Yarra Ranges National Park

Lady Talbot Drive and Cambarville Historic Township

Yarra Ranges National Park was declared in 1995 and stretches from Healesville to Warburton and beyond to the headwaters of the Yarra River and north to Marysville. A vital catchment for Melbourne's water supply, the park is home to forests of Mountain Ash, rainforest and fern gullies, and the endangered Leadbeater’s Possum.

Enjoying the park

Go for a walk or a scenic drive, have a picnic, photograph cascading waterfalls or wildlife or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

Lady Talbot Drive

This short scenic drive, featuring several attractions along the Taggerty River, was named after the wife of Sir Reginald Talbot, Governor of Victoria from 1903 to 1908.

Phantom Falls
- 1.6km return - 45 minutes at a leisurely pace
- Steep grade

A short steep walk from the car park takes you up from the Taggerty River into a moist fern gully where Phantom Falls Creek weaves its way through exposed rocks and thick tree fern trunks. From the viewing platform, the falls are particularly spectacular in spring when melting snow creates a fierce flow.

Keppel Falls Lookout
- A short drive up from Keppel Falls Walk, this lookout offers a spectacular view of the Taggerty River Valley with the falls as the centrepiece.

Beeches Rainforest Walk
- 4km return - two hours at a leisurely pace
- Medium standard with some uneven ground and steep sections

Start this spectacular circuit walk from the Taggerty Cascades car park or The Beeches. The ancient rainforest features groves of Myrtle Beech trees (Nothofagus cunninghamii) with many trees over 300 years old! The tranquil bubbling Whitehouse Creek joins the Taggerty River at the Meeting of the Waters. On the eastern side the walk climbs up into stands of enormous Mountain Ash (Eucalyptus regnans), one of the tallest trees in the world.

Please note: Lady Talbot Drive beyond The Beeches is accessible to Two Wheel Drive vehicles only in dry weather conditions.

Cambarville Historic Township

This clearing, just north of the picnic area, was the site of the Cambarville sawmill and township. The sawmill was relocated after being burnt down in 1970. Some of the stumps of felled trees, houses, tree plantings and other relics of the sawmilling days have survived. Deep cuts can clearly be seen in the old stumps where tree fellers fitted boards to stand on while they cut above the wide buttresses of the giant Mountain Ash trees.

The Big Culvert

This beautiful moss covered granite arch was constructed by a German settler, George Koehler, who operated a hotel nearby. It was built around 1870 along with several other culverts of this type beneath the Woods Point Road. The road was once part of the “Yarra Track” that miners travelled along to the Woods Point goldfields.

For more information call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au
Cumberland Walk

Starting from the Cambarville Picnic Area this easy to medium, four kilometre circuit walk will take approximately two hours at a leisurely pace.

The walk takes you past the Big Tree, the Sitka Spruce, the spectacular Cora Lynn Falls and Sovereign View.

**The Big Tree** - This Mountain Ash is the tallest living tree known in Victoria and is one of the group known as "The Tall Trees."

**The Sitka Spruce** - Jack Lewis, a forest Ranger, planted this Sitka Spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) over 60 years ago. It marks the site of a shack that was home to a timber splitter named George Loch over 100 years ago.

**Cora Lynn Falls** - The walk toward the magical cascade of the Cora Lynn Falls is lined with Tree Ferns beneath a thick canopy of Myrtle Beech, with huge Mountain Ash towering above.

**Sovereign View** - Continuing towards Sovereign View, the track follows an old water race constructed by miners around 1870 to provide water to the Sovereign Mine on the Reefton Spur. Sovereign View provides a spectacular outlook down the Armstrong Creek Valley towards Warburton.

**Plants and animals**

A keen eye and ear will discover Kookaburras, Eastern Rosellas, Lyrebirds, Superb Fairy-wrens, magnificent Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, Wallabies and Echidnas. Both Cambarville and Lady Talbot Drive were heavily affected by wildfire in February 2009 however the forest has now regenerated a significant amount.

How to get there

**Lady Talbot Drive**

From Marysville travel 500 metres along Woods Point Road and turn left into Lady Talbot Drive. You will pass through 11km of the Marysville State Forest before entering Yarra Ranges National Park.

**Cambarville Historic Township**

From Marysville follow Woods Point Road toward Lake Mountain. The entrance to Cambarville Picnic Area is approximately 6.5km past the Lake Mountain turnoff on Woods Point Road.

Exploring the area

Take a drive up to Lake Mountain and enjoy 40km of walking tracks and ski trails or visit in spring and summer to see the wildflowers flood the mountain with colour and fragrance. Visit the nearby majestic Stevensons Falls or Cathedral Range State Park.

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