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Surrounded by the green folds of the Yarra Ranges, Marysville has welcomed tourists to its mountain vistas, fern walks and spectacular waterfalls for over 120 years.





Early visitors based themselves in grand Victorian guesthouses, took horse buggy rides along Lady Talbot Drive and picnicked beneath tree ferns and towering Mountain Ash. In the wake of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, Marysville has revitalised a network of shared trails that enable walkers, cyclists and horseriders to experience the best nature has to offer.

Visit the majestic Steavenson Falls, take a forest drive to the Beeches or enjoy the expansive view at Keppel Lookout.

Experience the region's rich logging history at the Cambarville Historic Township and walk among some of Australia's tallest and oldest living trees. This is Marysville as you have never seen it before

Location and access



Marysville is located only a 90 minute drive, 100km northeast of Melbourne in the Yarra Ranges National Park. Most often accessed via Lilydale, this scenic approach passes through the Yarra Valley, Healesville and the Black Spur.

Marysville is also serviced by public transport with daily buses running between Melbourne and Fildon



This map is scaleable. Zoom in to see map detail.



Symbols Guide



TIME & DISTANCE: Times are given for completing each walk at an unhurried but steady pace. Times are for walking only and do not allow for rests, picnics, photos etc. Approximate distances are given for each walk with an indication of whether it is one way or return.

LEVEL: Walks have been classified as:



Level 1. No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users with someone to assist them. Walks up to 5km.



Level 2. No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened gravel or compacted surface and may have gentle hill section or sections and some steps. Walks up to 10km.



Level 3. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and steps. Walks up to 20km.



Forest Trails

Marysville's special character owes much to the closeness of the state forest, and the Steavenson and Taggerty Rivers meandering through the surrounding mountains.

The Marysville Forest Trails offer a variety of experiences from gentle half hour strolls to full day hikes. The trails take visitors throughout the beautiful landscape surrounding the town, with some trails catering to cyclists and horse riders.

Walkers can begin all of the trails at the Visitor Information Centre, or drive to each trailhead. Unique trail emblems make each of the Marysville Forest Trails easy to follow.







1. Steavenson Falls Trail

An easy stroll to one of Victoria's highest waterfalls. The falls were opened to tourists in 1866, and drop a total of 84m into the Steavenson River valley. The gravelled path and falls are floodlit between dusk and midnight.



Location

Falls Rd, Steavenson Falls carpark

Time



700m return, 15–30 mins

Level **İ**Ġ

Level 1: Flat, well formed track

Facilities



Parking, toilet and picnic facilities

Restrictions



Bicycles and pets not permitted

Walk 350m to the viewing platform below the falls. You can visit the turbine generator along the way. A viewing platform spans the river providing a vantage point from the far side.



2. Beauty Spot Trail



This easy nature trail has long been one of Marysville's most loved short walks.

The trail follows winding Leary Creek, deep among the tree fern groves that are a feature of this walk. Beauty Spot Trail is noted for its abundant bird life, which is at its noisy best at dusk and dawn.

A number of interpretive signs along the trail highlight the flora and fauna that inhabit the forest

Location	car park		
	Ontion of 0.5km or		

Level

Time

Location



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0.5km trail is Level 1; 1.5km return loop is

Kings Rd, Beauty Spot

1.5km loop, 10-40 mins

Facilities



Parking, toilet and picnic facilities

Restrictions



Bicycles and pets not permitted

Level 2

next junction.
The shorter circuit heads right and crosses Leary
Creek twice before arriving back at the car park.
The 1.5km circuit continues left from the junction
to explore deeper into the gully before rejoining
the shorter loop and returning to the car park.

From the car park this gently-graded trail leads into a shady fern-filled gully. At the major intersection veer left and follow it along to the



3. Gilberts Gully Trail



Tucked away in the Wilks Creek Valley below Mt Gordon, this gentle circuit walk is easily accessible from the centre of Marysville.

The walk passes through a dry mixed species forest before crossing a wetland on boardwalks and steel bridges.

Wilks Creek was named after the engineer Clement Wilks, who in the 1860s and 70s, designed a number of the bridges and culverts along the historic Yarra Track which provided access to the Woods Point Goldfields.



barton Ave, Marysvine

Time



2.2km return loop, 30–45 mins

Level



formed track
No facilities

Facilities

Restrictions



Bicycles and horses not permitted

The start of the walk is located near the junction of Aubrey Cuzens Dve and Barton Ave, 250m from the centre of Marysville. Follow Gilberts Gully Trail for 300m to a junction. The circuit can be followed in either direction from this point.





4. Tree Fern Gully Trail 🧲

This gently undulating shared trail links Marysville with Steavenson Falls Scenic Reserve and is the best way to approach the falls.

Walkers and cyclists will pass through stands of tall Manna Gum, Mountain Ash and shady tree fern groves that surround the rushing Steavenson River.

Time	G	1-1.5 hrs				
Level	菰	Level 2: Gentle hills, formed track				
Facilities		No facilities				
Restrictions	\Diamond	Horses not permitted				
The trailhead is located at the furthest upstream bridge near the tennis courts in Gallipoli Park. The trail follows the Steavenson River with views over Marysville for 1.3km before crossing another bridge back to the southern bank.						
Keep left at the trail junction immediately after crossing the bridge and walk up to and across Yellow Dog Rd. The trail soon swings south,						

entering the narrowing rocky valley of the Stevenson Falls Scenic Reserve and finishes at Steavenson Falls Trail, with the falls to the left and car park to the right. Return the same way.

Location

Gallipoli Park,

Marysville

3.4km each way.



5. Michaeldene Trail



The attractive bushland linking the Steavenson and Taggerty Rivers allows walkers and cyclists to step back in time to Marysville's historic logging past.

Sections of this mostly flat circuit follow old tramline alignments, which in places reveal the original timber sleepers on which the big logs were transported to the nearby sawmill. The Trestle Bridge was built to span a small gully and provide access to the timber on Red Hill.

The Taggerty River Lookout offers views over the Taggerty River.

Option of 2.7km or Time 4.3km return loop Level 2: Gentle hills. **ጵ**ኢ Level formed track e Facilities Parking Restrictions Horses not permitted From the car park, follow the trail for a few hundred metres to the start of the loop. Head right and continue past the Wishing Well and onto Trestle Bridge, where the short loop heads left to return to town. For the long loop, continue right. cross Dickinson Track and follow the old tramline

alignment along the banks of the Taggerty River. The Taggerty River Lookout is accessible via a 50m diversion off the main path. Continue along the circuit, and head to the right at the Trestle Bridge and past the Red Hill Trail junction to finish back at

the carpark on Woods Point Rd.

Location

Junction of Woods

Point Rd & Lady Talbot Drv, Marysville



6. Wilks Creek Trail



This energetic walking and cycling trail loops through the Wilks Creek catchment passing through a variety of forest types.

Part of this path is shared with the Bicentennial National Trail, the 5330km long horse trail linking Healesville (Vic) to Cooktown (Qld) along the Great Dividing Range.

The historic Anderson No.1 Mill site was one of the most productive sawmills in the region, supporting a small community, shops and even a school. Today Anderson Mill is an ideal place to take a breather and eniov your lunch.

	& Old Melbourne Rd,
Time	6.1km return loop, 1.5- hrs. Side trip to Ander- son Mill additional
Level	Level 3: Short steep hills, formed track
Facilities ## ##	Toilet, picnic and camping facilities at Anderson Mill
Restrictions	None
Starting from the top of Ola Creek Trail traverses above Rd, before crossing Old Mei Man O'War Creek. The trail along the farmland bounda major junction. Anderson N horseyards are to the right.	Marysville-Narbethong bourne Rd and over then climbs steadily ry before coming to a fill campground and

3.4km/1hr returning the same way. Take the left fork to continue on to Marysville, crossing Anderson Mill Rd and Paradise Plains Rd. The trail

ends at Kinas Rd.

Location

Junction of Kings Rd & Mt Kitchener Rd, or



7. Keppel Lookout Trail 🕿



The most challenging walk in the area, Keppel Lookout Trail climbs up through Mountain Ash and Stringybark forest to visit four of Marvsville's best lookouts.

There are spectacular views across Marysville, Cathedral Range State Park and Steavenson Falls. The trail is fairly uneven and steep in places, and walkers need to be self sufficient with food and water and wear sturdy footwear.

Falls Rd & Yellow Dog Location Rd. Marysville

11km return loop. Time 3-4 hrs

Level 3: Very steep, Level formed track

P Bicycles and horses Restrictions

Parking

not permitted

Facilities

Start from the car park on Falls Rd. This car park can also be reached by walking 2km along Tree Fern Gully Trail from Marysville.

The walk crosses Robertson Gully before climbing steadily up to Keppel Lookout. The trail then traverses around the ridge passing Oxlee and De La Rue Lookouts before reaching the top of Steavenson Falls

Descend to the base of Steavenson Falls and follow Tree Fern Gully Trail.





Lady Talbot

Trails

rainforest walks in Marysville. Lady Talbot Drive starts on Woods Point Rd and follows the Taggerty River valley up under the western flanks of Lake Mountain to the top of Mt Margaret Gap.

Lady Talbot Drive provides the most spectacular

From here you can complete the 46km Lady Talbot Forest Drive by continuing down Mt Margaret Rd, through state forest to the Buxton – Marysville Rd and back to Marysville.

There are a number of forest walks, lookouts and picnic spots along the way.

Since the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, Lady Talbot Drive has changed considerably and there are now extensive views up and down the rushing Taggerty River and the many surrounding mountains.

The major places of interest are Phantom Falls, Keppel Falls, Taggerty Cascades and The Beeches. Lady Talbot Drive is suitable for two wheel drive vehicles, but in dry weather only.

wheel drive vehicles, but in dry weather only.

The road beyond The Beeches is best suited to

four wheel drive vehicles



8. The Beeches

Immerse yourself in the best rainforest trail the national park has to offer.

This enjoyable circuit walk skirts through Mountain Ash regrowth before entering a delightful temperate rainforest of Myrtle Beech, Southern Sassafras, Blackwood, tall tree ferns and thick green mosses.

The trail passes Taggerty Cascades, which provide a noisy contrast to the quiet
Whitehouse Creek

A number of timber bridges and floating boardwalks are crossed along the way.

Lyrebirds are common in the area.

Location	Beeches car park	
Time	4km loop, 2 hrs	

Level



Level 3: Short steep hills, formed track, some obstacles

Facilities



Parking, toilet and picnic facilities

Restrictions



Bicycles, motorbikes, horses, pets and firearms not permitted

The walk can be started from either the Taggerty Cascades or The Beeches car park on Lady Talbot Drive. From The Beeches car park the trail crosses Whitehouse Creek then sidles along the hillside to the Taggerty Cascades car park.

Continue downstream past the Taggerty Cascades to the Meeting of the Waters and then up along Whitehouse Creek and back to The Beeches car park.





9. Taggerty Cascades

Fed by the waters of nearby Lake Mountain, the Taggerty River thunders over a jumble of large granite boulders as it plunges through a rainforest pocket filled with dense tree ferns and Myrtle Beech.

A winding stepped path descends through the darkened understorey, just metres from the raging torrent, to a timber bridge spanning the river.

Watch for lyrebirds that can often be seen scratching for grubs along the trail.

Lady Talbot Dve,
Taggerty Cascades
car park

Time 150m return, 20 mins

Level 2: Short steep hills, formed track,

some obstacles

Facilities

Parking and picnic facilities

facilities

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Level

Restrictions Bicycles, motorbikes, horses, pets and firearms not permitted

From the Taggerty Cascades car park on Lady Talbot Drive, the walking trail steps down to the bridge. Return the same way. This trail is part of The Beeches Rainforest Walk.



10. Keppel Falls

An invigorating walk upstream along the Taggerty River, Keppel Falls is a tiered waterfall, rushing and tumbling down large boulders, slabs and mossy logs.

Named after the Keppel brothers who discovered the falls in the early 1880s, Keppel Falls drains the forested southern slopes of nearby Mt Margaret and is an impressive sight after snow melt and recent rain.

A lookout is located below the falls.

Location

Lady Talbot Dve, Keppel Falls car park

Time

2km return, 45 mins

Level 3: Short steep hills, formed track, some obstacles

Facilities

Parking

Bicycles, motorbikes,

horses, pets and fire-

arms not permitted

From Keppel Falls car park on Lady Talbot Drive,
the trail crosses the Taggerty River and continues
upstream for 1km to the lookout below the falls.
Return the same way.

Restrictions



11. Phantom Falls

Phantom Falls rushes over smooth granite boulders, twisting and turning among fallen logs before cascading down to the Taggerty River.

Tree ferns and Myrtle Beech line the walking trail that crosses two bridges along the way.

There are extensive views of the river valley and surrounding Mountain Ash skeletons are a stark reminder of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires.

Location		Phantom Falls car park
Time	C	1.6km return, 45 mins
		Level 3: Short steen

Lady Talbot Dyo

Level hills, formed track, some obstacles

Facilities Parking and picnic facilities

Restrictions Sicycles, motorbikes, horses, pets and firearms not permitted

From Phantom Falls car park on Lady Talbot Drive, the trail crosses the Taggerty River and heads aradually unhill.

Cross over Phantom Falls Creek and the trail hairpins back up to a small viewing platform below Phantom Falls. Return the same way.





Trails

Cambarville

The Marysville – Woods Point Rd was originally part of the Yarra Track, constructed in the early 1860s to provide access between Healesville and the Woods Point Goldfields.

Despite the steep terrain and engineering difficulties, the Yarra Track soon became a busy

Today this sealed mountain road is a popular scenic drive between Marysville and Warburton.

route used by pack horses, horse-drawn drays

and wagons.

The Cambarville Historic area is located 18km along the road from Marysville and is a wonderful place to immerse yourself in the region's gold and logging history, as well as walk beneath some of Victoria's tallest trees.

There is a short historic township walk and a longer forest and waterfall walk for the more energetic. Just nearby is the Big Culvert, the largest and most accessible of the road's five historic arched bridges, which are still in use today.



12. Cambarville Historic Township

During the 1860s, Cambarville was an important stopping point along the busy road leading to the Woods Point Goldfields.

Later, Cambarville became a bustling timber town having a large steam-driven sawmill, houses, a school and shops. This easy circuit passes the old Chalet Hubertus, the school and sawmill sites.

There are interpretative signs along the way.



Location

Cambarville picnic

Time



600m loop, 20 mins

Level 🏡

Level 2: Flat formed track

Facilities



Parking, toilet and picnic facilities

Restrictions



Bicycles, motorbikes, horses, pets and firearms not permitted

Starting from the Cambarville car park, just off Marysville – Woods Point Rd, the circuit follows an easy well-graded path into the old township before looping back to the car park.



13. Cumberland Falls

Experience the majesty of the tallest flowering trees in the world.

This breathtaking walk passes through rare mature-aged Mountain Ash to beneath the Big Tree, a 400-year-old giant standing 85m above the forest floor.

Hidden nearby, in a damp rainforest gully, are Cora Lynn Falls and Cumberland Falls. There are sweeping views of the Cumberland Valley from Sovereign View.

Location		Cambarville picnic area car park
Time	C	4km loop, 2 hrs
Level	À	Level 3: Short steep hills, formed track, some obstacles
Facilities	P	Parking

Bicycles, motorbikes,

Restrictions horses, pets and firearms not permitted Starting from the Cambarville car park, just off the Marvsville - Woods Point Rd, this circuit walk passes beneath the Bia Tree and the Sitka Spruce to reach the Marysville - Woods Point Rd. Cross over and continue along to Cora Lynn Falls, then on to Cumberland Falls. Soon afterwards the trail passes Sovereian View, recrosses the road and

finishes back at the car park.



Lake Mountain Trails Just 22km from Marysville is Lake Mountain Alpine Resort, Australia's premier cross-country ski destination and a popular mountain biking destination.

Lake Mountain's rolling Snow Gum woodland makes it an ideal venue for cross-country skiers and snow players. There are over 30km of groomed ski trails, six toboggan slopes and a ski school.

During summer, bushwalkers will discover a wealth of grassy trails that meander across the plateau. The 4km Summit Walk offers outstanding views to nearby Mt Torbreck, Marysville and right across to Melbourne.

Lake Mountain Alpine Resort also has a selection of purpose-built mountain bike trails, including the 10km Granite Grind single track circuit.

The sealed road up to the resort is popular with experienced cyclists and is used for the annual Marysville – Lake Mountain Challenge. Gate entry fees apply at certain times during the year.





Cathedral Range State Park



The nearby Cathedral Range sweeps up from the Acheron Valley and is a distinctive regional landmark of high craggy peaks and sandstone cliffs.

The park is notable for its spectacular walking trails and challenging rock climbs.

For the less adventurous there are easy riverside strolls, mountain views and quiet campsites along the banks of the Little River.





Sharing the trails



Sharing the trails

A number of the Marysville trails allow walkers, cyclists and horseriders to share the same trail. To make the trails more enjoyable for everyone, follow these points of etiquette:

- Keep left and signal
- Acknowledge others
- Walkers have right of way
- · Ride at a safe and considerate speed
 - Approach horses with care
 - Where dogs are permitted, keep them under control and clean up after them.

Travelling safely

Marysville offers a variety of trails to suit all abilities. It is important to be aware of the environment that you are in before you set out. Please read the following and be sure you are prepared before starting out.

- Check for up-to-date information on the status of walking tracks and any relevant fire warnings before travelling. Contact: Parks Victoria, www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963 or Dept of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), www.dse.vic.gov.au or 136 186
 - Check the weather forecast before you go.
 Visit www.bom.gov.au
 - Know where you are going and carry a detailed map
- Be prepared to turn back if weather deteriorates or the trail is more difficult than expected
- Stay on designated trails

- Let someone know before you go and advise them of your safe return
- Be self-sufficient with drinking water
 - Take clothing, footwear and equipment to suit changing weather and track conditions Avoid travelling alone – small groups are
- Mobile phone coverage cannot be relied on

ideal





Bushfire safety

Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility and anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions and remain alert to signs of fire such as smoke or emergency vehicles. Victoria has adopted the national system of Fire Danger Ratings.

On days with a Code Red Fire Danger forecast, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria may close parks and forests in this area for public safety. For more information on the Fire Danger Ratings visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

