

NOOJEE

Weekend Escape



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DAY 1 MORNING

The picturesque 1 hour 45 minute or 128km drive from Central Melbourne takes you across a spectacular landscape of rolling hills and through the charming and arty village of Neerim South. Wander amongst the sculptures dotted around the town, including the tall unmissable **Neerim Bower** greeting you at the southern town entrance, check out the Digital Visitor Information Hub for travel inspiration and stock up on supplies here.

Start your Noojee adventure at the **Historic Trestle Bridge**, one of the oldest timber bridges left standing in Victoria, just before you arrive in Noojee. Wander under the bridge or take the steps up to the top and walk across the grand structure - whichever angle you see it, it's Instagram worthy! The reserve is also the starting point for a number of walking and cycling tracks that carve through the towering forest. This is the starting point for the short and flat **Noojee Trestle Bridge Rail Trail** (30 minute / 4km return) through scenic bushland, ending at the **Noojee Railway Station Precinct**.

After a deserved break with home-made cake and coffee at the **Heritage Gifts & Coffee**, take a trip back in time as you wander through the Precinct,

complete with a replica of the original Noojee Railway Station or climb aboard the steam train. For the train buffs, that's a 1950s J Class locomotive!

Return to the Trestle Bridge via the same trail and continue your drive into the town centre for 1km where a hearty lunch awaits at the rustic **Toolshed Bar, Bistro & Cabins**. The interior of this bar encapsulates the sense of connection and history in Noojee and is a popular spot with visitors to the region. On a warm day relax in the outdoor beer garden or enjoy the woodfire inside during cooler months.

DAY 1 AFTERNOON

After lunch it's time to check in and drop your bags at your accommodation before heading to **Toorongo Falls**, a short 10-minute drive from Noojee. A photographer's dream, the impressive, tiered waterfall is surrounded by towering gums and lush ferns in the Toorongo Falls Reserve. Take the 750-metre, mostly uphill, track to the viewing platform to watch the water tumble over the rocky cliff-face into the valley below.

Make the most of your visit and take the 2.2-km circuit walk to see both Toorongo Falls and neighbouring **Amphitheatre Falls**. The mountain brushtail possum, ringtail possum, sugar glider and a variety of bats call the Toorongo Falls Reserve home. If you're looking to see some wildlife dawn or dusk is your best chance.

After a day exploring Noojee's historic and natural wonders, it's time to head to the famous **Noojee Hotel**, or "Nooj Pub". The oldest standing building in town, the hotel has survived at least three fires. From here wander down to the waterwheel, which gives its name to the short and scenic **Waterwheel Walk** (10 minutes return) by the Latrobe River before you put your feet up on the pub's balcony overlooking the river and watch the sun go down. Stay for dinner and listen to the sound of music and laughter fill the valley.

WHERE TO STAY

Live luxurious

Stay in the heart of town and within walking distance from all your dining and activity options at **Rosemont House Luxury B&B**, the perfect escape for couples. Each guest room is self-contained and sits at the top of a verandah overlooking the trees and the valley. With both rooms named after the rivers that flow through the area, Latrobe and Tanjil, which one will you choose?

Retreat at the River

Immerse yourself in nature at **Toorongo Valley Estate**, a peaceful escape with all the comforts of home. Perfect for couples, families or small groups of friends, choose from either the Tree Fern Chalet or Manna Gum Chalet that sit perched directly above overlooking the river, each with its own outdoor spa. Alternatively, the Redwood House is a spacious family-friendly retreat designed to bring everyone together.



Noojee boasts a rich heritage and unique natural attractions to delight and inspire. The historic timber town, nestled on the banks of the Latrobe River and surrounded by stunning wooded forests of mountain ash, takes its name from the Aboriginal word for 'contentment' or 'place to rest' and when spending the weekend in Noojee, that's exactly what you will enjoy.

Immerse yourself in nature, enjoy exceptional local food and wine and experience authentic country hospitality.

DAY 2 MORNING

Pull up a chair inside or outside and start your day at the **Little Red Duck Cafe**. Treat yourself to a delicious offering of homemade savouries or sweets, and of course... coffee. Be sure to remember to choose one of the delicious desserts made in-house to bring home with you and get your packed lunch for later here.

Fuelled up for the day, your next stop is the famous **Alpine Trout Farm**, just a 3-minute/3km drive on the outskirts of Noojee. Catch your own fish or enjoy their smoked trout, dips, drinks, caviar, fresh trout and salmon. There are plenty of BBQ areas for you to relax and unwind for an hour or two.

Tip: Bring an esky, it's the perfect place to bring a piece of Noojee home with you!

DAY 2 AFTERNOON

Taking a different scenic route home via Jindivick (28km / 27 minute drive), a visit to **The Garden at Broughton Hall**, four acres of terraced landscaped gardens with stunning views over the Tarago Reservoir and the West Gippsland hills and an onsite nursery, is a must.

Allow a couple of hours to wander through the gardens, soak up the views at one of the strategically placed seating areas and admire the meticulous horticultural work whilst enjoying your packed lunch. The Garden is open April to June and September to December.

As the sun slowly moves closer towards the horizon, you catch yourself already planning your next West Gippsland escape!

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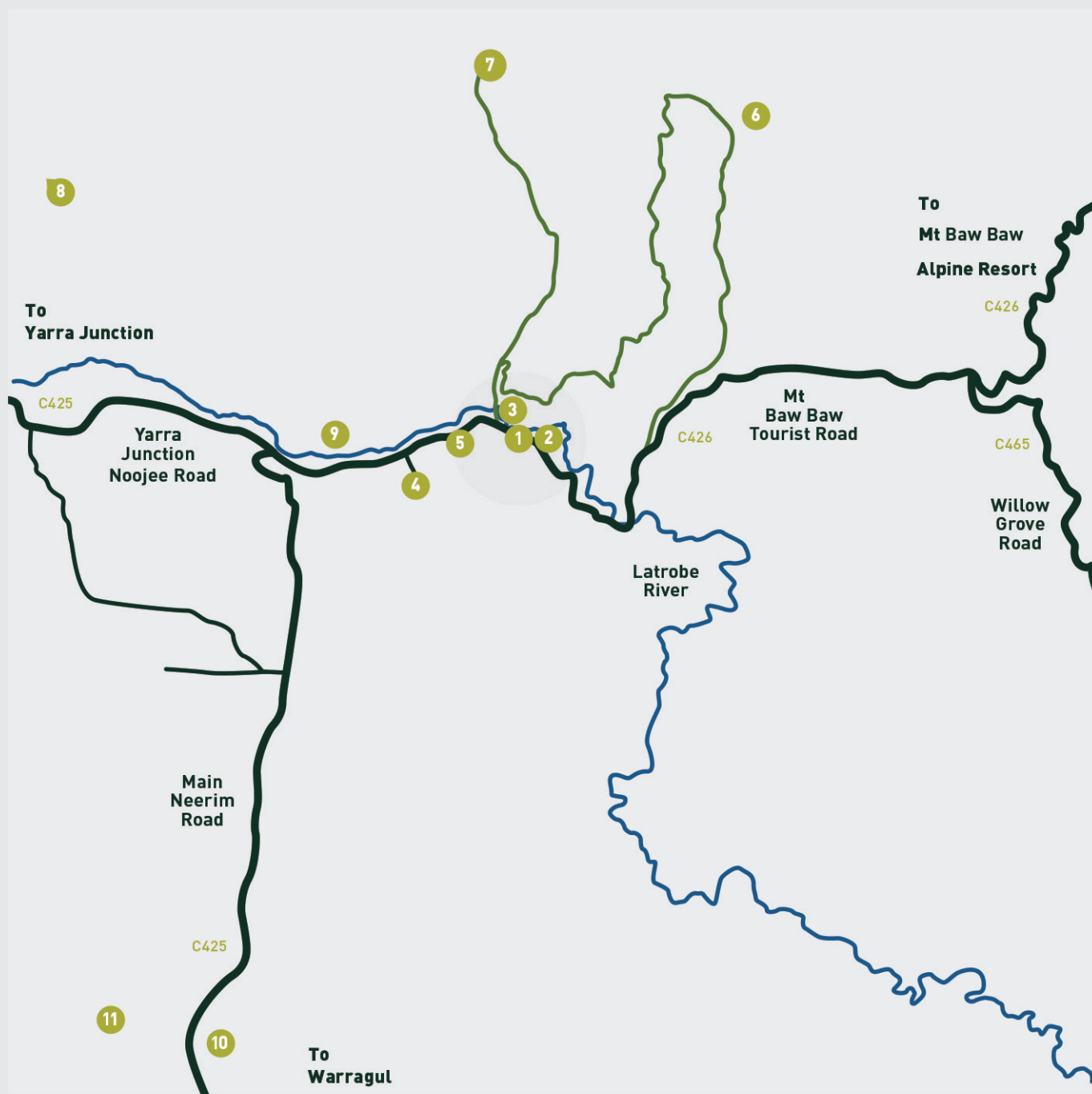
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