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Acknowledgement of traditional owners

We acknowledge the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Eastern Maar, and Wotjobaluk tribes whose land forms the Pyrenees Shire. We pay our respect to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the elders and people of these tribes on whose land we meet today.





Welcome

Surrounded by mountain views, the Pyrenees Region is renowned for its scenery, breathtaking vistas, iconic landscapes and abundant local produce and wine. It is filled with history evoked by the gold rush and people who enjoy a relaxed lifestyle.

We invite you to enjoy a change of pace and the opportunity to get close to nature.

Feast your way through the culinary heart of the Pyrenees as you visit award-winning vineyards and cellar doors. Wander the back roads, discover the secrets, share the stories and shake the hands that picked the grapes of the next glass of wine you'll enjoy from this famous cool climate wine region.

Just a 45 minute drive west of Ballarat, the Pyrenees is one of Victoria's great wine regions where you can find rich reds, floral whites, fine sparkling and everything in between! The region's winemakers have been producing excellent wines for many decades—and the growing list of awards and endorsements that our wines are collecting is testament to the high quality on offer.

When it comes to cellar door experiences, you can find everything from the tiniest boutique winery specialising in only one grape variety, to one where you can taste everything from sparkling through a range of whites or reds, plus dessert and fortified wines.

Eating and drinking isn't all there is to do here – it's hard to overstate how much good nature does for our well-being. If you're feeling a little hemmed in, nature provides a wonderful remedy. The Pyrenees is a place peppered with inspired tracks celebrating the region's beauty. State Parks and Forests offer plenty to keep you on the go with an extensive network of bushwalking trails. Mount Cole and Mount Buangor Parks are located just one hour out of Ballarat and are filled with lush green rainforests with stunning views, fern-filled gullies and offer scenic walking trails and tranquil campsites dwarfed by towering trees.

There are some lovely towns in the area, with Moonambel, Avoca and Beaufort the perfect places to use as your base. Many streets consist of buildings dating back to the gold rush, many now lovingly restored and repurposed into cafes, gift shops, galleries, and even artists' studios.

Getting Here



The Pyrenees region is within easy reach of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong. Just two hours from Melbourne and less than an hour from Ballarat.

By Car From Melbourne

To Avoca:

From Melbourne head to Ballarat on Highway M8. Exit onto Sunraysia Hwy/ B220 toward Learmonth/Avoca/ St Arnaud/Mildura.

To Beaufort:

From Melbourne head to Ballarat on Highway M8. Stay on the M8 to Beaufort.

By Train From Melbourne

From Melbourne take the Ararat line train to Beaufort.

Travel Times By Car

Melbourne to Avoca – 2 hr

Melbourne to Beaufort – 1 hr, 45 min

Ballarat to Avoca – 50 min

Ballarat to Beaufort – 35 min

Geelong to Avoca – 2 hr

Geelong to Beaufort – 1 hr, 40 min

Bendigo to Beaufort – 1 hr, 40 min

Bendigo to Avoca – 1 hr, 15 min



Visitor Information

Talk to a local – our local experts are here to help you plan your memorable visit to the Pyrenees.

The friendly, knowledgeable staff at the Visitor Information Centres in Avoca and Beaufort will provide you with reliable information on things to do and see, maps and guide books, accommodation and dining options. Our friendly staff will share their local knowledge and tips to make your visit an unforgettable one.

Follow us on social media. We are constantly sharing news, events, promotions and things to see and do in the region.

Don't forget to tag us on social media using #visitpyreneesvic so we can see the wonderful time you had while you were here.

Avoca Visitor Information Centre

122 High Street, Avoca

1800 206 622

aic@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Beaufort Visitor Information Centre

72 Neill Street, Beaufort

03 5349 1180

bcrcc@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Important Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 000

Ballarat Base Hospital: 03 5320 4000

Maryborough Hospital: 03 5461 0333

Bushfire Information: 1800 240 667

RACV Roadside Assistance: 13 11 11

Injured Wildlife: 1300 094 535

Beaufort UFS Pharmacy: 03 5349 2504

Avoca Gold Chemist: 03 5465 3021



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Uncover Sensational Food

Life is really about food and wine and our region has a generous selection of both! Find restaurant menus inspired by what's fresh and local, serving the best the Pyrenees Region has to offer.

We have chefs with passion and local produce that inspires people to keep returning to our tables. The menus are adventurous and creative, with local produce including Suffolk lamb, beef, olives and hare, just to name a few.

Avoca has been applauded at the highest level with The Avoca Hotel being the only hotel ever to be awarded the prestigious Golden Plate Award for Best Overall Dining in the state of Victoria. The Avoca Hotel is widely recognised for its outstanding food, extensive range of local wines and extraordinary selection of craft and boutique beers. It is an essential stop for anyone wanting to experience dining at its finest while visiting the Pyrenees.

Our hospitable and welcoming local businesses are keen to share their latest brews and delicious dishes. Our cooks, chefs and bakers have a passion for casual dining using the freshest of ingredients to create mouth-watering meals, pastries, sweets and loaves.

You'll discover a passion for pies across the region, both glammed-up and traditional. Bite into one of the famous crocodile pies at Avoca's Pyrenees Pies, or choose from Shear Delights Bakery or Beaufort Bakery's scrumptious pie menu.

Enjoy dining out in fresh air at one of the many cellar doors serving up exquisite meals and making the most of their picture-perfect surroundings. Pick a spot on a manicured lawn, a deck or a verandah and settle in for a simple yet fabulous meal drawn from local seasonal produce.



Avoca Hotel

Our multi award-winning kitchen offers two levels of dining: pub grub in the public bar and restaurant style in the dining room with full table service. Our drinks list has been awarded for its strong focus on local wines and we are in GT Wine Magazine's Hall Of Fame for our list of beers.

115 High Street, Avoca
bookings@theavocahotel.com.au
 5465 3018
theavocahotel.com.au



Avoca Milkbar

Features old charm style milkbar mixed with modern coffee, legendary hot takeaway food, deli meats, gas bottles, ice, fuel, vehicle batteries, newspapers, lollies, milkshakes and convenience needs and good service.

153 High Street, Avoca
Kellie14coffee@gmail.com
 5465 3284



Beaufort Hotel

Family-friendly country hotel with loads of charm. Ice-cold beer, warm fires and delicious country-style meals. There is a beer garden for your furry friends as well.

23 Pratt Street, Beaufort
beauforthotel@bigpond.com
 5349 2207
facebook.com/thebeauforthotel



Blue Pyrenees Estate

Take in the picturesque views from our outdoor terrace or by the fireplace inside our cosy cellar door. A glass or two of our exceptional wines awaits, complemented by a selection of local cheeses, charcuterie, and other gourmet goodies.

656 Vinoca Road, Avoca
reception@bluepyrenees.com.au
 5465 1111
bluepyrenees.com.au



Grevillea Cottage

Be transported into another world. Not only do we sell home made cakes and source local products, we also offer gifts, flowers and plants. While visiting the Pyrenees you can order a picnic box whilst you explore the region.

59 Neill Street, Beaufort
helen@grevilleacottage.com.au
 0409 145 224
grevilleacottage.com.au



O&L Coffee House

The O&L Coffee House Avoca boasts an array of home style cooked meals. Besides tantalising the tastebuds, we stock an abundance of local produce including Doctors Creek preserves and giftware.

106 High Street, Avoca
doctorscreekonhigh@gmail.com
 5465 3777
facebook.com/oliveandlavenderstore



Pyrenees Hotel Lexton

The Pyrenees Hotel offers a classic menu of fresh cooked, homestyle pub food that will please the whole family! We use local produce in many of our dishes, and take pride in making sure you don't leave hungry! Open from 2pm Wed-Sun. Dinner from 6pm Thu-Sun.

39 Williamson Street, Lexton
kerrie.pyreneeshotel@gmail.com
 5466 7215
facebook.com/p/Pyrenees-Hotel-Lexton-100072037999446



Sallys Paddock

Lunch at Sally's Paddock Cellar Door can be enjoyed with a delicious selection of platters and seasonal offerings along with wine by the glass. Grazing platters feature quality cheeses, our famous smoked lamb, home grown olives and handmade preserves. Lunch available 7 days per week.

1926 Sunraysia Highway, Redbank
sales@sallyspaddock.com.au
 5467 7236
sallyspaddock.com.au



Summerfield Winery

Overlooking beautiful native winery gardens, Summerfield specialises in wood-fired pizzas, stone-baked artisan poolish sourdough breads and has a delicious gourmet deli featuring local products. Cellar Door OPEN 7 days 9am - 5pm. Woodfired Pizzas WED-SUN 12 - 3pm and FRI-SAT 5.30 - 8pm.

5967 Stawell-Avoca Road, Moonambel
info@summerfieldwines.com.au
5467 2264
summerfieldwines.com.au



Wayward Winery

Whether it's a long lunch in our sixty-five seat restaurant, your next function or a wedding amongst the vines, we look forward to welcoming everyone to Wayward Winery.

76 Quoin Hill Road, Waubra
info@waywardwinery.com.au
0491 920 376
waywardwinery.com.au



Choose the spot to say 'I do'

More and more couples are choosing to tie the knot in the Pyrenees. Choose from a range of picture-perfect backdrops from idyllic vineyards to gorgeous lakesides, historic homesteads, natural bush settings or even a shearing shed! All locations are perfect for not only hosting your guests but also for your wedding photoshoot. We have a variety of venues that are equipped to cater for weddings of any size from intimate gatherings to large scale events for hundreds of guests.

visitpyrenees.com.au/things-to-do/weddings





Unwined in Cellar Doors

Less than two hours from Melbourne, the Pyrenees Wine Region in Western Victoria is the home of award-winning wines and the spectacular untamed ranges that give this region its name. Picture yourself rounding a corner on a quiet country road to discover another vineyard or cellar door, another stunning view.

With many local labels seeing the second generation of winemakers coming through, there are plenty of new varieties to enjoy as well as the old favourites. And when you stop to taste a drop or two, there's a good chance you'll be talking to the winemaker in person.

There are 20 fabulous cellar doors to explore, many enhanced by casual cafes, elegant dining rooms, or decks and terraces overlooking vineyards so close that you feel like you're dining

amid vines. You can pick up a Wine Touring Map from our Visitor Centres or cellar doors or download from visitpyrenees.com.au.

The Pyrenees Ranges comprise the southern extension of the Great Dividing Range. Its foothills and ranges create a remarkable diversity of microclimates that provide a wealth of variety for winemakers.

Make a winery weekend of it and spend time in historic townships. Plan your visit to coincide with Avoca's renowned Pyrenees Unearthed Wine and Food Festival in April - a day of sensational wine, delicious food, local produce and live entertainment. Held along the banks of the Avoca River, patrons can sample a broad range of wines from 25 local wineries with local beer, cider and gin also in the spotlight.



Blue Pyrenees Estate

Explore the finest winemaking in central Victoria when you step into the Blue Pyrenees Estate's cellar door. Enjoy a tasting experience amidst the vineyards, where you can learn more about our established winemaking techniques.

656 Vinoca Road, Avoca
reception@bluepyrenees.com.au
5465 1111
bluepyrenees.com.au



Dalwhinnie Wines

Dalwhinnie produces some of the most coveted and highly awarded wines in Australia. Located in the heart of the Pyrenees wine region, you'll enjoy world-class wines with stunning views. Open Friday to Monday, 10am – 4.30pm.

448 Taltarni Road, Moonambel
enquiries@dalwhinnie.wine
5467 2388
dalwhinnie.wine



Dog Rock Winery

This family-operated winery offers the best cellar door view in the Pyrenees. Premium hand crafted wines including Tempranillo, Grenache, Graciano and Arinto.

114 Degrares Road, Crowlands
dogrockwines@westnet.com.au
0432 734 102
dogrock.com.au



Golden Nugget Tours

Come on our Pyrenees wine tour and taste premium wines and fabulous food while visiting the regions cellar doors - without the worry of having to drive. Cater 1 to 24 people.

golden.nuggettours@bigpond.com
0407 542 796
goldennuggettours.com.au



Mount Avoca Winery

Australia's most highly awarded organic winery has been consistently producing gold medal and trophy winning wines for over 50 years. The unique and special sense of place that defines Mount Avoca begins in the cool climate organic vineyard where grapes are carefully nurtured and hand-crafted into extraordinary wines. Try our wines in our cosy cellar door or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a glass of wine in our gardens and several outdoor dining areas.

Moates Lane, Avoca
friends@mountavoca.com.au
 5465 3282
mountavoca.com



Mrs Baker's Still House

Visit the cellar door at Mrs Baker's Still House in the pristine valley of Glenpatrick. Relax on the sun filled verandah and enjoy a guided tasting. Award-winning craft gins, whisky, liqueurs and wine. Phone ahead for grazing platters. Gin blending masterclass, gin garden parties and gin garden tours are scheduled events. Cellar door open Saturday and Sunday. 100% solar, family owned, sustainable production.

606 Elmhurst-Glenpatrick Road, Glenpatrick
hello@mrsbakers.com.au
 0418 141 685
mrsbakers.com.au
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Sally's Paddock at Redbank Winery

Sally's Paddock continues to be family owned and operated, with a long established reputation for producing outstanding red varietals and blends. Open every day for tastings, grazing platters, coffee and delicious home made cakes. Open Daily 10am - 5pm.

1926 Sunraysia Highway, Redbank
info@sallyspaddock.com.au
 5467 7236
sallyspaddock.com.au



Summerfield Wines

Traditional winemaking methods and minimal intervention is at the heart of the winemaking process at Summerfield Wines, creating deep, hearty and bold premium red wines. Halliday 5 RED Star Rating. OPEN 7 days 9am - 5pm and FRI-SAT 9am - 8pm.

5967 Stawell-Avoca Road, Moonambel
info@summerfieldwines.com.au
 5467 2264
summerfieldwines.com.au



St Ignatius Vineyard

Discover the Pyrenees like never before by visiting St Ignatius Vineyard. Our unwavering dedication to viticulture and winemaking ensures an authentic experience. Delight in unique handcrafted wines that you won't find anywhere else, including Torrontes, Carmenere, Malbec and a range of captivating blends with Argentinian flair. Our charming cellar door is open most weekends and otherwise by prior appointment. A visit to St Ignatius Vineyard will warm your soul – book online to avoid missing out!

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 5410 0525
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Taltarni Vineyard

Taltarni Vineyard and Winery is one of the pioneering wineries of Victoria's Pyrenees wine region. Initial plantings were of Bordeaux varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Shortly thereafter, Taltarni extended its plantings to encompass Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Shiraz as well as Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, enabling us to showcase a diverse portfolio of sparkling, red and white wines.

Taltarni was founded on the principles of individuality, independence and expression, which still guide us today. Combining old-world traditions with innovative new-world techniques, we produce a diverse range of high-calibre still red and white wines and méthode traditionnelle crafted sparklings.

339 Taltarni Road, Moonambel
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5459 7900
taltarni.com.au



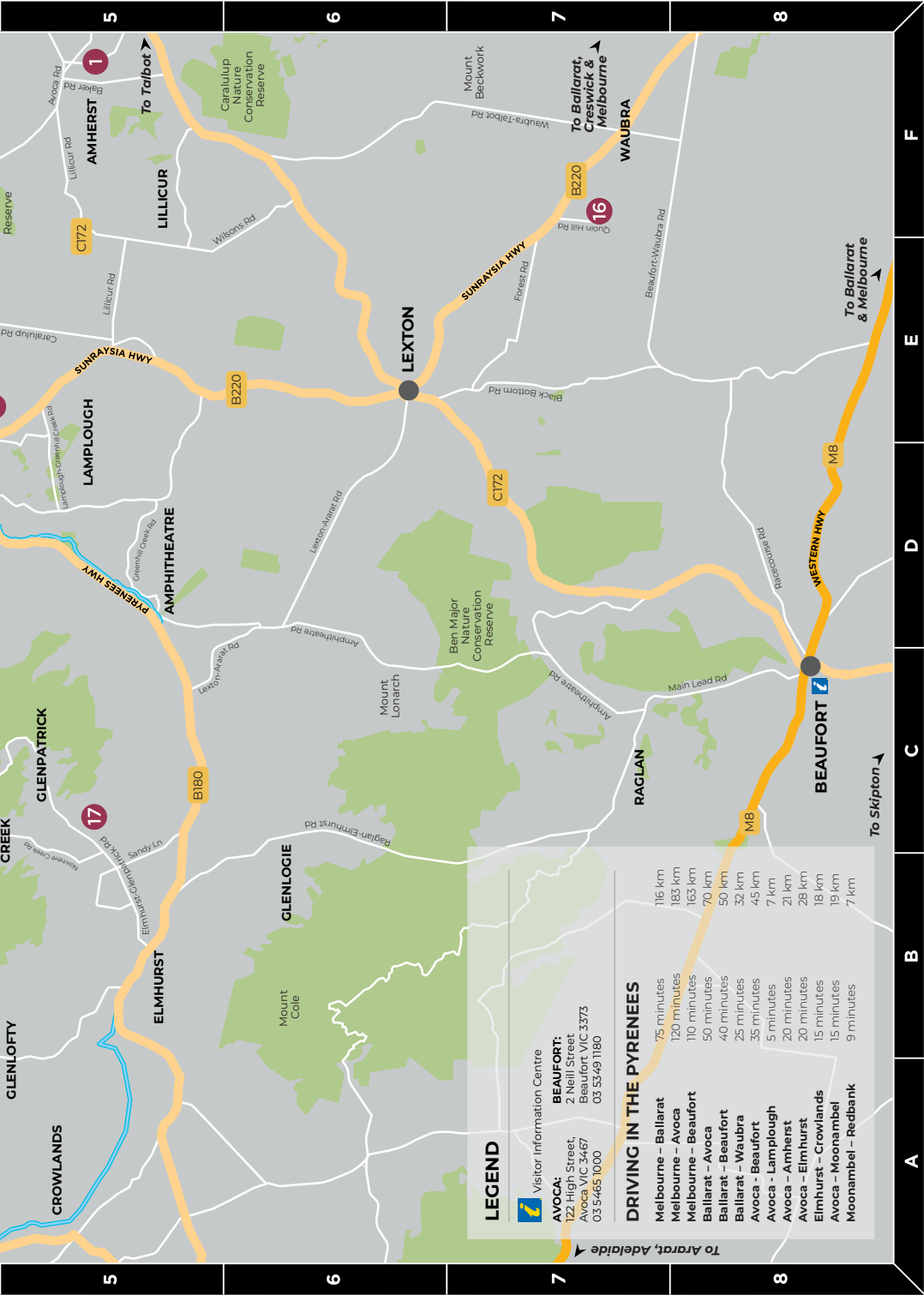


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CELLAR DOORS

- 1 Amherst Winery F5
- 2 Bigbilla Winery B3
- 3 Blue Pyrenees Estate D4
- 4 Dalwhinnie Wines B3
- 5 Dogrock Winery A4
- 6 Equus@Moonambel C3
- 7 Forest Gate Estate E4
- 8 Grape Farm Winery B1
- 9 Kara Kara Estate D4
- 10 Mount Avoca Winery B3
- 11 Peerick Vineyard C2
- 12 Sally's Paddock Redbank Winery E4
- 13 St Ignatius C3
- 14 Summerfield Wines B3
- 15 Taltarni Vineyards F7
- 16 Wayward Winery C5
- 17 Wimmera Hills Winery & Mrs Bakers Still House







Unique Shops, Collectables and Creative Spaces

Weave your way in and out of boutique stores, discover unique antique wares, fresh local produce, lovingly handcrafted goods, plush toys and so much more.

The only thing better than one antique shop is a whole street of them! Both Avoca and Beaufort have long been renowned for their variety of second-hand goods, collectables and antiques. With the main streets dotted with second hand dealers, all within walking distance, you can easily lose a few hours browsing for your next great bargain or cherished showpiece.

The abundance of art in the region is a delight for visitors to explore. Drop into independent galleries and artist-run spaces and soon you'll be chatting to the makers and getting the inside story on the local arts scene.

Avoca, Beaufort and Moonambel have a passionate arts community. Both the Avoca and Beaufort Railway stations

have been restored into thriving boutique galleries showcasing work from our talented local artists.

Challenge your inner creative self by taking a workshop. Angela Gerrard offers regular painting workshops and Lexton Pottery offers weekend pottery classes. Keep an eye on the What's On calendar at visitpyrenees.com.au to take part in pop-up classes throughout the year.

Avoca's silo is part of the Australian Silo Art Trail and displays the first glow in the dark artwork along the trail... and possibly the world! During the day, you can see a beautiful painting of the Barking Owl perched on a branch with the Pyrenees Ranges in the background, but at night the starburst sky and the owls eyes both glow in the dark when charged by the silos installed floodlights.

There's a little something for everyone here in the Pyrenees.



Angela Gerrard

Angela Gerrard Art is a working art studio gallery. A multi-disciplinary artist, Angela specialises in soft pastel artworks and ceramic forms and runs a variety of art classes.

188 Stockyard Hill Road, Beaufort
art@angelagerrard.com
 0439 565 468
angelagerrard.com



Art Trax Gallery

Art Trax Gallery, Beaufort, established in 2014, continues to provide quality exhibitions from both local and visiting artists, with exhibitions changing every three months and a featured artist exhibiting each month. Opening hours Mon & Fri 11am - 3pm, Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm.

30 Pratt Street, Beaufort
heatherbell51@hotmail.com
 0427 492 082
facebook.com/Beaufort-Art-Trax



Avoca Antique Bottles & Collectables

Discover fascinating collectables that no longer fit into this modern world. Many items that are now not in use have become highly prized collectables. Browse selections of antiques, bottles, collectables, music, pottery, books, whisky, tins, kitchen wares and much more.

144 High Street, Avoca
ron@antiquebottles.com.au
 5465 3887
antiquebottles.com.au



Avoca Crystals

Enjoy the wonders of the universe, feel the energy of nature in every mineral specimen, crystal or polished stone. Discover an Australian mineral sample for your collection or find that healing stone you need. You can also browse a good library of related books, packed with information.

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 5465 3887
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Avoca Silo

The Avoca silo displays the first glow in the dark artwork in the Australian Silo Art Trail... and possibly the world! The detail of the artwork is best seen during the day, but then come back at night to see the starburst sky behind the owl light up at night.

4 Station Street, Avoca



Acova Sticky Beaks Craft Co-operative

Acova Sticky Beaks showcases the creative talents of the local community. Call in and see the fantastic array of crafts available, ranging from soft toys, handmade bags, knitted goods, plants, flowers and novelty items.

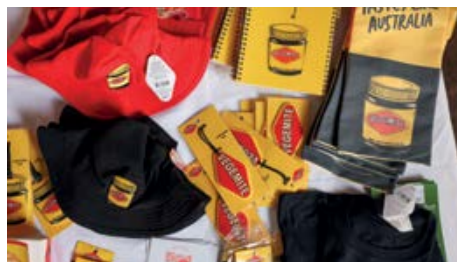
127 High Street, Avoca
acovastickybeaks@gmail.com
 0499 475 936
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Bloomin Fresh

A grocer with a big heart! Here you will find local and organic produce including, fresh food, jam, cheese, olives as well as plants, kitting supplies, books and one-of-a-kind gifts.

16 Lawrence Street, Beaufort
bloominfreshbeaufort@gmail.com
 0423 263 961
facebook.com/bloominfresh



Cyril Callister Museum

The Cyril Callister Museum celebrates all things Vegemite. Discover the man who invented this famous Aussie icon who was born in Chute, Pyrenees. Enjoy a wide range of Vegemite memorabilia and merchandise. Open Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 2pm
 *book for groups.

23 Neil Street, Beaufort
cyrilcallisterfoundation@gmail.com
 0414 082 754
cyrilcallisterfoundation.org



Gallery 127

Gallery 127, located at the 1876 heritage listed railway station, offers for purchase a diverse range of artwork by local and internationally respected artists. Complimentary special exhibitions are featured monthly to enhance the visitor experience.

13-15 York Avenue, Avoca
artsavoca@gmail.com
0439 462 344
facebook.com/artsavoca



Grevillea Cottage

Grevillea Cottage flowers are lovingly created to provide a personal touch that warms the heart. When entering the shop, you will see Helen's love of the bush and how it evokes the passion in her flower arrangements.

59 Neil Street, Beaufort
helen@grevilleacottage.com.au
0409 145 224
grevilleacottage.com.au



Koori Art Trail

Enjoy a leisurely walk or bike ride along the banks of the Beaufort Lake. Discover the new Koori Art trail, which features 12 installations depicting the traditional flora and fauna of the area, and pays homage to the traditions, customs and stewardship of the local lands.

39 Park Road, Beaufort



Mrs Bakers Still House

Gins, whisky and liqueurs of great finesse. Micro distillery run by a mother-and-daughters team. Shopping at the cellar door on weekends, or online. 100% solar, sustainable production.

606 Elmhurst-Glenpatrick Road, Glenpatrick
hello@mrsbakers.com.au
0418 141 685
mrsbakers.com.au
f @mrsbakersstillhouse



Pyrenees Premium Cuts

We are inspired by Australian tradition; a time when the local butcher greeted their customers by name, sourced their meat directly from the farmers' paddock and crafted their products using family recipes passed down through the generations.

110 High Street, Avoca
admin@pyreneespremiumcuts.com.au
5465 3525
pyreneespremiumcuts.com.au



Two Vintage Ducks

Vintage finds delectable food and fine wine nestled in the heart of Moonambel. Two Vintage Ducks open monthly at Grape Farm Winery unveiling local produce, products, grazing platters, coffee and devonshire tea.

107 McAdams Lane, Moonambel 3478
twovintageducks@gmail.com
0437 101 843
facebook.com/p/Two-Vintage-Ducks-100083172614837/



Unearth the Great Outdoors

**Explore, experience and enjoy!
There's nothing better for your health
and wellbeing than getting out into
nature, and there is no better time
than now to explore the region's
stunning natural attractions.**

From beautiful parks to sporting reserves, bike tracks and hiking trails, there is always a spectacular natural experience awaiting you.

Imagine escaping the daily routine by sitting around a campfire under a clear sky, gazing up at the stars and listening to the sounds of the night. Wander on remote bush tracks and discover hidden waterfalls, rugged landscapes and breathtaking views.

Take some time out to stroll through the Avoca Chinese Garden. Located beside the river, the beautiful garden offers a place of contemplation and tranquillity. Walk the grounds of the historic Mount Mitchell Homestead and engage in a tour to learn the history of the estate.

Cool off during the summer months and explore Beaufort Lake, located within the township where you can enjoy fishing, water skiing, canoeing and swimming. There is a leisurely 3km or 1km walking/running track around the lake with fitness equipment dotted along the way. Join friendly locals running, strolling and cycling the track year-round.

For your adrenalin hit, the Mount Cole State Forest and Pyrenees State Forest also offers 4WD, trail biking, mountain bike riding and horseriding opportunities, with many roads at your disposal. Cycle the Avoca Moonambel loop, which takes you along quiet country roads, through stunning landscapes, and provides plenty of opportunities to detour into a cellar door or two.

Be sure to keep your eye out for native animals. Kangaroos wallabies and echidnas are often sighted in the area.



Avoca Chinese Garden

Explore Avoca's garden of fire and water which reflects the Chinese heritage within the region. The garden represents and acknowledges the important contribution of early Chinese immigrants to Avoca during the gold rush era of 1850-1870.

Cnr Cambridge Street and
Dundas Street, Avoca



Beaufort Lake

Located in the Beaufort township, this artificial lake is great for fishing, water skiing, canoeing and swimming. There is a leisurely 3km or 1km walking/running track around the lake where you will find the Koori Art Trail with 12 art installations.

39 Park Road, Beaufort



Beaufort Memorial Gardens

The Beaufort Memorial Gardens is dedicated to those airmen who have no known grave and who lost their lives over Bass Strait while training to defend Australia during Second World War. There's also a great garden where you can enjoy a picnic from one of the local cafes!

32-34 Wiloby Street, Beaufort

Mt Cole and Mt Buangor Walks

There are plenty of self-guided walking trails on offer in the Mount Cole State Forest and Mount Buangor State Park where you can explore the region's natural beauty. Pick up a map from the Beaufort Visitor Centre.

Beeripmo Walk

Mount Cole and Mount Buangor

Distance: 21km (moderate) designed as a 2 day return walk with camping at the Beeripmo campground, however some locals have completed this within 4 hours!

Starting at Richards campground, this walk is a journey of discovery for the novice and experienced hiker alike. Open your senses to lushly ferned forests, the gentle sound of running falls, verdant moss-covered rocks and weather beaten outcrops, as well as taking in magnificent vistas of the surrounding mountain ranges and tablelands below.

Middle Creek to Ferntree Falls Return

Mount Buangor

Distance: 7.2km, 3 hours return (easy)

Starting at the middle creek campground shelter, head along the track marked Waterfalls Nature Walk. There are some steep sections but steps and handrails are provided to take you on a circuit walk of the falls.

Mount Buangor Walk

Mount Buangor

Distance: 10km, 5 hours return (moderate)

Starting at Ferntree Visitor Area, a steep uphill climb takes you past waterfalls, through eucalypt forest to the sub-alpine vegetation at the top of Mount Buangor. Fern-filled gullies and extensive views of the Western Plains past Langi Ghiran await, with a good chance of seeing eagles. The endemic Mount Cole Grevillea may be flowering depending on the time of year you visit.



Mt Cole and Mt Buangor Walks

Jenny Clayton Walk

Mount Buangor

Distance: 8.3km, 3 hours return (easy)

Starting at middle creek campground, a pleasant walk around the Jenny Clayton Education Reserve on the edge of the forest with a good variety of vegetation and animal and bird life.

Paradise Walk

Mount Cole

Distance: 9km, 3-4 hours one way (difficult)

Starting at Richards Campground, walk on foot tracks through ferny glades, across the Fiery Creek and over board walks in the Mount Cole State Forest. Some steep sections but great views. Walking poles are recommended.

Borella Walk

Mount Cole

Distance: 5km, 3 hours one way (moderate)

This walk from Chinamans Campground to Ben Nevis is a bird watcher's delight. It was named in memory of noted local bird observer Max Borella and offers great lookouts. As the walk can be quite steep in places, it is recommended that you take your time to enjoy the views.

Richards, Raglan Falls, Hutchings Track Loop

Mount Cole

Distance: 5.2km, 3 hours return (moderate)

Starting at Richards Campground, a steep walk uphill via the Raglan Falls with a steep and mainly downhill return. This walk provides great views over the Raglan area.



Unpack and Stay Awhile

Stay another day. From historical homesteads to glamping, to quaint self-contained cottages with spectacular views, the Pyrenees has just the place for you to stay a night or two!

As they say, it is all about location, location, location! The villages of Moonambel and Raglan are perfect if you want to be surrounded by rolling hills and natural beauty of the region's picturesque landscapes.

If you prefer to be close to restaurants, cafes and shopping, Beaufort and Avoca have a variety of hotels and motels

offering modest accommodation at very affordable prices. A selection of self-contained apartments and B&Bs will give you a little more privacy and modern conveniences.

If it is a vineyard retreat you are looking for, there are a variety of cellar doors offering vineyard suites, apartments and B&Bs.

With stunning views and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere, the Pyrenees has some of the most comfortable accommodation to complement the natural beauty of the region.



Avoca Cottages

A relaxing gateway abundant with bird life. Avoca Cottages overlooks magnificent river redgums and the Avoca Golf Course. Its 5 spacious self-contained cottages are only 500m from the town centre. Perfect for couples and large groups with a great viewing deck and bbq area.

33 Napier Street, Avoca
info@avocacottages.com.au
 5465 3677
avocacottages.com.au



Beaufort Lake Caravan Park

Beaufort Lake Caravan Park is located on the shores of beautiful Beaufort Lake. Wake to the sunrise over the lake. Powered sites, ensuite sites, cabins.

39 Park Road, Beaufort
bftcpark@pyrenees.vic.gov.au
 5349 2196
beaufortlakecaravanpark.com.au



Cave Hill Creek

An award-winning group accommodation and outdoor recreation venue hosting school and holiday camps, retreats and destination weddings in a stunning lake and bush setting at the foot of Mt Cole.

110 The Glut Road, Raglan
info@cavehillcreek.com.au
 5349 7381
cavehillcreek.com.au



Hedon Farm

Enjoy a stay in the Hedon Farm cottage, Dawsons Road, Avoca. A backdrop of vines and wonderful views of the Pyrenees Ranges. A combination of history and comforts.

112 Dawsons Road, Avoca
tealelizabeta@gmail.com
 0408 521 363



Eco-Luxe @ Mount Avoca

Nestled amongst 600 olive trees overlooking the picturesque vineyard and Pyrenees Ranges, Eco-Luxe blends a balance of four-star luxury with an eco-sensibility. Large picture windows overlooking the magnificent backdrop of Mount Avoca and the Pyrenees Range set the tone to recharge and unwind. Three large luxury eco-lodges are perfectly positioned in the heart of the Pyrenees to explore the local wineries and day trips to the best of Central and Western Victoria.

Moates Lane, Avoca
friends@mountavoca.com.au
 5465 3282
eco-luxe.com.au



Landsborough Caravan Park

Landsborough Caravan Park now offers 2 newly built ensuite cabins accommodating 6 people (1 QS bed and 2 sets of bunk beds). along with powered and unpowered sites in a relaxed setting.

30 Burke Street, Landsborough
 0408 503 149
visitpyrenees.com.au/accommodation/landsborough-caravan-park-2



Mount Cole Cottages

Set in a peaceful bush setting close to Mount Cole State forest. Choice of modern 2br eco cottage or rustic timber cottage with cosy open fireplace. Both airconditioned. Enjoy bushwalking & abundant local wildlife.

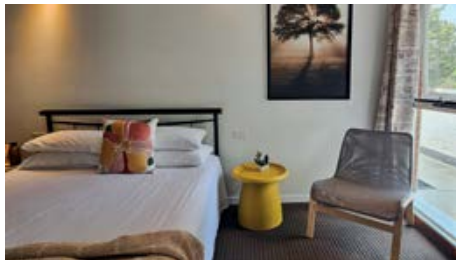
11 Freespoint Road, Raglan
info@mountcolecottages.com.au
 0422 438 414
mountcolecottages.com.au



Pyrenees Hotel Lexton

Historic hotel in Lexton, the gateway to the Pyrenees Wine Region. Five charming character rooms, large comfortable dedicated lounge area and kitchenette. Shared bathrooms with amenities provided. Complimentary continental Breakfast

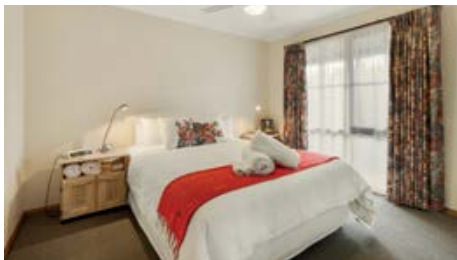
39 Williamson Street, Lexton
 Kerrie.PyreneesHotel@gmail.com
 5466 7215
 facebook.com/p/Pyrenees-Hotel-
 Lexton-100072037999446



Pyrenees Motel

Pyrenees Motel features fully renovated rooms with spa shower, free Wi-Fi, fully equipped communal kitchen, generous shared rec room, covered BBQ area, complimentary MYO breakfast, best value in Avoca. Great for groups.

102 High Street, Avoca
 info@theavocahotel.com.au
 5465 3693
 pyreneesmotel.com.au



Summerfield Winery Apartments

Turn a tasting into a weekend - Wine, Dine & Stay at one of our six studio apartments or the Summerfield Cottage. Summerfield is now a destination! Halliday 5 RED Star Rating.

5967 Stawell-Avoca Road, Moonambel
 info@summerfieldwines.com.au
 5467 2264
 summerfieldwines.com.au

The best things in life are free

It's an old fashioned saying that still rings true in the Pyrenees. Both Avoca and Beaufort are certified RV friendly towns that happily offer free camping in the townships, which makes it so much more convenient for campers. Avoca's free campsite is located along the beautiful Avoca river right in the centre of town within easy walking distance of the shopping strip and local hotel. Public toilets and a playground are located in the Lions Club Park. Beaufort is the ideal location to break your journey between Melbourne and Adelaide with its free campsite located behind the Beaufort Church. There is no charge to stay, and pets on a lead are welcome. If you prefer to set up camp in the bush, there are many camping spots – also free – in Mount Cole and Pyrenees State Forests.





Unmissable Events

The Pyrenees hosts a wide variety of community celebrations and major events throughout the year. To find out what country picnic race meetings are all about, visit Avoca either in March for the Avoca Autumn Race Day, or in October for the Avoca Cup.

For more than 50 years, the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally has been celebrating the history of farm mechanisation and steam engines. Visit Lake Goldsmith, 15km from Beaufort, on the first weekend in May and November to watch a blacksmith at work, marvel at vintage engines and catch a whole lot more.

The Pyrenees Unearthed Festival is not to be missed. Allowing you to experience

the Pyrenees Wineries in one location, it's a fun-filled day for all to enjoy fabulous local produce, live music and wines by the glass, as well as free kids activities.

For a fun family day out with all the wonderful attractions of a country fair, head along to the Beaufort Show in November where there is something for all ages.

On weekends you can find musicians popping up in cellar doors as you relax for an afternoon of live music, wine tasting, and cheese platter grazing.

Check visitpyrenees.com.au/whats-on for dates.



January

Cave Hill Creek Summer Camp
Play in the Pyrenees

March

Pyrenees Petanque Doubles Tournament
Avoca Autumn Race Day

April

Pyrenees Unearthed Avoca
Wine Festival

May

Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

June

Pyrenees Art Exhibition and Sale

September

Pyrenees Magic Bikeride

October

Avoca Cup

November

Beaufort Show
Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally
Pyrenees Petanque Triples
Championships

December

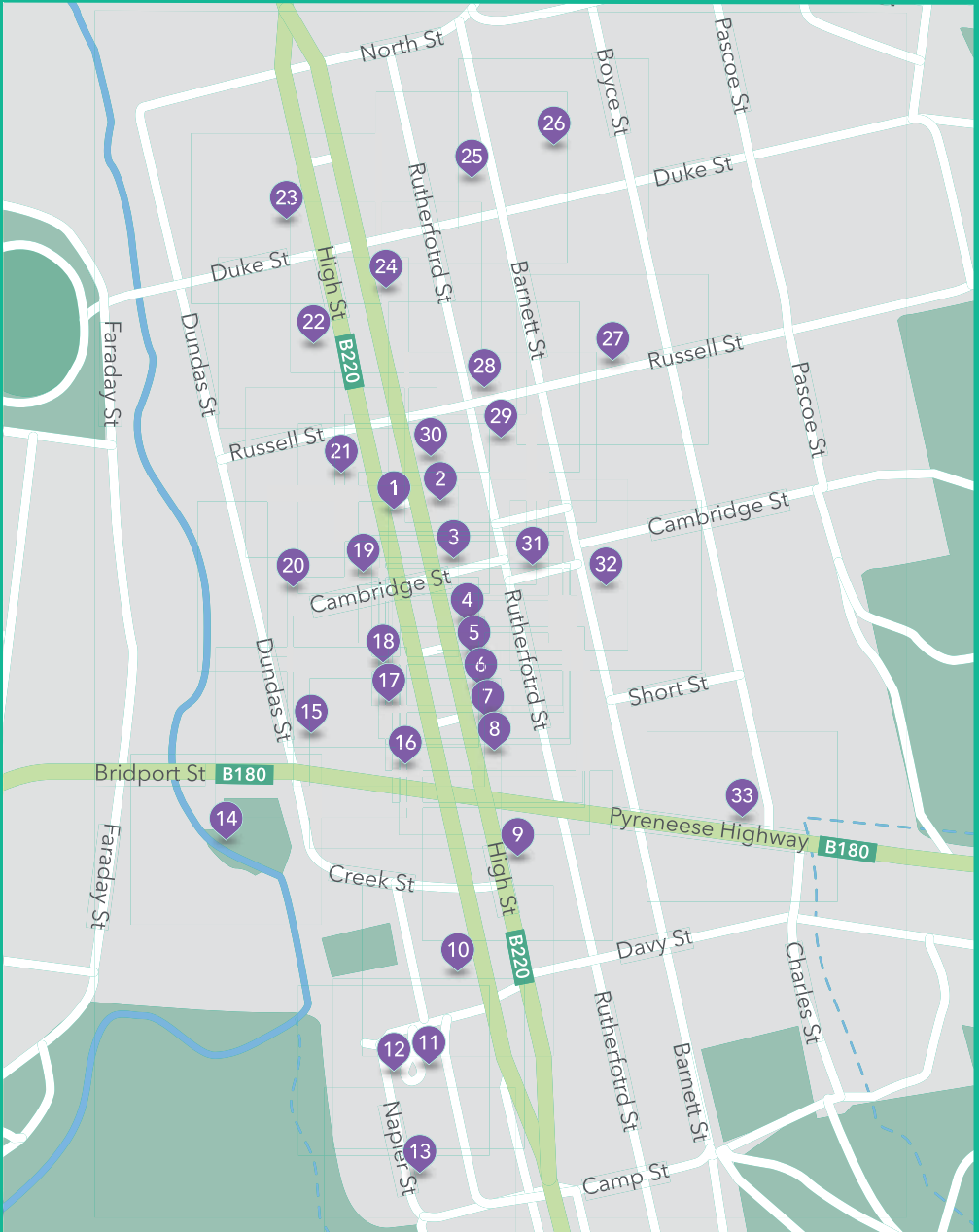
Eel Skinners and Duck Pluckers Ball
Wild Mount Trail Run

Markets

Avoca Riverside Market is held on the 4th Sunday of each month. Beaufort host seasonal pop up markets which you can follow on facebook.com/beauforttownmarket.

Note: Beaufort Market runs from September to April.

Avoca Historic Walk

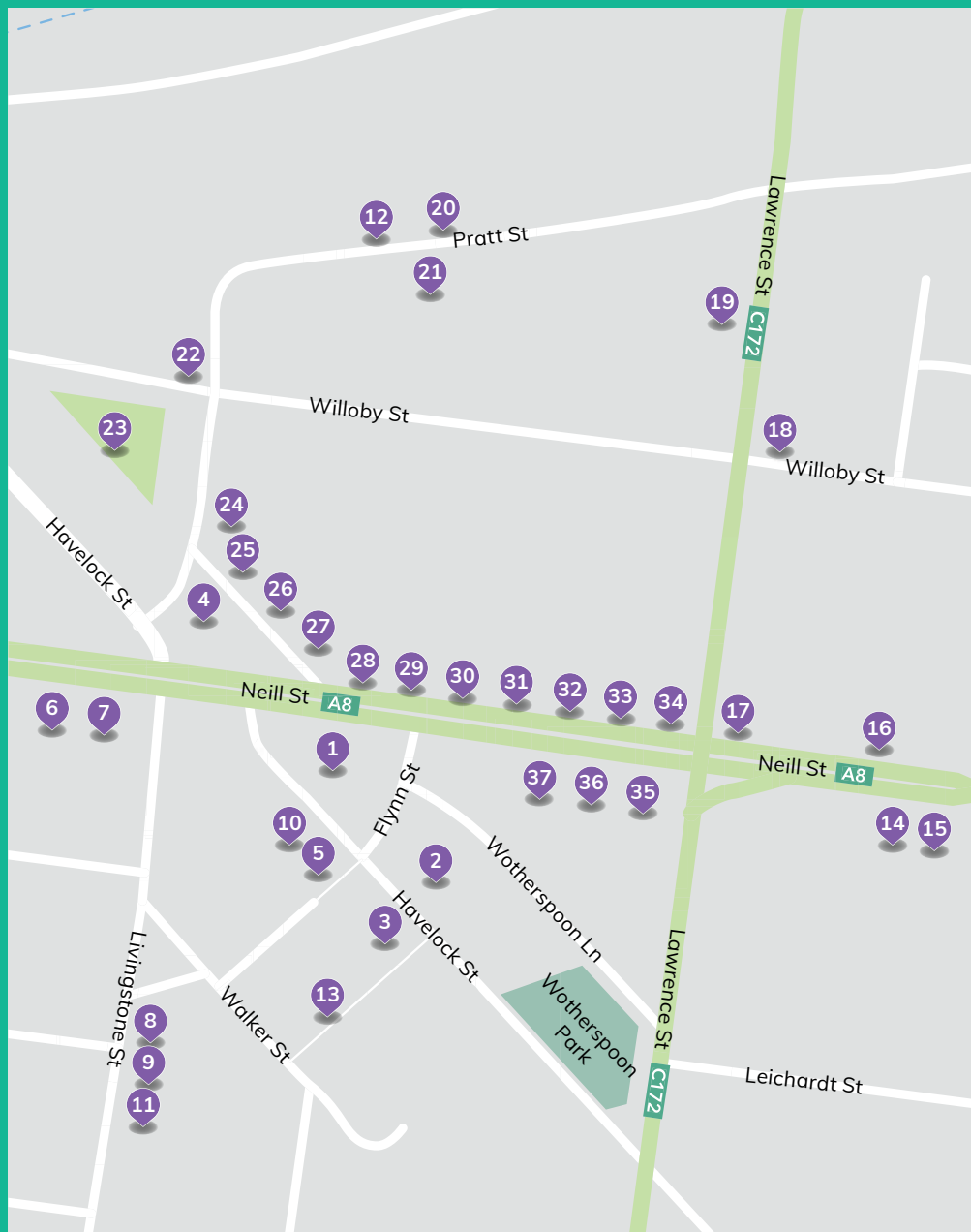


If history fascinates you, there is no better way to experience the history of our gold-rush era towns than by taking a self guided heritage walk. Wander Avoca's wide main street, admire historic buildings and discover the town's rich history at a leisurely pace. Many of the buildings lining the streets are still in their original condition.

You can also collect historic walk information for the townships of Lexton and Moonambel from the Avoca Visitor Information Centre.

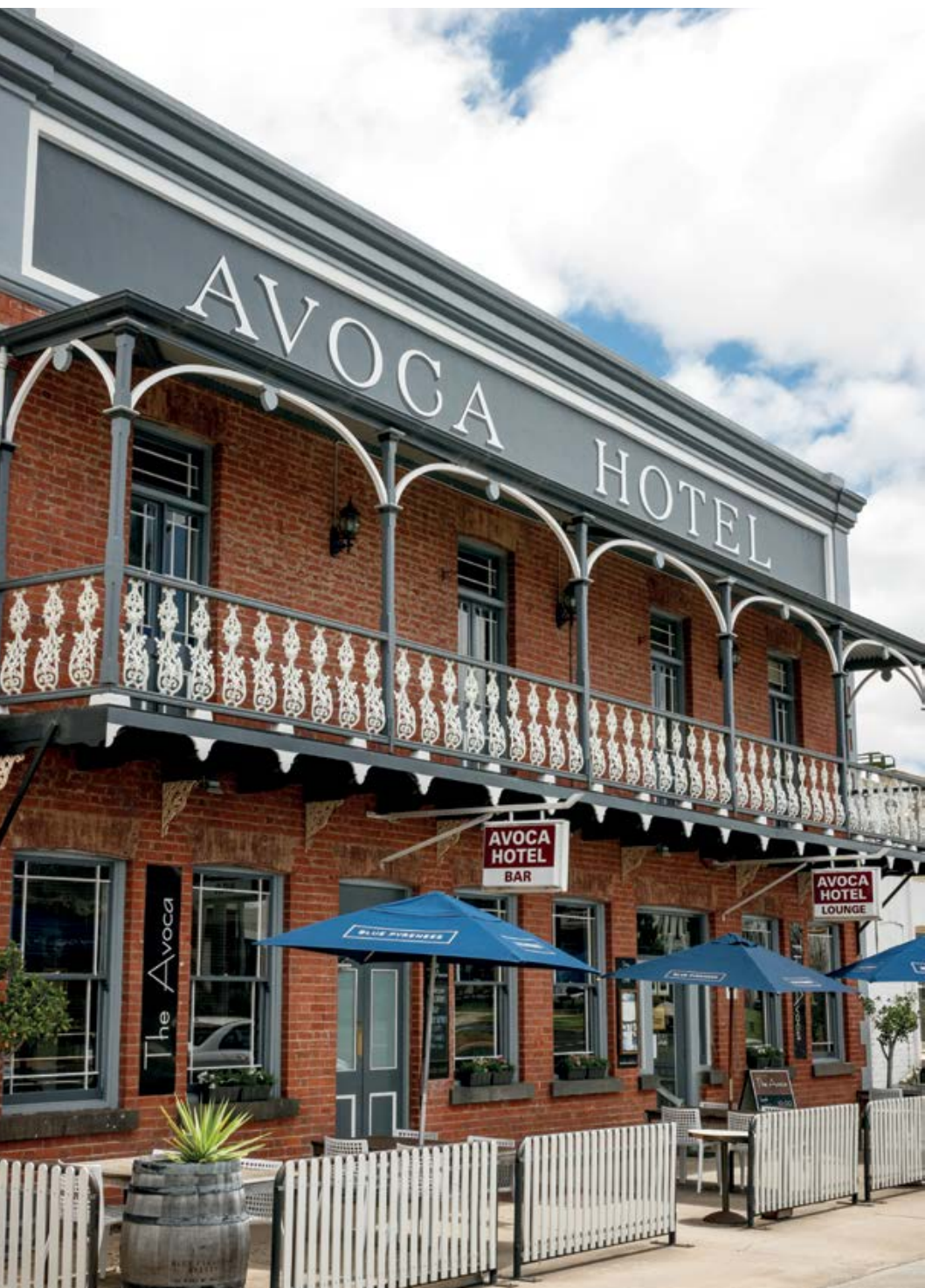
1. Avoca War Memorial, 1921.
2. Albion House, c 1866.
Now a private residence.
3. Avoca Newsagency, 1887.
4. Post Office, 1872.
Still operating today.
5. Albion Hotel, 1868.
Now a Restaurant.
6. State Savings Bank, 1924.
Now the Salvation Army Thrift Shop.
7. Holland's Drapery Shop, 1866.
Now a private residence.
8. Filbey's Butchery, 1856.
Operating now as the Pyrenees
Premium Cuts Butchers.
9. Bank of Victoria, 1854.
Now a private residence.
10. Avoca Court House, 1859.
Now the Avoca & District
Historical Society.
11. Lock Up, 1867.
12. Police Station/Residence, 1859.
13. Powder Magazine, 1860.
14. Avoca Baths, c 1865.
Located at the end of the pines
at the Lions Club Park.
15. Watford House, 1854.
Now a private residence.
16. Union Hotel, 1855.
Now Gollop's Garage.
17. Tea Merchant, c 1870.
Now a private residence.
18. Avoca Hotel, 1872.
Still operating today.
19. Bank of Victoria, 1912.
Now Westbury Antiques.
20. Avoca Chinese Gardens,
acknowledging the contribution
of the Chinese community
to Avoca's heritage.
21. Lalor's Pharmacy, 1854.
Still operating today.
22. Kelley's Store, 1865.
Now Chazen Hair and Beauty Salon.
23. Avoca Meat Market, 1856.
Now a private residence.
24. Snells Store, 1860.
Now the IGA Supermarket.
25. Former National School, 1857.
Now a private residence.
26. Avoca State School No. 4, 1878.
27. Anglican Church, 1871.
28. Uniting Church Complex includes the
Church 1876, Sunday School Hall,
1870 and Parsonage 1871.
29. Old Avoca Vicarage, 1894.
Now a private residence.
30. Victoria Hotel, c 1930,
with stone stables at rear, c 1872.
31. Avoca Shire Hall, 1861.
32. St Kevin's Catholic Church, 1979.
33. Chalmers Presbyterian Church
Complex, 1864. The Manse was
built in 1869.

Beaufort Historic Walk



While visiting Beaufort, you can discover the history of the early goldfields while immersing yourself in the charm of country life. Heritage buildings and picturesque streetscapes await you. Grand old facades, gracious homes and historic cottages are testament to a rich past. The Beaufort Heritage Walk introduces visitors to the many historic buildings and monuments that made Beaufort the town it is today.

1. Beaufort Band Rotunda, 1903.
2. Beaufort Fire Brigade, established in 1874 and rebuilt in 1911.
3. Mechanics Institute, 1863.
4. John Wotherspoon Bust.
5. 'Erskine' 20 Havelock St, 1901.
Now a private residence.
6. Primitive Methodist Mission, 1887.
Now the Christmas Shop.
7. Farleys Undertakers and Carpentry, 1860. Now a private residence.
8. Presbyterian Church, 1908.
Now the Uniting Church.
9. Courthouse, 1864.
Now the Beaufort Historical Society.
10. Masonic Lodge, 1856.
Now apartments.
11. Police Station with stables at rear in Burton St, 1890.
12. Original Signal Box.
13. Hospital - Bernards Private hospital became bush nursing home.
14. Pedder's Blacksmiths, 1862.
Now the Big Garage.
15. Wilsons Garage, 1918.
Now Flywheel Cafe.
16. Farmers Hotel, 1886.
Now Hains Windscreens.
17. DeBaere's House, 1861.
Now an antique shop.
18. Electric Power House, 1959.
Now the Shire Hall.
19. Camp Hotel, 1886.
Rebuilt as Beaufort Hotel.
20. Railway Station, 1874.
Now incorporating Art Trax Gallery.
21. Railway Hotel, 1874 (remodeled in 1920). Now commercial offices.
22. Butchers, 1867.
Now the Pyrenees Advocate office.
23. War Memorial and Krupps gun, 1927.
24. Golden Age Hotel, 1864.
25. Cougles Drapery, 1882.
Now the local hardware store.
26. Ingrams Harness Maker, 1870.
Now the local opportunity shop.
27. Harris's Chemist, 1926.
Now Angels Cafe.
28. Wotherspoon's Hay and Grain Merchants, Now the Beaufort Community Resource Centre.
29. The fish and chip shop through to the hairdressers was part of Wotherspoon Department Store.
30. Hawkes Bros, 1862.
31. Bank of Victoria, 1862.
Now a doctor surgery.
32. Barber Shop and Billiard Saloon, 1868. Now The Craft Shop.
33. Cowans Bakery, 1874.
34. Mrs Martins Haberdashery Store, 1874. Now the Pyrenees Pantry.
35. Commercial Hotel, 1886.
Now the IGA Supermarket.
36. Doctor's Practice 1869.
Now the IGA Supermarket.
37. Jack Days Green Grocer, 1856.
Now Cafe 56.





Known as one of the state's first goldfields, Avoca still harbours treasures in more ways than one. With delicious cafes offering tasty home-cooked meals, historic buildings housing gift shops and collectables, and home to award-winning wineries and hotels, the region has become a hot spot for tourists, especially wine-lovers and foodies.

For ideas on the best places to visit, see our list of the top tourist attractions in Avoca.

- The Avoca Hotel – An essential stop for anyone wishing to experience dining at its finest while visiting the Avoca. The Avoca Hotel is a multiple award-winning hotel restaurant, widely recognised for its outstanding food, extensive cellar of local regional wines and an extraordinary range of craft and boutique beers.
- Avoca Silo Art – In 2021, Avoca became Australia's 47th painted silo art location along the Silo Art Trail and is the first silo to feature a glow-in-the-dark artwork.
- Avoca Bottles and Collectables – this hidden gem invites you to poke around and find a rare or unique treasure.
- Gallery 127 – The heritage listed Avoca Railway Station has been restored and transformed into a gallery presenting exhibitions by local and regional artists.
- Blue Pyrenees Estate – a visit to the cellar door will have you tasting their award-winning range of sparkling, red and white table wines which can be enjoyed with lunch in the onsite restaurant.
- Avoca Historic Walk – Avoca's history dates back to the 1850s when thousands came to the area searching for gold. The historic walk will guide you to the buildings still standing in their original condition.
- Avoca Chinese Garden – Beautifully positioned overlooking the river flats, Avoca's Garden of Fire and Water is a delightful attraction reflecting the Chinese heritage within the region.
- Mount Avoca Vineyard – Visit the light-filled cellar door, which also features a barbecue, secure playground, picnic areas, and a lovely log fire in the winter.
- Governors Rock Lookout and Avoca Waterfalls – Located within the Pyrenees State Forest, this vantage point lets you experience spectacular views of hills, bushland and farmland, as well as a seasonal waterfall that flows after steady rain.



Beaufort

Beaufort is an easy-going town of unhurried holidaying. Located along the Western Highway, just 35 minutes from Ballarat, this charming rural town is nestled close to the Mount Cole State Forest. Filled with cafes, galleries, antiques and collectables, it's the perfect location to meander in search of a bargain or get out amongst nature.

We've put together some ideas of the things you can see or do while you are here.

- Koori Art Trail – Around the shores of the Beaufort Lake, you can enjoy a leisurely walk discovering the Koori Art Trail which features 12 installations that pays homage to the traditions, customs and stewardship of the local lands.
- Mount Cole State Forest and Beeripmo Walk – Wander remote bush tracks and discover hidden waterfalls, rugged landscapes and spectacular views.
- Art Trax – The recently refurbished historical Railway Station is now the home of the Pyrenees Arts Council's Art Trax Gallery.
- Big Garage Sale – Instore you will fill hours reliving your childhood as you browse through the large and varied range of collectables including lighting, furniture, vinyl records, farming equipment, books and much more!
- Beaufort Lake – Located within the township where visitors can enjoy fishing, water skiing, canoeing and swimming, Beaufort Lake features a leisurely 3km or 1km walking/running track with fitness equipment dotted along the way.
- Beaufort Church Gallery Christmas Shop – Enjoy the magic of Christmas all year round. The Beaufort Church has been transformed into a Christmas mecca offering a large variety of Christmas decorations and ornaments.
- Ferntree Falls – This stunning waterfall is nestled among the huge ferns and moss covered rocks within the spectacular Mount Buangor State Park.



Unspoilt Village Vibe

A visit to the villages of the Pyrenees will truly make you feel like you have escaped the city.

Moonambel

Moonambel is located in the heart of the Pyrenees wine region, surrounded by many friendly cellar doors, spectacular landscapes, gold rush relics and serene bushland with the Pyrenees State Forest and St Arnaud National Park as the backdrop.

- Enjoy comfortable accommodation in tranquil settings.
- Visit well known vineyards that have established a quality reputation for their wine varieties.
- Indulge in Summerfield Winery's mouth-watering pizzas.
- Participate in Taltarni Vineyards wine and chocolate pairing.
- Hike, 4WD, mountain bike in the surrounding parks and forests.

Elmhurst

Elmhurst was first settled in 1840 and is located midway between Avoca and Ararat along the Pyrenees Highway.

- Elmhurst provides access to Mount Cole State Forest and Ben Nevis Lookout.
- Drop into Mrs Bakers Distillery to try their variety of craft gins and liqueurs or settle in for the afternoon with one of their grazing platters.

Landsborough

The town of Landsborough is in the northern foothills of the Pyrenees Range. This is a popular location for bushwalkers who enjoy sharing the environment with resident kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and koalas.

- Stay in the caravan park located right in the centre of town across from the local hotel.



- Drop into Landsborough Larder for delightful home made culinary delights.

Lexton

Lexton is located along the Sunraysia Highway between Ballarat and Avoca.

- Lexton is home to Mt Mitchell Homestead which offers tours of its 10 acres of formal gardens.
- Stop in at the historic Pyrenees Hotel, built in 1845 and renowned for its great country hospitality and great value hotel meals.

Redbank

- Redbank is home to Sally's Paddock Redbank Winery, which is open every day so you can enjoy a selection of wines and tempt your taste buds with an intriguing lunch menu including smoked lamb, specialty cheese selections, fantastic espresso coffee and home-made cakes.

Snake Valley

Snake Valley is an official Australian Dark Sky Site.

- Visit the the Snake Valley Observatory for unmissable galaxy gazing.
- Drop into the Snake Valley Royal Hotel for lunch, dinner or a drink with friends.

Waubra

Waubra is located along the Sunraysia Highway and is home to the picturesque Waubra wind farm.

- Visit the renovated chaf mill/stables at Wayward Winery which were built approximately 100 years ago and have now been transformed into a winery and restaurant.
- Waubra Springs Hotel has gained a reputation for serving up sensational food, great country pub atmosphere and live music on Sundays in the warmer months.

Summerfield



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