

## Exploring Further Afield

Included in the Handbook are some great brochures of the Region supplied by Tourism Victoria and various websites. Below is just a snapshot of what you can do:

### *Cellar Doors, Wineries & Vineyards: Beechworth GI (extract Beechworth Vignerons Website)*

The Beechworth region has many similarities to other boutique areas such as the Mornington Peninsula or Yarra Valley. Vineyard areas are relatively small and are operated by family units. While production of grapes is not great, nearly all grapes are processed by the Vignerons. You can also phone the wineries in advance and arrange for an appointment if they do not have a cellar door including our own winery, Serengale Vineyard on 0428585348. Look up [www.beechworthvineyards.com.au](http://www.beechworthvineyards.com.au) for contact details.

### *Discover Beechworth*

Beechworth's Historic and Cultural Precinct became a reality in 2002 with major federal, state and local government funding making the refurbishment of these buildings possible. The Beechworth Tourist Centre, in Ford Street just passed the roundabout on the right as you are going out of town towards Wodonga, is the best place to discuss what to see and do around Beechworth. Phone: 1300 366 321. Some suggestions are: Burke Museum, Historic Precinct, Gorge Drive and Walk, Ned Kelly Vault, Visit the Old Goal and undertake a Ghost Tour, walk through the old Mayday Hills Hospital precinct with its beautiful gardens and self-tour, walk around the Beechworth Lake (Lake Sambal). Great play ground for young children at the Lake Sambal Park. There is also some very good bush walks around Beechworth and a self guided drive through the Historic Park.

### *Milawa Gourmet Region & King Valley*

Live la dolce vita with fine food, wine and accommodation in Milawa and King Valley, one of Australia's oldest gourmet regions. Grab a glass of prosecco and look out over the lush valley slopes lined with grape vines, a place where the Italian migrant history complements the region's natural beauty. In Milawa, visit Brown Brothers Winery, Sam Miranda and the Milawa Cheese Factory, all have good venues for a leisurely lunch. There are also other produce stores to visit such as Milawa Mustards and the Olive Shop plus the Gin Distillery at Hurdle Creek. In the King Valley, immerse yourself in the Italian experience, have lunch and a wine tasting at the wineries of Pizzini, Dal Zotto, Politini and Christmont.

### *Bright, Myrtleford and surrounding areas*

Bright is a 45 minute drive from Serengale Retreat via Myrtleford (20 minutes). Bright in full autumn colours is beautiful and you can explore shops, swim in the Ovens River or take in the view from Mt Buffalo or visit the snow fields of Mt Hotham or Falls Creek a further 90 minute drive.

## Restaurants

No means an exhaustive list. I have prepared some suggestions of restaurants for lunch or dinner most are within a 10 to 15 minute drive of the Retreat. Alternatively, you can dine in and arrange dinner with Sally from Taste Trekkers on 0408321822 or email sally@tastetrekks.com.au. A three course dinner cooked at the Retreat starts at around \$90 per head minimum of 5 people.

<i>The Provenance</i>	<i>Ford Street Beechworth</i>	<i>57281786</i>
Fine dining, Age Good Food Guide 2017 in best five restaurants in Victoria, produces innovative cuisine from quality regional seasonal produce and a great wine menu. Definitely book in advance		
<i>The Ox and Hound</i>	<i>Ford Street Beechworth</i>	<i>5728 2123</i>
A mostly French and Italian menu, offering classic dishes using quality products.		
<i>The Press Room and Wine Bar</i>	<i>Camp St Beechworth</i>	<i>57282360</i>
The menu is an inventive offering of modern and classic tapas inspired by Spanish Cuisine. Good breakfasts		
<i>Beechworth Brewery</i>	<i>Ford St Beechworth</i>	<i>5728 2703</i>
Great beer brewed on the premises and pizzas for lunch with kids		
<i>Empire Hotel</i>	<i>Camp St Beechworth</i>	<i>57282743</i>
Newly renovated with an la carte restaurant and also Pub meals. Good food and ambience not to mention the great local wines (including Serengale Vineyard).		
<i>Amulet Vineyard</i>	<i>Beechworth Rd Everton Upper</i>	<i>57270420</i>
Vineyard restaurant open for lunch on weekends. Next door to Serengale Vineyard		
<i>George Kerford Hotel</i>	<i>Oak Avenue Beechworth</i>	<i>57282618</i>
Modern menu and set in lovely Mayday Hills- the garden is definitely worth a stroll through too.		
<i>King River Café</i>	<i>Snow Road Oxley (near Milawa)</i>	<i>57273461</i>
The menu focuses on regional produce with a mix of Asian, French and modern cuisine.		
<i>Brown Brothers Patricia's Table</i>		<i>57205540</i>
One hat restaurant Age Good Food Guide. Modern menu with wine matching open for lunch and would suggest you book in advance		
<i>Stanley Pub</i>	<i>Myrtleford Stanley Rd Stanley</i>	<i>57286502</i>
Lovely country pub in the hamlet of Stanley 10 minutes from Beechworth		
<i>Watermarc</i>	<i>Wangaratta Road Wangaratta</i>	<i>57221889</i>

Modern menu and range of dining options to satisfy both the food critic and the budget

## Cafes

Beechworth has lots of good cafes. Open for breakfast and lunch most days. Here are some suggestions:

*Peddlers* *Ford St. Beechworth*

Good soups, coffee and focaccias. Open for breakfast

*Blynzz Coffee Roasters* *Ford St. Beechworth*

Good breakfasts

*Beechworth Pantry* *Ford St Beechworth*

Light lunches and delicious cakes

*Beechworth Provender* *Camp St Beechworth*

Light lunches, good coffee and sell local wines including Serengale Vineyard

*Project 49* *Ford St. Beechworth*

Great coffee and Italian small meals for lunch. Also a good delicatessen. Also open for dinner Friday nights.

*Cellar Door Wine Store* *Ford St. Beechworth*

Great coffee, cakes and lots of local wine! Good french cheese selection and great local wine selection (including Serengale Vineyard)!

*Moments and Memories Tea Room* *Camp St Beechworth*

Old fashioned tea rooms complete with china cups and dollies. Open for breakfast and you can also order a high tea (reservations are required in advance - 57282273)

### **And further afield:**

*HUB 62* *62 Main St. Chiltern*

Great coffee and cake

*Café Derailleur* *38 Norton St Wangaratta*

Great food, coffee and popular with cyclists

*Café Fez at Red Ramia Trading* *Great Alpine Rd Myrtleford*

Great Lebanese lunches with Chinese and Indian furniture.

### *Gamze Smoke House*

*Vincent Rd Milawa*

Organic grass fed local smoked meats and lunches

### **Cycling**

Great information on ideas and maps etc can be found in Victoria's High Country Cycle Guide. Here is just a little of what you can do.

#### *Rail Trail*

The Rail Trail is only 1.5 km from Serengale Retreat. You can ride to the rail trail or take the car and start at Everton Station which is on White Post Road (turn right out of Serengale Retreat and then left down White Post Road- Everton Station is about 500 meters on the left). You can then choose whether to go up to Beechworth (16km) or to Myrtleford (27km) or further afield to Bright (57km) . Alternatively, you could cycle down to Wangaratta (26km), then up to Milawa and back to Serengale Retreat.

#### *Rail Trail and Mountain Bike Park*

Rail Trail starting at Diffey Road- the Flame Tree MTB track follows the Rail Trail up to Beechworth or visit the Beechworth Mountain Bike Park at Alma Road Beechworth.

#### *Local Ride*

Starting in Beechworth township, generally every Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 8.00 am when the weather is fine! Locals generally go up to Stanley and then back with a morning coffee at the end of the ride somewhere in town.

#### *Beechworth to Lake Kerford to Stanley*

A great ride leaving from a trail beside the Beechworth Caravan Park

#### *Stanley Forest & Yackandandah*

A ten minute drive from Beechworth. The State Forest provides some good MTB rides.

There is also various bush tracks and dirt roads around Beechworth that are good to explore or visit the new Yackandandah Mountain Bike Trail about 25 mins drive from Serengale Retreat.

Guest can also arrange to have their bikes transported, hire bikes or ride with locals:

#### *Transport:*

The Bike Hire Company & Shuttle Service

0400345648

V Line

136 196

#### *Bike Hire:*

The Bike Hire Company

0400345648

Bike Hire Beechworth: Tour De Vines

1300 665 330

Beechworth Cycle and Saws

03 57281 402

## **Bush Walking**

There are some great National and State Parks close to Serengale Retreat. We have included some brochures for Guests, and walks etc can also be found at various points in the National and State Parks. Guests could also incorporate a visit to Stanley, Historic Chiltern or Yackandandah. The following are some suggestions (notes from Parks Victoria website):

### *Beechworth Historic Park*

Adjoining the town of Beechworth, the Beechworth Historic Park has a rich goldmining past easily explored by foot. The five kilometer Gorge scenic drive is also a pleasant walk, providing views of waterfalls and rugged countryside west of the town. Other walking tracks connect Lake Sambell to Lake Kerferd, and a network of tracks link points of interest in the Gorge area including Fiddes Quarry, the precipice and cascades.

### *Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site*

A sacred site amongst the local indigenous people boasting many significant areas including a rock shelter and bush tucker area. The site is of particular archeological importance as it features an Aboriginal red ochre painting believed to be a Tasmanian devil that once inhabited the mainland. It is a well laid out circular walking track with information boards. About 15 minutes from Beechworth on the Chiltern Road at the base of Mount Pilot.

### *Chiltern- Mount Pilot National Park*

Located between Beechworth and the low hills surrounding Chiltern, this park includes the striking Mt Pilot Range and Woolshed Falls and protects box-ironbark forest that once covered much of north-east Victoria. Short or day-long walks can be made on vehicle tracks through open forest and a 25 kilometre historic drive is marked from Chiltern through the forest and goldfields. It is also known for the endangered bird, the Regent Honey Eater.

### *Stanley Forest*

A ten minute drive from Beechworth. Stanley is a small hamlet that is worth a visit. The State Forest provides some good walks and scenic drives.