford Cemetery and back into Daylesford. Take care along these roads, as there is only a small shoulder.



 The cairn dedicated to Three Lost Children commemorates the tragic story from the gold era when three small boys wandered away from their homes in Daylesford in 1867. Despite a massive and lengthy search effort the boys were not found alive.

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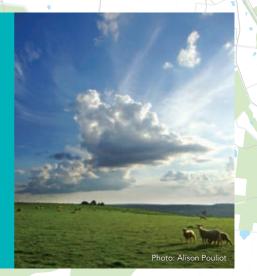
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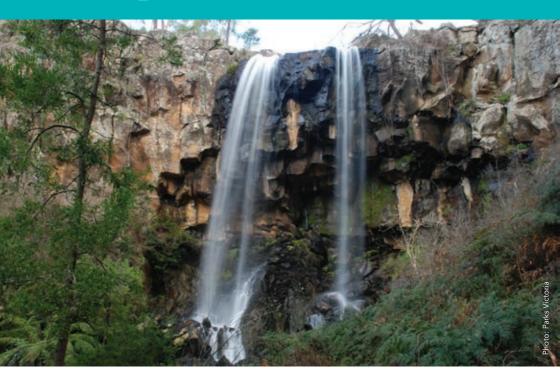
Dairy Flat

Musk

- 2. Discover the pioneers of the region at the Daylesford Cemetery. Collect an information flyer from the Daylesford Regional Visitor Information Centre, or stop by the Daylesford Museum to discover more.
- → Take some time to stop off at the many local producers who surround this area. For detailed information collect a local map from a Visitor Information Centre.



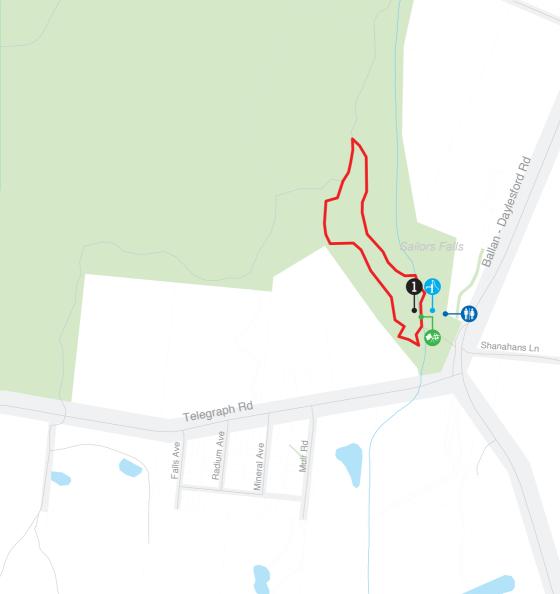
# Sailors Falls Loop Walk





Begin in the visitor area where you can view the falls, experience the mineral water or enjoy a picnic. From here take the short walk down the stairs and follow the creek to the lower mineral springs. Follow the signs for the loop walk along an old water race to the base of the falls, walk amongst the tree ferns and take the footbridge over the creek to return.

For more information on Hepburn Regional Park contact Parks Victoria on Ph: 13 1963



### Points of interest:

- With a 30 metre drop, Sailors Falls is a beautiful sight to watch. Thought to be named after sailors who jumped ship to seek gold in the area during the 1850s gold rush.
- → Spot the remnants of the water races. There were over 380km of water races built in the district, to transport water around the gold diggings to uncover the nuggets of gold.



### Trentham



Nestled at the top of the Great Dividing Range mid-way between Woodend and Daylesford, approximately one hour from Melbourne, Trentham is a very special township and the perfect base to explore the many attractions of these areas. It's a small town that certainly packs a punch – offering experiences that excite, soothe, relax and rejuvenate.

Like most of the towns and villages throughout Central Victoria, Trentham owes its foundation and ongoing appeal to the discovery of gold. The township and area has moved beyond this to take advantage of its natural attractions and become a gateway to the Wombat Forest. Trentham is a lovely country village filled with character, interesting stores, cute cottages, gorgeous gardens and superb accommodation. Don't forget to try some of the area's delicious food and wine when passing through.

Whilst in Trentham take some time to visit Trentham Falls – the longest single drop waterfall in Victoria, plunging some 32 metres over basalt columns. Trentham Falls was formed approximately five million years ago from molten lava rapidly cooling as it flowed along the old Coliban River valley.



### Domino Trail

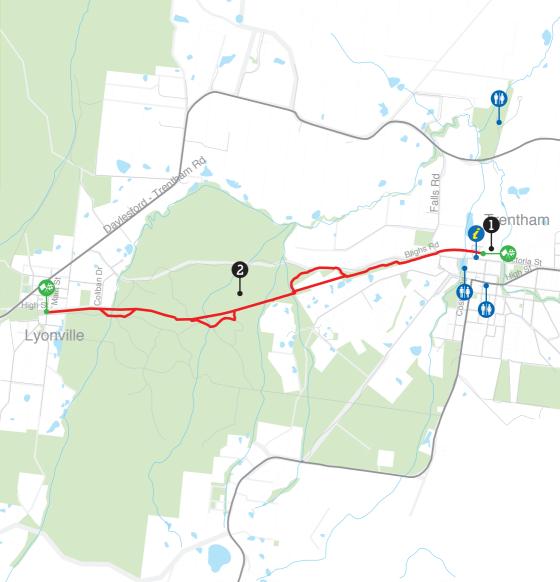




Time: 3 hours

Grading:

Walk part of the original railway line that travelled between Daylesford and Carlsruhe. Starting from the historic Trentham Railway Station where you can see memorabilia from the golden era of rail travel, this trail travels through the Wombat State Forest to the township of Lyonville. Stop here for a bite to eat and return back via the same track. This trail can be completed in reverse and is suitable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Want a shorter walk? Why not get dropped off at the start of the trail in Trentham, walk the 6km to Lyonville and meet your transport there.

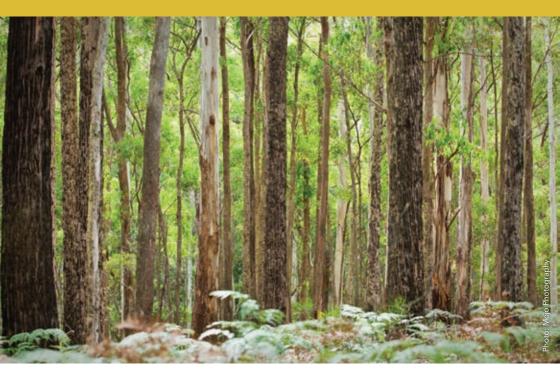


### Points of interest:

- See the historic Trentham Railway Station with its restored carriages that are used as market stalls on weekends and the relics from the golden era of train travel.
- Wombat State Forest was once heavily logged to provide timber for mine construction during the gold rush era. The forest was closed to logging in the 1890s to allow it to regenerate.



### Wombat Trail

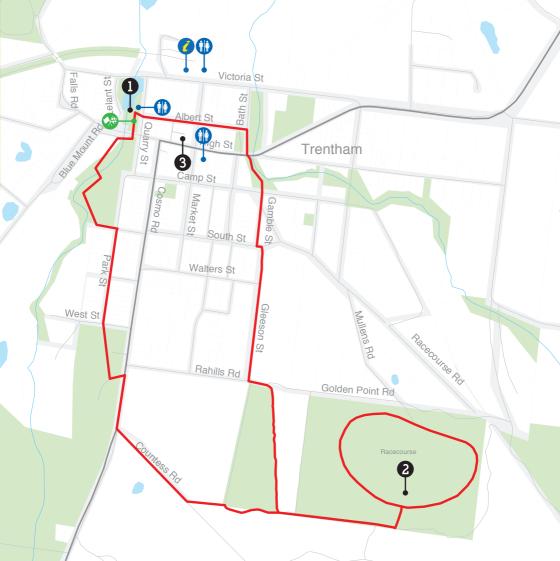




Follow the directional signs from the Quarry Street Reserve and explore the hidden gems of Trentham. A large part of this trail runs through the Wombat State Forest and the township of Trentham linking the town's history with the evolution of the area as a foodie's paradise.

Distance: 9 km Time: 2 hours

Grading:



### Points of interest:

- Quarry Street Reserve is a picturesque reserve and lake that was created through the hard work of volunteers from the community. A great place for a picnic or BBQ.
- Take a step back in time and walk around the Old Trentham Racecourse, in the direction that the horses ran (anti-clockwise).
- Explore the historic main street of Trentham and stop off for a bite at some of the restaurants and cafes in the town.



## Longer Rides & Walks

There are many longer walks and rides that can be completed in the region. More information can be collected from one of the Visitor Information Centres in the area, listed on Page 2 of this guide. A selection of longer trails are mentioned below:

The Goldfields Track is a 210km long trail that runs from Ballarat to Bendigo. For more information on the Goldfields Track visit www.goldfieldstrack.com.au or you can purchase a guide book from a Visitor Information Centre.

The Three Lost Children's Walk is a 16km one way trail following the footsteps of three children from Daylesford who became lost in the bush. See the brochure available from a Visitor Information Centre or visit www.delwp.vic.gov.au for more information.

Creswick has a range of mountain bike trails surrounding the township. For more detailed information on these trails, you can collect a copy of the Creswick Walking and Cycling brochure from the Creswick Visitor Information Centre.

#### Safety

- Match your activities to your abilities, fitness and stamina.
- Wear good walking shoes and protective clothing for all activities.
- Walkers and riders should always keep to designated tracks and obey all safety and warning signs. Take care when crossing roads.
- Carry plenty of drinking water, a hat, sunscreen and a first aid kit.
- Plan to complete your walk before dark.
- Tell a responsible person where you are going and when you are expecting to return.
- Be aware of current fire danger ratings, fire bans and extreme weather conditions.
- Avoid walking or riding in extreme heat or days of high fire danger. For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Please ensure dogs are on a lead and you take any rubbish home with you.
- For the most up-to-date park conditions contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963

In the event of an emergency call 000. Be aware that you may travel out of mobile phone range.

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