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Varra Valley & Dandenong Ranges

Only an hour from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges transports you to a different world. Our region boasts iconic experiences, from culinary delights to bushland adventures, luxury retreats, family-friendly attractions and more. Discover the charm for yourself and craft your unique adventure.

DINE, WINE & MORE



The Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges is one of the world's premier wine growing regions with over 90 cellar doors to explore. The region has a significant history of producing world-class spirits, beer and cider with internationally acclaimed distilleries and breweries. Take a culinary journey with chefs preparing local and seasonal produce from farmgates and orchards in renowned restaurants, contemporary cafes, bakeries and venues with spectacular views over the vineyards.

NATURE & ADVENTURE



The region's nature and adventure activities will have you coming back time and again. Meet Australia's majestic birds and iconic animals like Platypuses, Kangaroos and Koalas. Tee-off on a world-class golf course, soar over rolling hills and vineyards in a hot air balloon, marvel at towering Mountain Ash trees, or get your heart pumping abseiling or mountain biking. Whether it's a scenic walk in the beautiful bushland, a visit to Lake Mountain or Mt Donna Buang for Melbourne's closest snow play, or a winding drive on the famous Black Spur, there are plenty of wow moments you'll never forget.

GOURMET SHOPPING & FARMGATE



Everybody knows that the tastiest fruit is picked straight from the tree. Our region is home to seasonally available u-pick options as well as shopping straight from farmgates or local gourmet providores. Catch and cook your own fish, pick fresh berries and fruit or enjoy a tractor ride through the orchards. Enjoy sampling artisan breads, cheeses, charcuteries, and chocolates. Wander through local farmers' markets, chat with growers and fill your baskets.

ART, CULTURE & HERITAGE



Our vibrant arts precinct is bursting with interesting spaces, creative artists and historically significant spots to educate, inspire and delight. The region is home to galleries, museums and historically and culturally significant locations ready to be explored. From cutting-edge modern art to artist colonies, explore the rich history dotted all through the hills and valleys.

STAY, PLAY & UNWIND



Rest and recharge at any one of our welcoming cottages, luxury retreats, and boutique B&Bs. From budget-friendly to luxury escapes, stunning vineyards stays, pet-friendly locations and farmstays, you'll find a magical place to stay. Whatever accommodation option you choose, there are endless reasons to extend your stay just a little longer and explore more of the Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges.

TOURS & TRANSPORT



Uncover the secrets of the Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges with knowledgeable guides who can show you their favourite spaces and places or create your own itinerary and leave the driving to them. Sit back and relax as your driver takes you through our picturesque region which offers views around every bend.

FIND OUT MORE...



DOWNLOAD OUR WALKS EGUIDE

The Walks eGuide features over 200 walks and trails in the Dandenong Ranges and Yarra Valley. Discover a walk suited to your ability level, dog-friendly areas and additional trail notes.



SEE WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Our What's On e-newsletter offers a curated guide to events and activities happening in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges, keeping you informed about the best things to do in the region.



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LEGEND

A	Camping
**	Public Toilets
酃	Neighbourhood Safer Places, cfa.vic.gov.au
$\overline{\mathcal{H}}$	Picnic area
ш	Waterfall
	ESTA emergency marker, esta.vic.gov.au
T	Look out/viewing area
Ρ	Parking available
\diamond	Start of trail
ଏ	Return same way
/ @	End of trail
	Trail Route
Foot Bridge	Bicycle/Walking Path/Rail Trail
Fort	2WD in dry weather only



Forest/Bush/Scrub



_____ River

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Contour Heights

gradient becomes).

the ground will be.

Difficulty Grading

2

VicEmergency App

while travelling in Victoria

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Easy

Contour lines on a map represent how high or flat the land is. Each line represents a standard height above sea level.

• When contour lines are close together, this means that the gradient is steep (the closer together, the steeper the

 When the contour lines are further apart, the gradient is flatter, so the further apart they are located, the flatter

Intermediate

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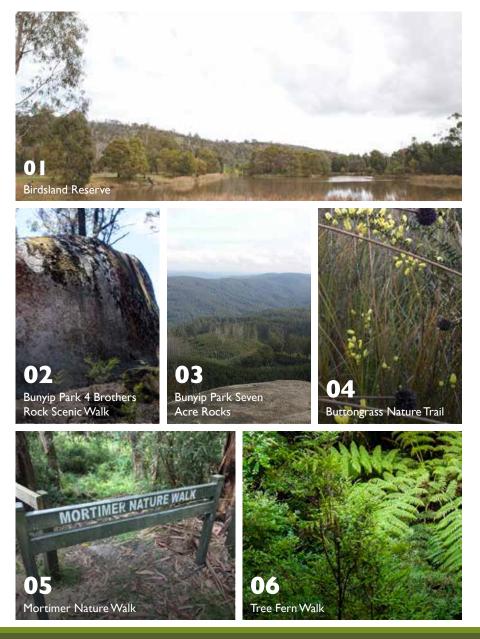


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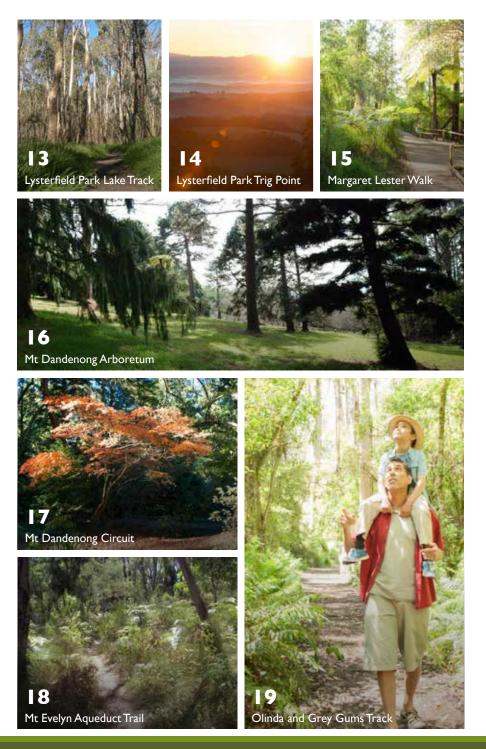
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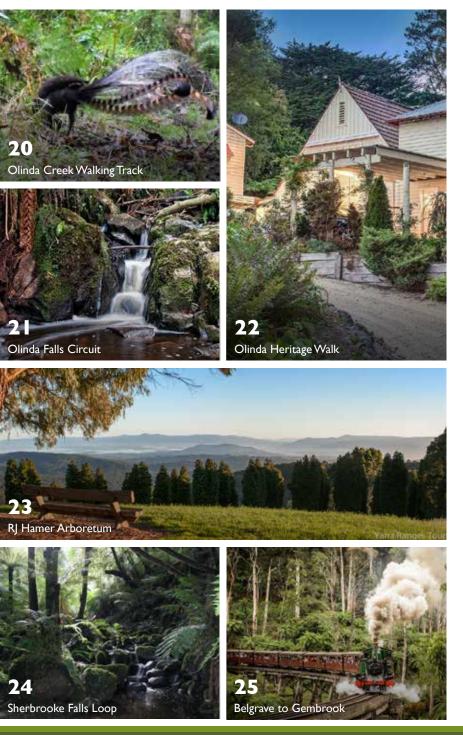
The information contained in this book is an introduction to the various tracks, both long and short, easy walking or more challenging, that are in and around the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges. Bushwalkers, cyclists and horse riders are welcome to enjoy the beautiful living environment of this unique area. Owing to unforeseen circumstances such as extreme weather conditions, some of the trails may not be opened. Please contact the relevant authority before you start your activity.

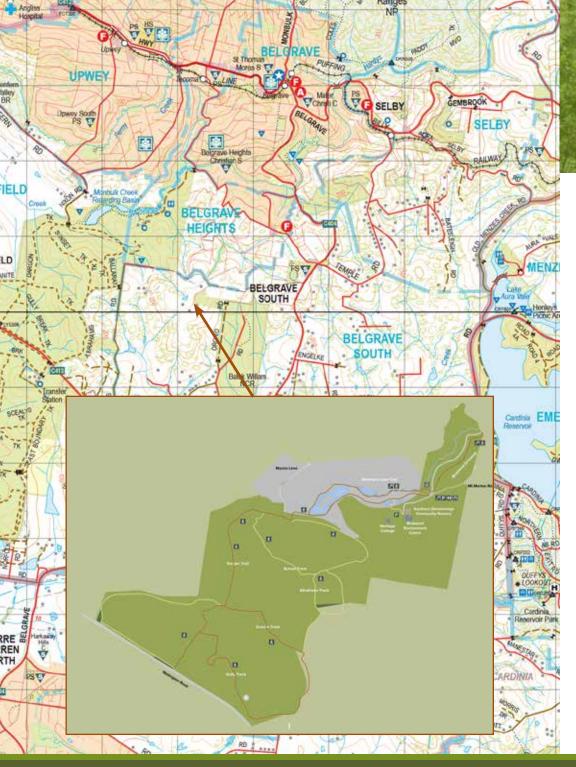
Fresh air, stunning views, amazing wildlife and spectacular gardens all make for an entirely wonderful adventure in the Dandenong Ranges, just an hour from Melbourne.











OI. BIRDSLAND RESERVE WETLANDS WALK

Start Mt Morton Road, Belgrave Finish Mt Morton Road, Belgrave GPS Start Lat: -37.925966 | Long: 145.343219 GPS Finish Lat: -37.925966 | Long: 145.343219 Max Elevation 59m Melways 84 A2 Dogs Allowed Yes, on leash only Contact Yarra Ranges Council, 1300 368 333 **Flora** Riparian vegetation, native orchids, Spreading Roperush, Cinnamon Wattle, Stiff Sword-sedge

Fauna Wedge Tailed Eagle, Powerful Owl, Platypus, Echidna, Honeyeaters, Laughing Kookaburra, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Australian King Parrot

Facilities BBQ, picnic tables, toilets (+accessible), car parking

TRAIL NOTES

Easy, level track, suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

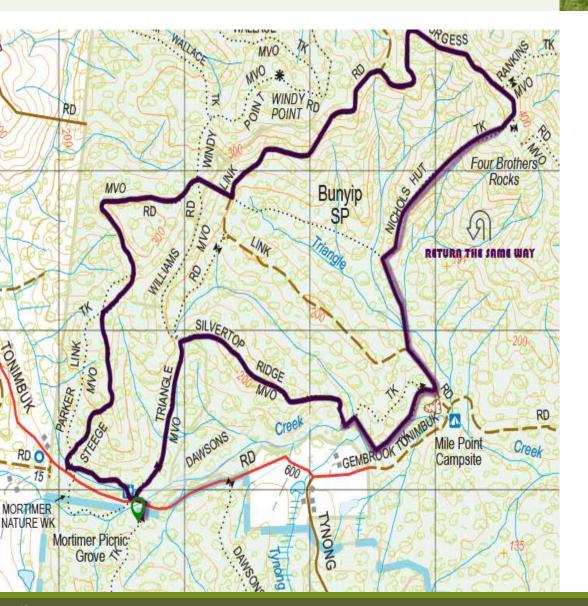
Over I 30 different native birds have been identified in the reserve including the Wedge Tail Eagle and Powerful Owl.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Dandenong Ranges are the remains of an extinct volcano last active 373 million years ago!

02. BUNYIP PARK 4 BROTHERS ROCK SCENIC WALK

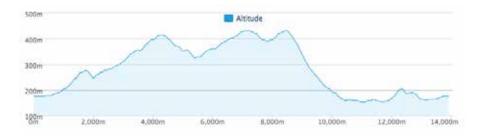


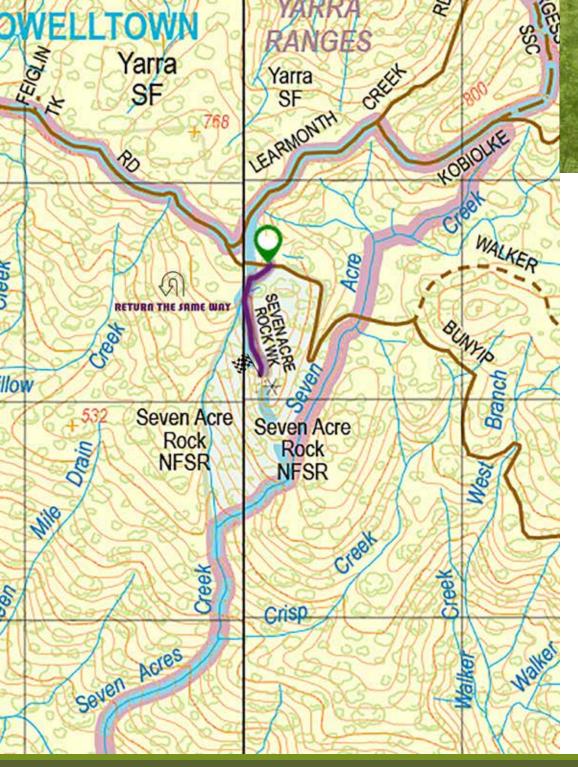
♀ • 15 KMS	🙆 4 HOURS	∲⁄ RETURN	GRADE
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Contact Parks Victoria	13 19 63		

TRAIL NOTES

Maintained fire trails, steep in parts, follows the old Hacket Track Starting from Mortimer Picnic Ground, the Four Brothers Rocks hike follows the old Hacket Track to the Four Brothers Rocks, a collection of large, granite rocks offering sweeping views across the park. Approach via Gembrook-Tonimbuk Road which is unsealed but suitable for 2WD vehicles.

Please check with Parks Victoria before tackling this trail.





03. BUNYIP PARK SEVEN ACRE ROCK

9.	🛞 30 MINS	🕉 RETURN	GRADE 2

Start Seven Acre Picnic Ground Finish Seven Acre Picnic Ground GPS Start Lat: -37.910552 | Long: 145.749411 GPS Finish Lat: -37.910552 | Long: 145.749411 Max Elevation 600m Melways N/A Dogs Allowed No Contact Parks Victoria, 13 19 63 Flora Silver Wattle, Mountain Ash, Snow Gum, Balm Mintbush and Daisy Bush

Fauna Superb Lyrebird, Laughing Kookaburra, Crimson Rosella and Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Wombat, Swamp Wallaby

Facilities BBQ, picnic tables, toilets, car parking at Seven Acre Picnic Ground

TRAIL NOTES

Seven Acre Rock is a large rocky outcrop that provides some of the most spectacular views of the Yarra State Forest, Bunyip State Park and adjoining farm land. On a clear day, it is possible to see Western Port Bay and Port Phillip Bay. Easy grade track, with a slight climb at the end. May be slippery when wet. Please check with Parks Victoria before tackling this trail.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Wurundjeri people considered mountain areas as resting places for various spirits.