



WALKS & TRAILS GUIDE

Bright
Dinner Plain
Harrietville
Mount Beauty
Myrtleford



A LIFE LIVED OUTSIDE

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Dhudhuroa, Gunaikurnai, Jaithmathang, Taungurung, and Waywurru as the First Nations Peoples on whose Countries we find Bright & Surrounds.

We recognise and respect their ancient and continuing presence as Traditional Custodians of the mountains, valleys, waters and sky of this beautiful region and their important roles as knowledge keepers and caretakers of Country.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

WELCOME TO BRIGHT & SURROUNDS

A life lived outside

Whether you're perched high on a mountain summit or strolling along a whispering river, discovering historic huts and hidden mosaics or watching the sunrise from a cliff-top lookout, the beauty of Bright & Surrounds is best discovered on foot.

Our landscape is etched with an abundance of tranquil trails; let's show you some of our favourites.



↑ Mount Dunn



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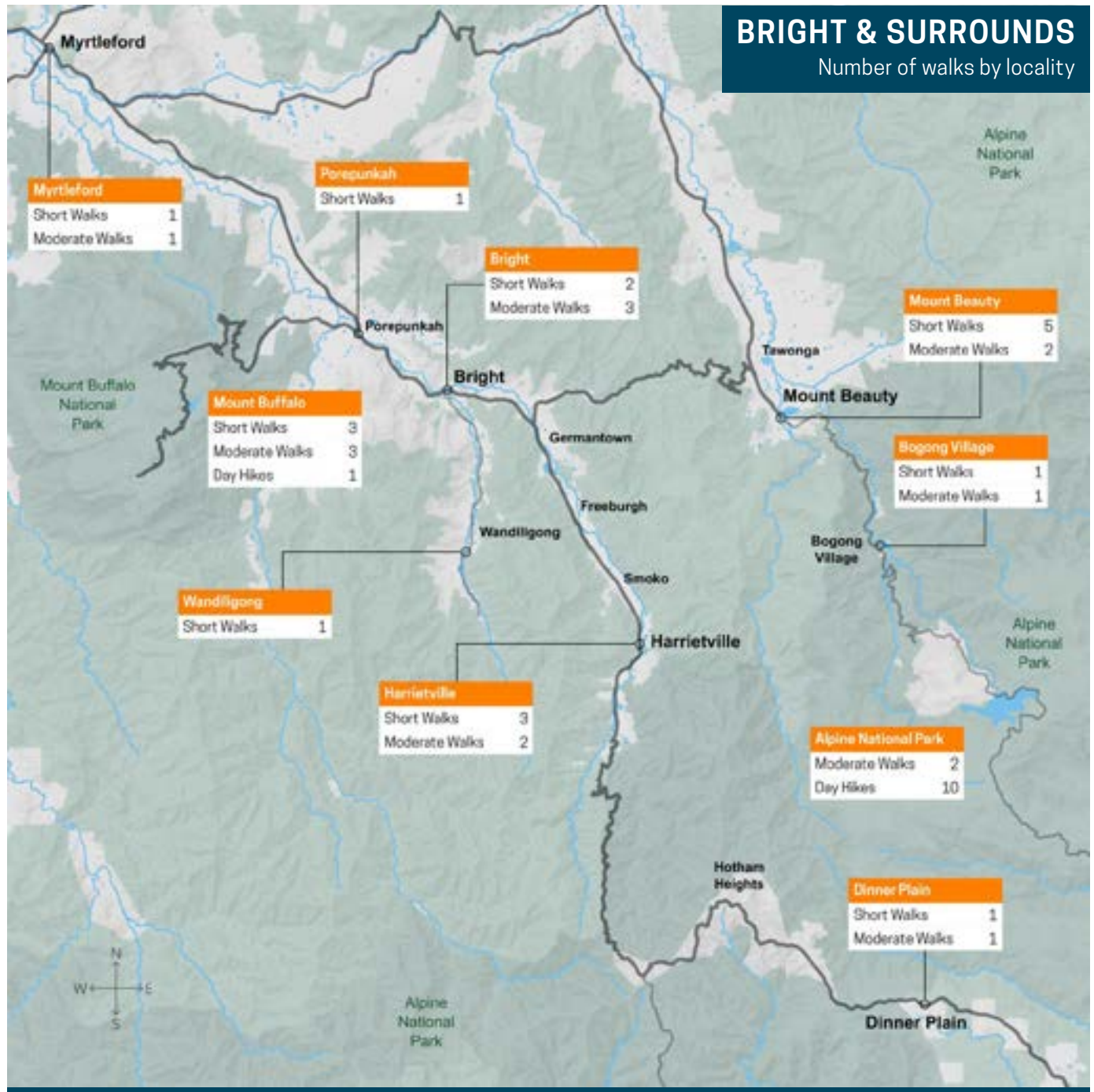
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BRIGHT & SURROUNDS

Number of walks by locality



BEFORE YOU SET OUT

PREPARE FOR ANYTHING

The weather changes rapidly in alpine areas. River levels rise within minutes, bushfires spread quickly, and snowfall and blizzards occur any time of year. Mobile phone reception can be unreliable. Before heading out, make sure you are fully self-sufficient and that someone knows your plans.

Be prepared with:

- Wind and waterproof jackets
- Warm clothing: hat, gloves and strong footwear
- First aid kit for longer or more remote walks
- Enough food and water for your walk
- Compass and relevant topographical map for day hikes

SNOW SEASON

Hiking season in alpine areas is generally from November to May. Trails in the alps may be dangerous and difficult to navigate when snow covered and should only be attempted by those with alpine survival skills.

Always carry snow chains and check road conditions with VicRoads before driving in alpine areas. Many roads and tracks are closed during the snow season.

TOTAL FIRE BANS

Never light a fire during a Total Fire Ban. See cfa.vic.gov.au for daily updates.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Our region is sensitive to human presence. We are home to several endangered species, including platypus, mountain pygmy possums, bogong moth and alpine dingoes, as well as other rare flora and fauna.

Your behaviour has a direct impact on nature. When entering our natural environment, take out what you bring in and leave no trace.

MAPS AND NAVIGATION

The maps provided in this guide may not be suitable for navigating hiking trails within our National Parks. We strongly advise those completing day hikes to acquire the applicable Parks Victoria Track Notes and a topographical map, available at the Visitor Information Centres in Bright, Myrtleford and Mount Beauty.

TRACK GRADING INFORMATION



Grade 1: No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them.



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps.



Grade 3: Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.



Grade 4: Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.



Grade 5: Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked.

LEGEND



Informative signage



Toilet



Picnic table



BBQ facilities



Drinking water



Shared trail



Playground

— — — Sealed path

— — — Unsealed track

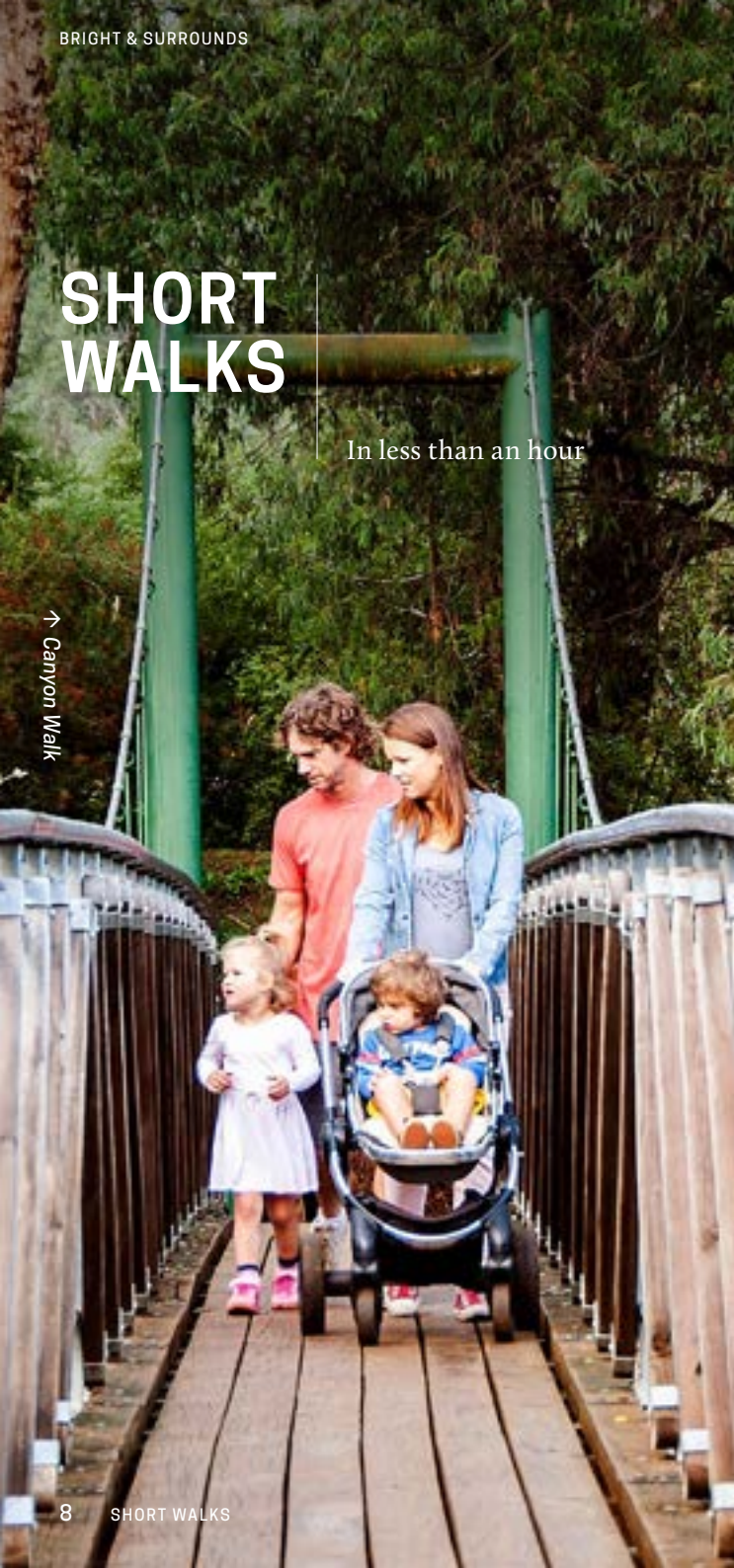


↑ *The Cathedral*

SHORT WALKS

In less than an hour

↖ Canyon Walk



THE MOSAIC TRAIL

MYRTLEFORD

Discover over 100 hidden mosaics on this easy loop that explores the scenic Ovens River and the township of Myrtleford.

Distance / time: 3.7 km / 1 hr
(5.6 km / 1 hr 30 min loop available)



Grade 1: No experience required. Flat, sealed path. Suitable for wheelchairs. Signposted.

Start at Rotary Park and follow the Ovens River Trail over the footbridge. For a short 3.7 km riverside walk, stop at Apex Park and return the same way. For the full 5.6 km Mosaic Trail Loop, follow Lewis Avenue into town and join the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail to return to Rotary Park.





POREPUNKAH RIVER WALK

POREPUNKAH

Meander along a tranquil section of the Ovens River on this short and easy trail. You may even spot a platypus.

Distance / time: 2.5 km / 45 min



Grade 2: No experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and some steps. Limited signage.

Start at Riverside Park and cross to the south side of the Ovens River at the Old Porepunkah Bridge. Follow the trail eastwards along the river, crossing at the suspension bridge. Continue east until the trail joins the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail and follow it west back to Riverside Park.



THE CANYON WALK

BRIGHT

Explore historic mining races on this popular walk that follows the Ovens River to a small rocky canyon.

Distance / time: 2.5 km / 45 min
(4.9 km / 1 hr 30 min option available)



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills. Signposted.

Start at Howitt Park and follow the sealed path west on this easy walk along the Ovens River. When you reach the suspension bridge, you can either cross to return along a formed track, or for a longer (Grade 3) loop, continue northwest to cross at a second suspension bridge.





HUGGINS LOOKOUT

BRIGHT

Climb through serene bushland to a scenic lookout with impressive views over the township of Bright.

Distance / time: 1.6 km / 1 hr



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with short steep hills and occasional steps. Signposted.

Start at the designated parking area near the corner of Deacon Avenue and Zivan Court and follow the access track to the trail sign. The trail is steep but short, pleasantly carving its way up the hillside through native forest to the lookout and its rewarding views. Return the same way.



THE DIGGINGS

WANDILIGONG

Wander through the remnants of an old goldfield and stop to read its history at the Chinese Bridge memorial.

Distance / time: 2 km / 30 min



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Formed, flat track with occasional steps. Signposted.

Start at the Centenary Avenue entrance where you'll find parking and a map. The Diggings is a loop trail that has smaller loops and side trails within it, allowing you to choose where and how far to walk. Make sure to stop at the Chinese Bridge along the way.





MERMAID BEACH AND ROCKPOOL

MOUNT BEAUTY

A lovely short walk along the east branch of the Kiewa River with two nice swimming spots along the way.

Distance / time: 1.2 km / 15 min



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and no steps. Signposted.

Start at the parking area located on the west side of the river crossing on Rock Pool Road. The trail follows the Kiewa River East Branch south. Mermaid Beach, which is a nice place for young children to swim in summer, is about 250 m in, and the deeper Rockpool is 350 m further along.



THE PONDAGE WALK

MOUNT BEAUTY

Enjoy scenic views across the lake to Mount Bogong – Victoria's highest mountain – along this flat sealed path.

Distance / time: 3 km / 45 min



Grade 1: No experience required. Flat sealed path suitable for wheelchairs. Signposted.

Start at the Bicentennial Park parking area off Boat Ramp Road, where you'll find a picnic shelter and BBQs, toilets and a playground. The sealed shared path runs alongside the water's edge and loops right around the lake. It can be walked in either direction.





KIEWA RIVER TRAIL

MOUNT BEAUTY & TAWONGA

A peaceful stroll along the Kiewa River's west branch, past Pebble Beach toward the confluence.

Distance / time: 4.2 km / 1 hr



Grade 1: No experience required. Flat sealed path suitable for wheelchairs. Signposted.

Start at the car park at the northwest corner of Embankment Drive and follow the sealed path north to Tawonga alongside the west branch of the Kiewa River. At the halfway mark, a left fork in the trail loops around to Pebble Beach, which is a nice spot for a swim in summer. Return the same way.



JUNCTION CREEK NATURE WALK

TAWONGA SOUTH

This lovely loop in the Junction Creek gully is perfect for short adventures through the tree ferns.

Distance / time: 1 km / 30 min



Grade 3: Some bushwalking experience recommended. Mostly formed track with short steep hills and steps.

Start at the intersection of Vails Road and the Kiewa Valley Highway. The trail heads westward, crossing a footbridge over the creek and looping around to return via Vails Road. A shortcut along the way forks to your left. Keep right to complete the full loop.





SHADY GULLY AND TREE FERN WALK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, TAWONGA

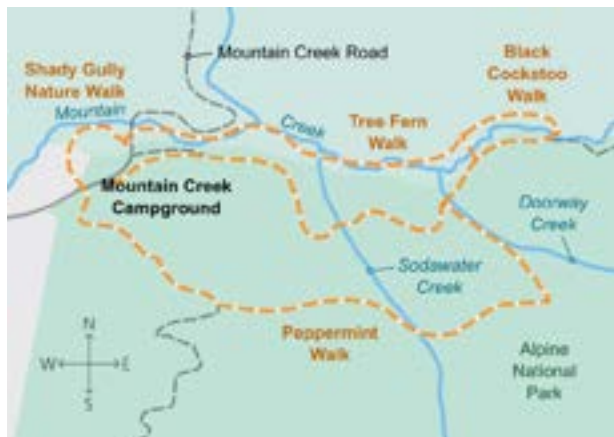
A refreshing escape along a tree fern-lined creek in the foothills of Mount Bogong.

Distance / time: 2 km / 45 min
(3 km / 1 hr option available)



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and some steps. Signposted.

Start at the Mountain Creek Picnic / Campground Area. Cross the road and join the Shady Gully Nature Walk which soon connects to the Tree Fern Walk. Return the same way or, for a longer loop, cross the creek and return via the Black Cockatoo or Peppermint Walks (3 km / Grade 3).



FAINTER FALLS

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK
NEAR BOGONG VILLAGE

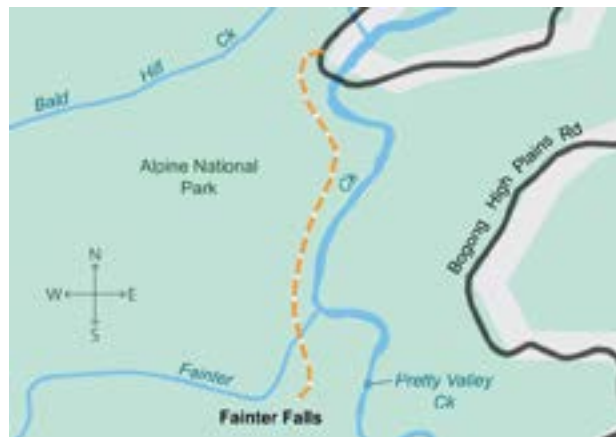
A gentle wander along the beautiful Fainter Creek culminating with a picturesque waterfall.

Distance / time: 1.5 km / 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with gentle hills and steep uneven steps. Signposted.

Start at the parking area on Bogong High Plains Road, 1.7 km south of Bogong Village. The trail gently climbs upstream alongside the creek and passes three scenic viewing platforms. Some steep steps lead to the final platform overlooking the falls. Return the same way.





RIVERSIDE WALK

HARRIETVILLE

Be soothed by the sound of running water on this easy stroll alongside the Ovens River's east branch.

Distance / time: 500 m / 15 min
(1.6 km / 30 min option available)



Grade 1: No bushwalking experience required.
Flat formed track with no steps. Signposted.

Start at Tavare Park and follow the river's east branch south. For a short 500 m loop, turn right at Feathertop Lane, otherwise continue along the river and turn right at Bon Accord Track. Return via the path along the Great Alpine Road.



TRONOH DREDGE WALKING TRACK

HARRIETVILLE

Explore the remnants of a historical gold dredging site on a serene walk around a deep waterhole.

Distance / time: 2.2 km / 45 min



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required.
Formed track with gentle hills and steps. Signposted.

Start at the parking area at the corner of Feathertop Track and Dredge Hole Track. Follow Dredge Hole Track south for 400 m to the Tronoh Dredge Hole Picnic Area. From here, the trail runs along the water's edge and can be walked in either direction.





CHARLIE MILEY WALK

HARRIETVILLE

Wander through the old Chinese gold diggings and along the Ovens River's west branch.

Distance / time: 3 km / 1 hr



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Flat, formed track with some obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the car park on Charlie Miley Road and follow the main loop as it meanders along the river and around through the historical gold diggings. The walk is named in memory of Harrietville's world-champion axe man Charlie Miley.



CARMICHAEL FALLS

DINNER PLAIN

A pleasant trail that climbs down through a forest of snow gums and alpine ash to a small waterfall.

Distance / time: 4 km / 1 hr



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with hills and some obstacles. Signposted.

Start at Dinner Plain Hut and cross Horseshoe Circle to join the Brabralung Trail for 350 m until you reach Dinner Plain Track. Turn left. Follow the track for 1 km then take the trail on your right down to a platform overlooking a small waterfall. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See [page 6](#) for safety information.





LADIES BATH AND EUROBIN FALLS

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Discover two very different but equally stunning waterfalls on a short walk through native forest.

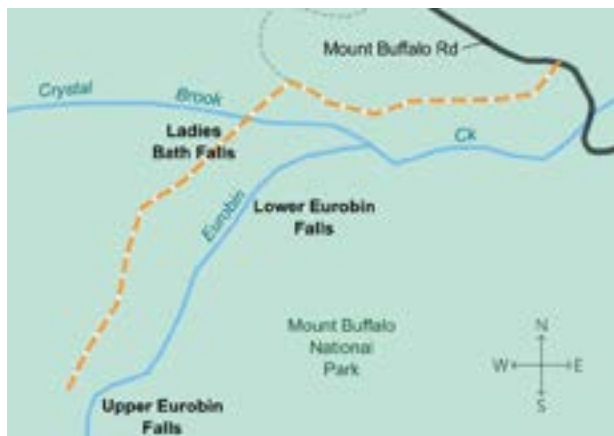
Distance / time: 1.5 km / 45 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended.

Formed track with steep sections, obstacles and many steps. Signposted.

Start at the parking area 2.4 km past the park's entrance. It's a 400 m walk to the cascades of Ladies Bath Falls then a further 200 m to the granite escarpment of lower Eurobin Falls, from where it's 150 m up the stairs to the upper falls.



THE GORGE HERITAGE WALK

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Walk along the edge of a soaring granite cliff with views of Pulpit Rock and Crystal Brook Falls.

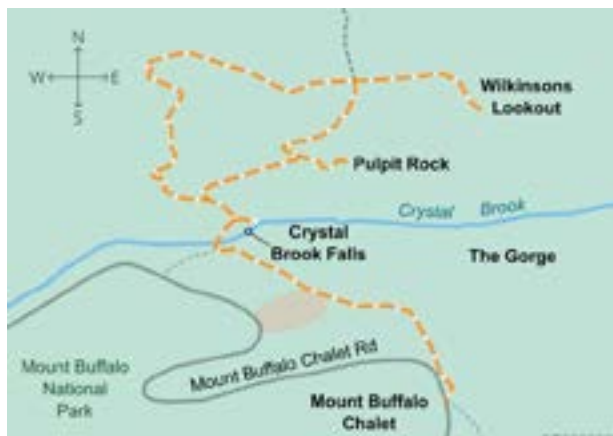
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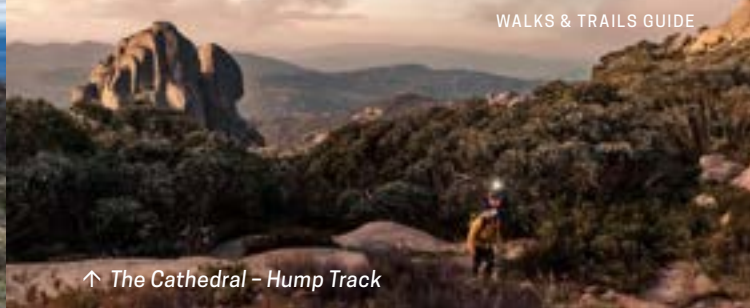
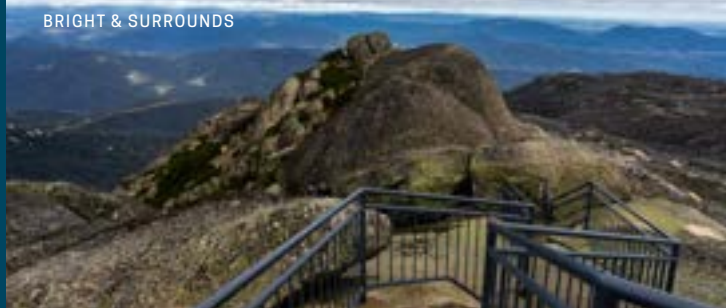


Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with hills, steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at The Gorge Day Visitor Area opposite The Chalet and head north through impressive granite tors and past spectacular lookouts. Follow a series of interpretive signs as the trail loops around through alpine ash forest and back to The Chalet.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See [page 6](#) for safety information.





↑ *The Cathedral – Hump Track*

THE HORN

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

For a 360° view that is nothing short of spectacular, climb up to Mount Buffalo's highest point.

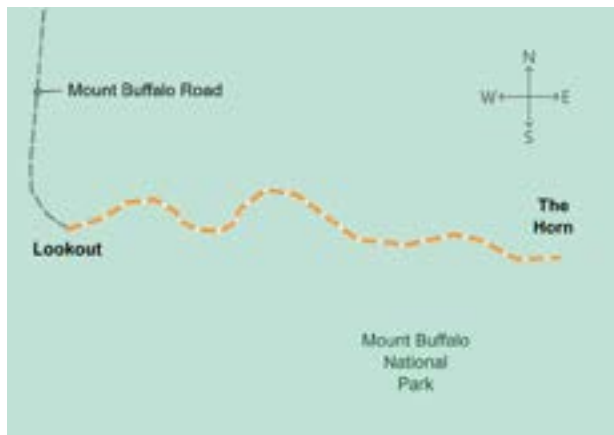
Distance / time: 1.5 km / 45 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed, steep track with steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at The Horn Picnic Area, 2 km past Cresta Valley along a well-maintained dirt road (which closes to vehicles during the snow season). The trail climbs up a rocky outcrop to reach a 1,723 metre-high lookout with views of the plateau and alps. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.



OTHER SHORT WALKS TO TRY

FISHERMAN'S WALK

TAWONGA



Grade 1
1 km / 15 min

A lovely walk with great fishing along the Kiewa River.

MONTANE LOOP

DINNER PLAIN



Grade 2
1.1 km / 15 min

An easy stroll through alpine grasslands and snow gums.

HANCE'S MINE AND LANDMATES LEVEE WALL

HARRIETVILLE



Grade 2
1.7 km / 30 min

Historic gold mining sites in the Tronoh Dredge Hole precinct.

THE CATHEDRAL – HUMP TRACK

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK



Grade 4
2 km / 45 min

A favourite with photographers for its sublime granite tors.



MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for more maps and track notes online.

MODERATE WALKS

In less than three hours

↖ Mount Beauty Gorge Walk



REFORM HILL LOOKOUT LOOP

MYRTLEFORD

A bushland walk past old mining sites, historic markers and mosaics to reach a pleasant lookout.

Distance / time: 3.4 km / 1 hr 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with some steep hills and steps. Signposted.

Start at Jones Park on Myrtle Street. A number of short trails loop around the State Forest and can be walked in various configurations. Follow the signage to the lookout along the trail on the northern side of the hill and descend on the southern side.





CHERRY WALK

BRIGHT

Follow the Ovens River through bushland and pine forest on this family-friendly adventure.

Distance / time: 5 km / 1 hr 30 min



Grade 2: No experience required. Formed track with gentle hills and occasional steps. Signposted.

Start at Centenary Park and walk east along the riverbank, joining a dirt track past the waterslide. Cross at the first footbridge and continue east along the northern bank. Cross at the swing bridge and return along the southern bank.



APEX LOOKOUT

BRIGHT

Ascend through natural bushland to a lookout with views over Bright and the surrounding alps.

Distance / time: 3 km / 1 hr 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with steep sections, steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the corner of Apex Lookout Track, 1.5 km up Mount Porepunkah Road. The trail starts on the eastern side of the intersection. It climbs steadily until reaching the lookout, which has various vantage points of the area. Return the same way.





WANDI WALK

BRIGHT TO WANDILIGONG

A pleasant trail that rambles alongside Moses Creek through pine plantation and native bush.

Distance / time: 11 km / 3 hrs



Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Formed path with some hills and no steps. Partly signposted.

Start at Howitt Park and walk under the Gavan Street / Great Alpine Road underpass to follow Moses Creek south. Continue alongside the creek through the Holiday Park then join the dirt trail. At Coronation Avenue, walk under the bridge, then cross it to continue south on the dirt path following the eastern side of the creek. Stay on the eastern side at the footbridge and follow the fire trail to the sealed Bennetts Trail that leads to Alpine Park. Return the same way.



MOUNT BEAUTY GORGE WALK

MOUNT BEAUTY

Walk through tranquil bushland to the entrance of a small canyon on the Kiewa River's west branch.

Distance / time: 3.8 km / 1 hr 15 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with some steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start on the dirt road opposite the Visitor Information Centre and follow it to the river. The trail heads south along the river ending at a small canyon. Only strong swimmers should attempt to wade into the canyon, and only when water levels are low. Return the same way.

Warning: This river forms part of the hydroelectric scheme. Water levels may rise rapidly at any time.





SURVEY TRACK AND POLE TRACK LOOP

MOUNT BEAUTY

Follow the old hydro worker's route up toward Bogong Village for some lovely views over town.

Distance / time: 8 km / 2 hrs 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with short steep hills and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the eastern end of Tawonga Crescent, opposite Big Hill MTB Park, and follow the track northeast, rising through bushland for 4.1 km. Cross Bogong High Plains Road at Cranky Charlie and walk up Big Hill Road for about 500 m to join Pole Track. Descend toward town, passing through the Big Hill MTB Park trailhead to return to Tawonga Crescent.



LAKE GUY WALK

BOGONG VILLAGE

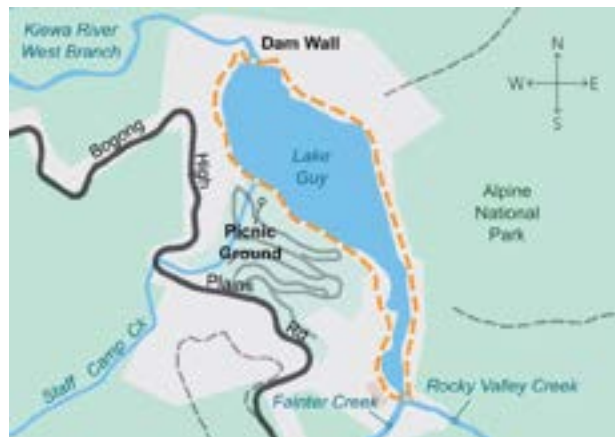
Circle the water's edge on this beautiful walk around a section of the Kiewa Hydroelectric Scheme.

Distance / time: 3 km / 1 hr 15 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with steps, short steep sections and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the car park near the Picnic Ground on Lake View Crescent. The 3 km track loops around the lake, crossing the dam wall at its southern end and the confluence of Rocky Valley Creek and Fainter Creek at its north. Parts of the trail may be slippery in winter or after prolonged rain.





GREAT VALLEY TRAIL TO THE TROUT FARM

HARRIETVILLE

An enjoyably easy walk or ride over the river and past farmland along a sealed shared path.

Distance / time: 10 km / 2 hrs 30 min



Grade 1: No bushwalking experience required.

Flat, sealed path suitable for wheelchairs. Signposted.

Start at Pioneer Park and join the sealed path that runs north alongside the Great Alpine Road. The path cuts away from the road for the final 2 km, presenting you with some beautiful scenery. Finish at the Trout and Salmon Farm and return the same way.



WASHINGTON CREEK VIA BON ACCORD TRACK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, HARRIETVILLE

Explore the Ovens River's east branch as you cut through the bush to reach the soothing Washington Creek.

Distance / time: 10 km / 3 hrs



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with hills, steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at Bon Accord Track road and follow the river southeast to the Bon Accord Walking Track. The first section of this trail to Washington Creek is a scenic half-day walk. (Beyond the creek, the trail becomes a Grade 4 track to The Razorback.) Return the same way.





MOUNT LOCH SUMMIT

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, MOUNT HOTHAM

A very scenic hike high in the alps with grand views of Mount Feathertop and beyond.

Distance / time: 7 km / 2 hrs 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with hills and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the Mount Loch car park at Mount Hotham and follow the signs to Mount Loch via Machinery Spur Track. The trail passes an impressive columnar rock formation before looping up and around the summit. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.



ROOM WITH A VIEW

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, DINNER PLAIN

This scenic walk through alpine forest emerges at a clearing with a view of Mount Feathertop.

Distance / time: 3 km / 1 hr



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with hills, obstacles and steps. Signposted.

Start at Dinner Plain Hut and cross the Great Alpine Road to the Forest Walks Trailhead. Follow the trail signage for A Room With A View. The final part of the trail is a small loop commonly walked in a clockwise direction. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.





VIEW POINT NATURE WALK

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Explore beautiful rock formations as you ascend to scenic views of the Buckland Valley.

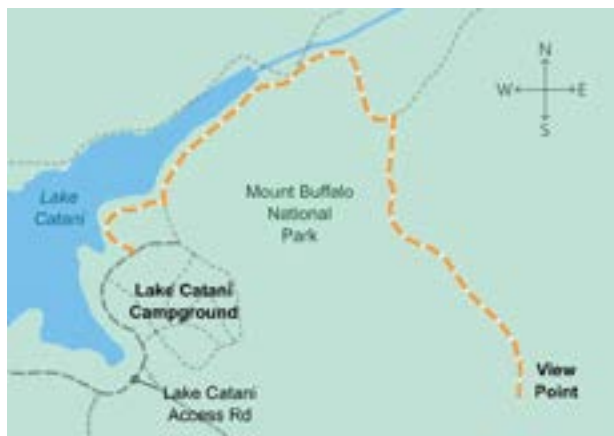
Distance / time: 4 km / 1 hr and 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with steep sections, steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the Lake Catani Day Visitor Area and follow The Gorge – Lake Catani Track east until it meets the track to View Point. The walk becomes steep with many steps as you make your way to the lookout. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.



MOUNT DUNN

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

A rewarding hike up to a rocky summit with panoramic views of the Mount Buffalo Plateau.

Distance / time: 6.2 km / 2 hrs



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed track with steep sections and many steps. Signposted.

Start at the Long Plain Walking Track Trailhead on Mount Buffalo Road on the western side of Lake Catani and follow the signs to Mount Dunn. The first 1.5 km is flat before the trail begins to gently climb, with ladders providing access to the lookout.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.





↑ Rollasons Falls

WALLACE COPE HERITAGE TRAIL

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, FALLS CREEK

Discover the oldest surviving High Country Hut set among a stunning alpine landscape.

Distance / time: 6 km / 2 hrs 30 min



Grade 3: Some experience recommended.

Mostly formed track with gentle hills and some steps. Signposted.

Start at the Wallace Hut car park and take the trail past Wallace Hut (1889) to the aqueduct. Turn right and follow the trail past Rover Scout Chalet to Cope Hut. Walk toward Bogong High Plains Road and join a beautiful section of trail for the return journey.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See **page 6** for safety information.



OTHER MODERATE WALKS TO TRY

MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL

BRIGHT TO POREPUNKAH



Grade 1
12 km / 4 hrs

A short return segment of the famous 100 km sealed path.

DEAD TIMBER HILL

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, DINNER PLAIN



Grade 3
4.2 km /
1 hr 30 min

A hike through the snow gums to views of Mount Hotham.

ROPER LOOKOUT

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, FALLS CREEK



Grade 3
4 km /
1 hr 30 min

Follow an old aqueduct before climbing the hill to the lookout.

ROLLASONS FALLS

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK



Grade 3
4 km /
1 hr 30 min

A beautiful rock pool with upper and lower falls. Steep at the end.



MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for more maps and track notes online.

DAY HIKES

Iconic trails and overnight hikes



THE BIG WALK

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Follow an ancient pathway up Mount Buffalo through alpine ash forest and granite tors to stand atop the soaring cliffs of The Gorge Lookout.

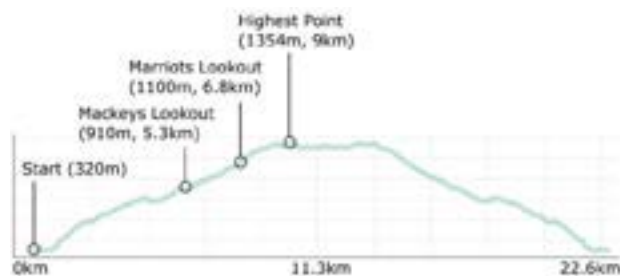
Distance / time: 22.6 km / 8 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Formed track with steep sections, obstacles and many steps. Signposted.

Start at the Eurobin Creek Picnic Area near the entrance to Mount Buffalo National Park. Cross the creek at the footbridge and begin the ascent, gaining 1,000 m elevation over 9 km and passing through several vegetation zones. There are a few rest points along the way, including the picnic area at The Gorge, which has toilets and water. Return the same way.

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EAST OVENS RIVER TRACK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, HARRIETVILLE

Criss-cross the east branch of the Ovens River as you climb toward Champion Spur in the foothills of Mount Feathertop.

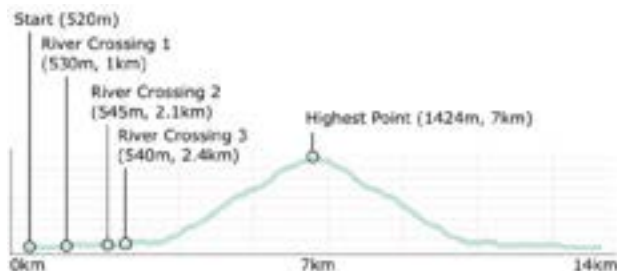
Distance / time: 14 km / 4 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Mostly formed track with frequent river crossings, steep sections and obstacles. Limited signage.

Start at the car park at the corner of Feathertop Track and Tronoh Dredge Track. Follow the track south past the Dredge Hole and through the mining precinct to join the East Ovens River Track, which straddles the course of the river. The trail, which has frequent river crossings and may not always be well defined, passes remnants of former gold mines and sites where the river has been diverted. Turn around after a short climb up the lower part of Champion Spur and return the same way.

Warning: Do not attempt this walk when the river level is high.



THE HUTS WALK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, MOUNT HOTHAM

Hike through a sublime landscape on this circuit that connects three alpine huts, including the heritage-listed Spargo's Hut.

Distance / time: 18 km / 7 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Mostly formed track with hills, obstacles and occasional steps. Signposted.

Start at the Loch car park on the Great Alpine Road and follow Machinery Spur Track for 2.9 km. Take the Australian Alps Walking Track on your right for 1 km to Pole 84. Visit Derricks Hut (800 m-return along the AAWT), then return to Pole 84. From here, take the old mining track south to Spargo's Hut then continue to the intersection with Cobungra Ditch Walk. Head west for 1.7 km. Visit Silver Brumby Hut (2.8 km-return along the northern trail), then take the Davenport Access Track south to the Great Alpine Road. Follow the road north for 3 km to return to the start.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See [page 6](#) for safety information.





TABLETOP WALK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, DINNER PLAIN

Hike through alpine plains and snow gum forest to the 1,593 m basalt plateau of Mount Tabletop and the headwaters of the Dargo River.

Distance / time: 14 km / 5 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Mostly formed track with steep hills, obstacles and some steps. Limited signage.

Start at the JB Plain car park on the Great Alpine Road and follow the old fence line south across the plain for 500 m to reach the trail marked with orange wayfinding triangles. The trail drops down through snow gum forest to Tabletop Creek then climbs a ridge up to the plateau. The track is marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit, which has pleasant views of the surrounding ranges. Return the same way.

Warning: This walk falls above the snowline. See [page 6](#) for safety information.



THE BRABRALUNG TRAIL

DINNER PLAIN TO MOUNT HOTHAM

A relatively easy, although long, gravel pathway with panoramic views of the Alpine National Park and Dargo High Plains.

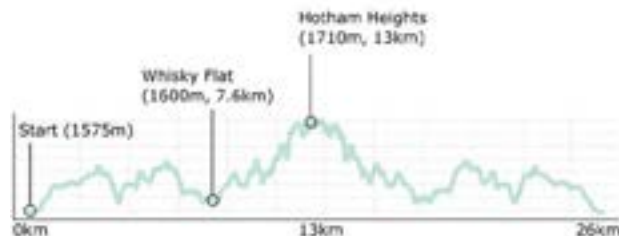
Distance / time: 26 km / 8 hrs (or 13 km / 4 hrs one way)



Grade 3: Some experience recommended. Formed gravel track with gentle hills and no steps. Signposted.

Start on Horseshoe Circle near the entrance to Dinner Plain Alpine Village. The trail starts near the bus stop and runs westwards, parallel with the Great Alpine Road. It traverses several impressive landscapes before finishing at Mount Hotham Alpine Resort. The undulating, gravel multi-use path can be walked or ridden (hire bikes in Dinner Plain). During the snow season, the trail becomes a groomed cross-country ski trail. Return the same way.

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MOUNT BOGONG VIA THE STAIRCASE

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, TAWONGA

An unrelenting but rewarding ascent to the 1,986 m summit of Victoria's highest mountain and its 360° views of the Australian Alps.

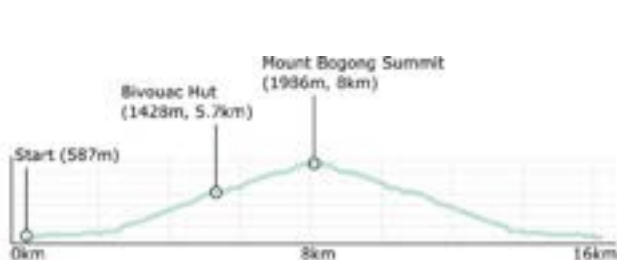
Distance / time: 16 km / 8 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track. Steep with many steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the Mountain Creek Campground on Mountain Creek Road. Walk along the Tree Fern Walk for 2 km to the foot of Staircase Spur. From here, the trail begins a steep ascent to the summit, gaining around 1,500 m in elevation. Bivouac Hut, 3 km from the summit, makes for a nice rest stop or emergency shelter. Return the same way or via the slightly less steep Eskdale Spur for a 22 km loop. Due to exposure, this trail should not be attempted in bad weather.

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MOUNT BOGONG VIA ESKDALE SPUR

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, TAWONGA

A challenging but beautiful ascent up Mount Bogong with panoramic views of the Australian Alps.

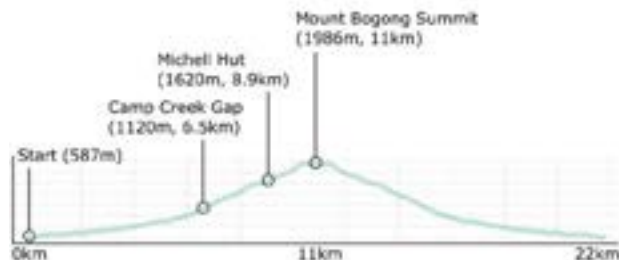
Distance / time: 22 km / 9 hrs (or 8 km / 5 hrs with a 4WD)



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track. Steep with many steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the Mountain Creek Campground on Mountain Creek Road. Follow the Mountain Creek Track east for 6.6 km to the base of Eskdale Spur at Camp Creek Gap (4WDs can drive this section). From here, the trail begins a steep ascent to the summit, although one that is less steep than The Staircase Spur ascent. Michell Hut is located 2 km from the summit and can be used as a rest stop or emergency shelter. Return the same way. Due to exposure, this trail should not be attempted in bad weather.

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MOUNT FEATHERTOP VIA THE RAZORBACK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, MOUNT HOTHAM

The imposing ridgeline of The Razorback stretching across to Mount Feathertop never fails to impress.

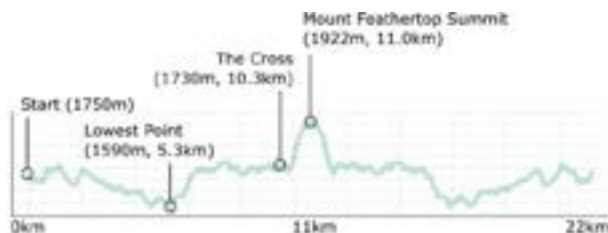
Distance / time: 22 km / 8 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track with hills, obstacles and some steps. Signposted.

Start on the northern side of the Great Alpine Road across from Diamantina Hut at Mount Hotham. The trail heads north along the ridgeline and features impressive views its entire length. While still challenging, The Razorback involves less climbing to reach the summit of Mount Feathertop than Bungalow Spur Track, although the last pinch to the top is steep. Return the same way. Due to exposure, this trail should not be attempted in bad weather.

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MOUNT FEATHERTOP VIA BUNGALOW SPUR

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, HARRIETVILLE

Watch the vegetation zones change around you as you ascend to the summit of the 1,922 m Mount Feathertop.

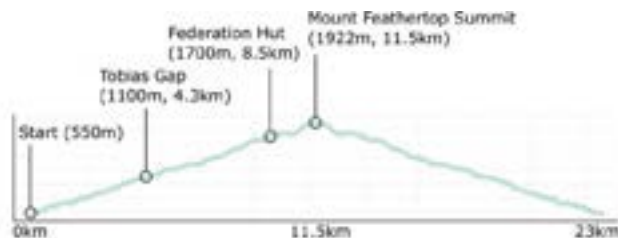
Distance / time: 23 km / 9 hrs



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track. Steep with many steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at the car park at the corner of Feathertop Track and Dredge Hole Track and walk east along Feathertop Track for 600 m to the trailhead. The trail leads you on a steady ascent through alpine ash, into the snow gums and up onto the exposed alpine heath with its panoramic mountain views. You'll reach Federation Hut at almost 9 km along the track. The hut area can be used for emergency shelter, rest stops or tent camping and has a pit toilet. Return the same way. Due to exposure, this trail should not be attempted in bad weather.

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THE BON ACCORD TRACK

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK, HARRIETVILLE

Follow the original pack-horse route to Mount Hotham as it ascends a steep spur to The Razorback.

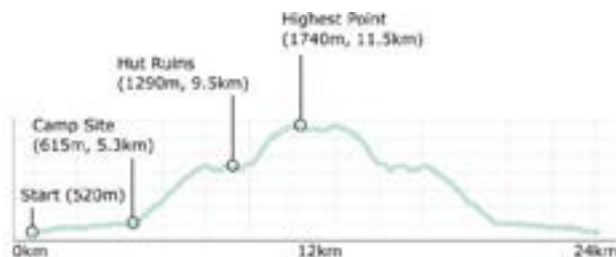
Distance / time: 24 km / 10 hrs 30 min



Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track. Steep with many steps and obstacles. Signposted.

Start at Bon Accord Track road and follow the river southeast to the Bon Accord Walking Track. The first 5 km traces an old mining water race to Washington Creek, after which the track ascends steeply up Bon Accord Spur. It ends at The Razorback, 1.2 km from Diamantina Hut on the Great Alpine Road, Mount Hotham. Return the same way, or camp at Federation Hut (a further 9 km) for a two-day hike returning via Mount Feathertop and Bungalow Spur Track. Water may be unreliable near the summit.

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FALLS TO HOTHAM ALPINE CROSSING

FALLS CREEK TO MOUNT HOTHAM

A stunning multi-day hike in the alpine ranges that passes three High Country Huts.

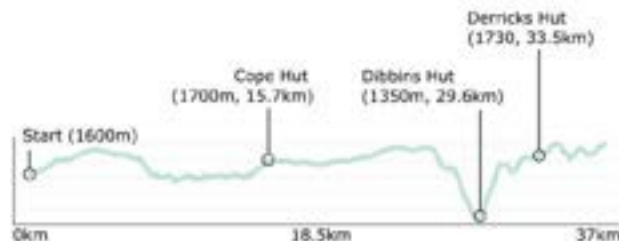
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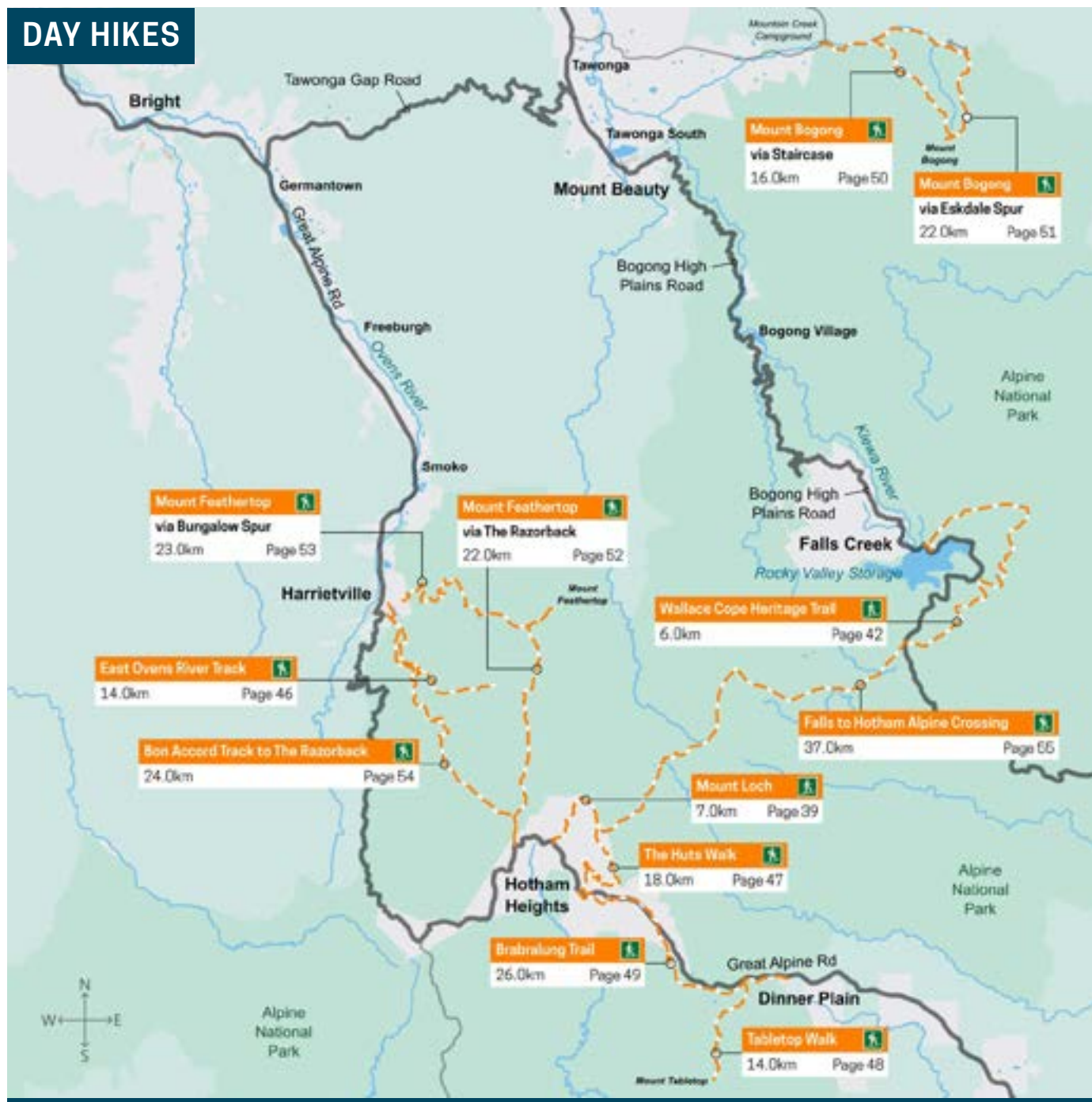
Grade 4: Experienced bushwalkers. Rough track with steep sections, obstacles and steps. Signposted.

Start at the Heathy Spur car park on the eastern side of the Rocky Valley dam wall, Falls Creek. Day one is a 14 km hike to Cope Hut, where you can pitch your tent. Campsite bookings through Parks Victoria are essential. Please keep huts free for emergency use. Day two continues to Dibbins Hut, another 14 km along the trail, with expansive views of Mount Feathertop. Day three culminates with a 9 km hike past Derricks Hut before finishing at the Mount Loch car park, Mount Hotham. Call 1800 111 885 for information on return transfers.

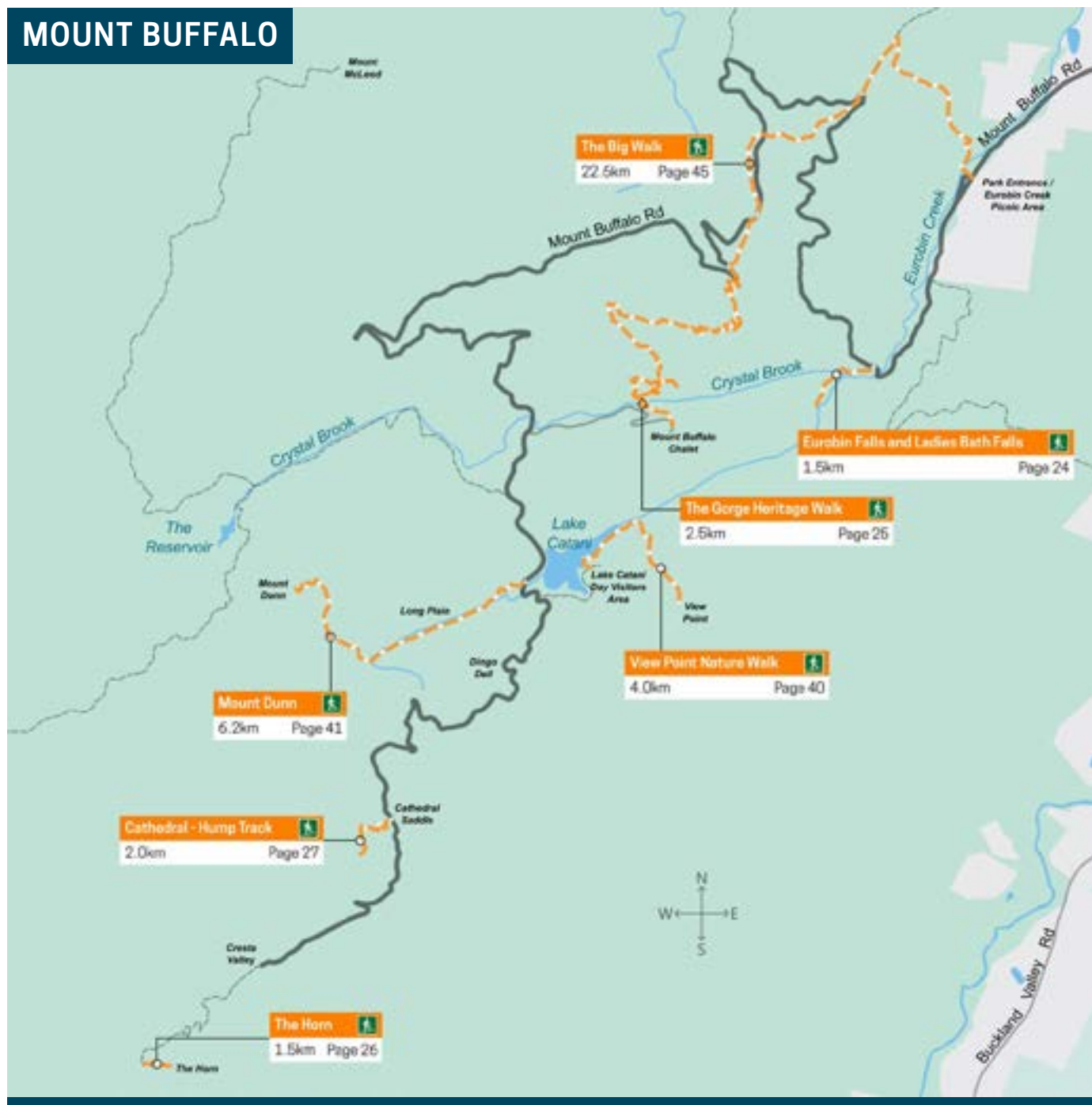
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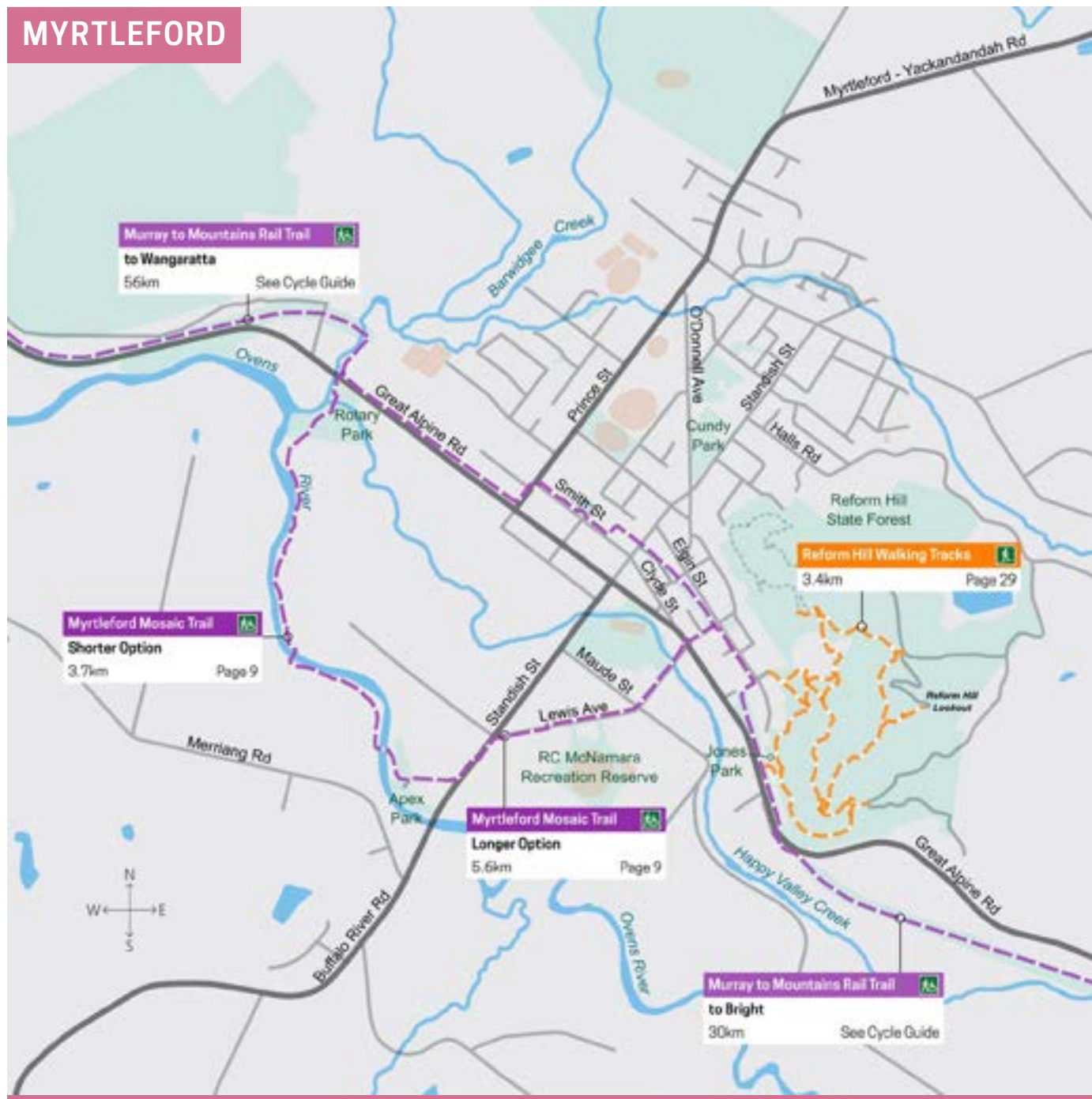
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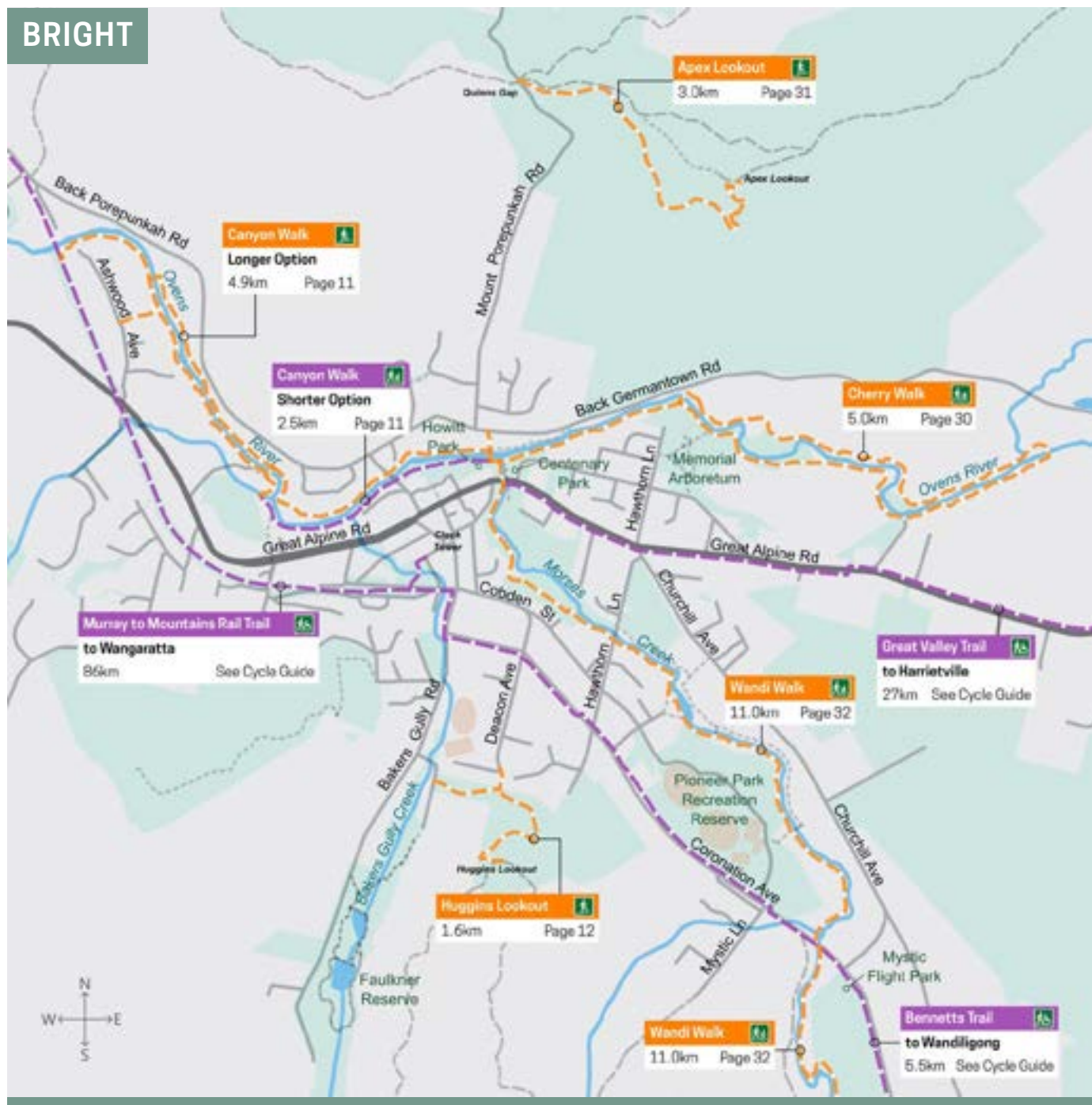
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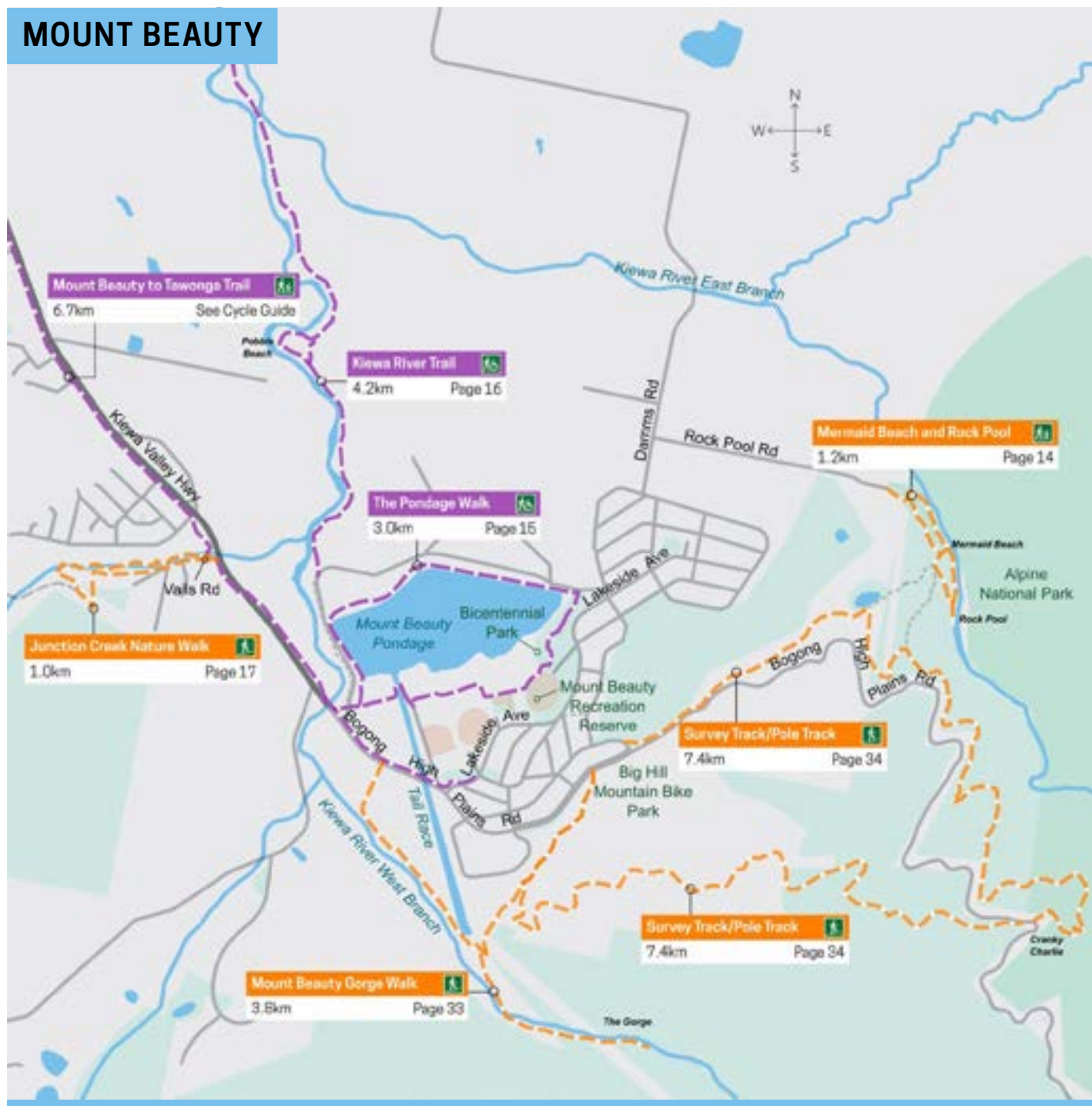
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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For emergency warnings, including bushfires, floods and avalanches, please ensure you have the free VicEmergency app downloaded to your phone and set to monitor the area you will be visiting. See emergency.vic.gov.au.

EMERGENCY PLUS

Download the free Emergency Plus app to your phone to assist emergency services identify your precise location on a trail. See emergencyplus.com.au. Please note, the app requires mobile phone coverage. If you are in a remote area, please ensure you have an alternative distress-call option, such as an emergency beacon.

SAFETY CLOSURES

Parks Victoria and DELWP may close roads, trails and sections of forest for safety. Always check their respective websites for updated closure information before heading out.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

There are around 200 huts dotted throughout the Victorian High Country. The huts are public spaces with the primary purpose of providing emergency shelter, not accommodation. For more

information about hut use and etiquette, please read the Victorian High Country Huts Association guidelines at hutsvictoria.org.au.

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VicRoads road closures:
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↑ Mt Feathertop via The Razorback



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