



THERE'S GOLD IN THESE MOUNTAINS

Unveil the magic of
WALHALLA
& MOUNTAIN RIVERS

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Plan for the

FAMILY ADVENTURE

DAY ONE

LOCAL TIP

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There's **no petrol stations** in our lovely part of the world, so make sure you **fill up before you leave the freeway**.

Pack up the kids, the camping gear, and grab some roadtrip snacks — you're heading off the beaten track!

Follow the road signs to make camp for the night. **Coopers Creek campground** is a great family-friendly spot on the **Thomson River**, or get a taste of country hospitality at **Erica Caravan Park** with barbeque, giant chess, table tennis, foosball, playground and licensed bar for the adults.



Take a moment to enjoy the serenity in **Erica**, and if you're feeling adventurous check out **Horseshoe Bend Tunnel** — a scenic river diversion with an intriguing history.

DAY TWO



No trip would be complete without a stopover in lovely **Walhalla**. Take your time to explore the picturesque village on foot, and embrace your childlike wonder.

Book your family ticket on the **Walhalla Goldfields Railway**, riding through the bushland alongside **Stringers Creek** to the idyllic **Thomson Station** — and back again.

If you're feeling spooky, book an evening **Walhalla Ghost Tour** for terrifying tales and bumps in the night.

LOCAL TIP

2

Options for eating out can be limited, particularly on weekdays. Support local businesses, **call ahead**, buy some snacks from the shop, and keep an eye out for idyllic barbeque spots throughout our region.

DAY THREE

Fold up the tent, empty the esky, and put out the campfire — you're heading home. If you're not ready to leave just yet, a stop at nearby **Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort** is in order.

Depending on the season, either rug up and throw snowballs, or, if the grass is green, book a range of family-friendly activities on the iconic mountain. Think laser tag, trampolines and alpine dingo encounters.

LOCAL TIP

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Be prepared for every season, and sometimes a few seasons in one day. Snowchains, snakes, sun protection, rain protection — **know what to expect** to make the most of our wonderful region.



Plan for the

ACTIVE EXPEDITION

DAY ONE



We'll let you in on a secret, the Walhalla & Mountain Rivers region, does in fact have spectacular mountains, and rivers — surprise!

Whether you're into fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, dirt biking, mountain biking, river rafting, 4WDing, horseriding or simply being in nature — this is your playground.

Fill your belly with a hearty pub meal at **Stockyard Bar & Bistro** and rest up at adjoining **Rawson Caravan Park**, ready for a full day of adventuring.

LOCAL TIP

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Full of country charm, our charming local **businesses aren't always open**, particularly on weekdays. Be sure to **call ahead and let them know** you're coming to avoid disappointment.

DAY TWO

Rise, shine, lace up your activity-appropriate footwear, and head for the mountains!

The **Aberfeldy Track** is considered one of Victoria's greatest 4WD experiences, taking you via **Thomson Dam**, **Woods Point** and beyond. **Bruntons Bridge** offers camping, river access and an Insta-worthy footbridge. **Erica MTB Park** boasts some of the best rides in Gippsland, and the epic 655km **Australian Alps Walking Track** kicks off from **Walhalla**.

Pick your poison, do your research, be prepared, and be sure to bring your camera!

If your muscles are sore from your adventures, do yourself a favour and check into a spa chalet at **Mountain Rivers Tourist Park** in **Rawson**.



DAY THREE

LOCAL TIP

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Throughout our region, **GPS data is often inaccurate**, and phone reception is not always available. Follow road maps and sign posts, and **carry an offline or printed map** whenever possible.



Sunrise hike up **Mt St Gwinear** anyone? One last crossing over **Thomson River**? Or maybe fancy a quick swim? Chances are you've found another must-do thing that you'll try and squeeze in here.

But, if you're exhausted, take the opportunity to kick back and relax before heading home, you've earned it!

Check if the **Wally Pub** is open for lunch and a cold beer, then hit the road — we'll see you again soon.

Plan for the

CAREFREE ESCAPE

DAY ONE

Resting in a deep green valley surrounded by plunging hills, picture-perfect **Walhalla** is the secluded oasis time forgot. Lovingly preserved from its once-upon-a-time gold mining era, there's nowhere else quite like this curious village.

Settle in and snuggle up with a good book in one of the charming accommodation options right in town — from a suite of quaint private cottages to bed and breakfasts to the iconic **Walhalla's Star Hotel** overlooking the **Mountaineers Band Rotunda**.

Be sure to step outside and gaze up at the starry night sky — with little competing light the galaxies are spectacular.

LOCAL TIP

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Be prepared to take it slow and **appreciate the beauty** of this quirky town.



DAY TWO



Take the morning to explore this wonderful town on foot, taking time to absorb the history of the streetscape at your own pace. To dig deeper into the rich history of local gold-mining, book a guided tour through the **Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine**.

Spend the afternoon defining your own leisure. Painting, photography or bird-watching are all perfectly suited to this pristine setting.

If you're feeling energetic the **Walhalla Tramline Walk** offers a fantastic outlook over the town, with the option of continuing onto **Poverty Point Bridge**. Further afield, near the summit of **Mt Erica**, is the **Mushroom Rocks** bushwalk — with monumental granite boulders hidden in thick montane forest.

DAY THREE

And just like that, all good things must come to an end. Soak up the atmosphere of beautifully peaceful **Walhalla** as much as you can before bidding farewell.

For a final dose of history pay a visit to the **Old Walhalla Post Office Museum** and the **Old Walhalla Fire Station Museum**. Take a short stroll up the hill to the significant and unusual **Walhalla Cemetery**, and take a gander at the landmark **Walhalla Cricket Ground**.

Until next time...



LOCAL TIP

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Walhalla is an authentic town, with authentically friendly locals. **No paid actors or costumes here**, only local people going about their day in this beautifully peaceful mountain village.



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LOCAL FOOD & DRINK



Erica Hotel Motor Inn

8 School Road, Erica
Call on (03) 5165 3252
ericahotel.com

Rawson Stockyard Bar & Bistro

Depot Road, Rawson
Call on (03) 5165 3111
rawsonstockyard.com

For basic groceries, pies, coffee and camping needs like ice and firewood:

Erica General Store

1 Henty Street, Erica
Find on Facebook

Rawson Mini Mart

1 Murie Street, Rawson
Call on (03) 5165 3311

Assaggio del Forno

40 Coopers Creek Road, Jacob Creek
Call on (03) 5165 3223
facebook.com/assaggiodef

The Goods Shed Café

2 Main Road, Walhalla
Call on 0423 422 493

Walhalla Witchery

98 Main Rd Walhalla
Call on 0427 092 010

Walhalla Lodge Hotel (aka The Wally Pub)

62 Main Road, Walhalla
Call on 0460 516 228
facebook.com/walhalla.lodge.hotel



HERITAGE TOURS

Walhalla Goldfields Railway

Experience one of Australia's most spectacular rail journeys, winding through breathtaking natural scenery.



Call on (03) 5165 6280
walhallarail.com.au

Long Tunnel Gold Mine Tour

Head underground with your knowledgeable guide, and find out how this became one of the worlds' richest gold mines.



Call on (03) 5165 6259
walhallaboard.org.au

Walhalla Ghost Tours

Hear the terrible tales of past souls in a town filled with long-forgotten history and bizarre mystery.



Call on (03) 5165 6250
ghosttourbookings.com.au

STAY IN WALHALLA

Windsor House Walhalla

12 Right Hand Branch Road
Call on 0407 519 215
windsorhousewalhalla.com.au

Walhalla's Star Hotel

130 Main Road
Call on 0436 462 462
starhotel.com.au

Wild Cherry B&B

92 Church Hill Road
Call on 0427 975 045
walhallaaccommodation.com.au

Silvertop Cottages

96 McLelland Road
Call on 0414 537 267
silvertopcottages.com.au

Stringer's Cottage

20 Happy Go Lucky Road
Call on 0425 713 683
staywalhalla.com.au

Walhalla Coach House

20 Happy Go Lucky Road
Call on 0425 713 683
staywalhalla.com.au

Sancreed Cottage

4 Church Hill Road
Call on (03) 8373 4049
sancreed.com.au

Creek Cottage

205 Main Road 3825
walhallaboard.org.au

Jacomb's Cottage

184 Main Road
jacombscottagewalhalla.com.au

Mill House

1 Church Hill Road
Call on 0427 899 709
walhallagetaways.com.au

Happy Go Lucky Hideout

19 Happy Go Lucky
Call on 0414 789 488
riparide.com or airbnb.com.au

Valhalla House B&B

Main Road
Call on (03) 5165 6285
valhallahouse.wordpress.com

Chinese Gardens Campground

235 Main Road
Call on (03) 5165 6250
walhallaboard.org.au

**Roadside camping is now
prohibited within Walhalla.**

STAY IN ERICA

Erica Caravan Park

14 Station Street
(03) 5165 3315 or 0400 999 236
ericacaravanpark.com.au

Erica Hotel Motor Inn

8 School Road
Call on (03) 5165 3252
ericahotel.com

Erica Country Retreat

13 Beasleys Road
Call on 0407 812 215
airbnb.com.au

Erica Escape

18a School Road
Call on 0429 555 037
ericaescape.com

Mountain Farm Accommodation

38 School Road
Call on 0402 379 814
airbnb.com.au

Closter's Cottage

0400 999 236 or 0418 352 352
clusterscottage.com

STAY IN RAWSON

Rawson Caravan Park

Depot Road
Call on (03) 5165 3439
rawsoncaravanpark.com.au

Ferntree Escape

airbnb.com.au

Rawson Village Accommodation & School Camps

Pinnacle Drive
Call on (03) 5165 3200
rawsonvillage.com

Mountain Rivers Tourist Park and Spa Chalets

11 Depot Road
Call on (03) 5165 3231
mountainrivers.com.au



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| 1 Mt St Gwinear | 8 Walhalla Tramline Walk | 15 Woods Point |
| 2 Mt Erica | 9 Long Tunnel Gold Mine | 16 Horseshoe Bend Tunnel |
| 3 Mushroom Rocks | 10 Walhalla Cemetery | 17 Coopers Creek Campsite |
| 4 Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort | 11 Walhalla Cricket Ground | 18 Aberfeldy Track |
| 5 Erica Mountain Bike Park | 12 Old Post Office Museum | 19 Poverty Point Bridge |
| 6 Rawson Crater Lake | 13 Old Fire Station Museum | 20 Bruntons Bridge Campsite |
| 7 Thomson Dam | 14 Chinese Gardens Campsite | |

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