Just a short drive east of Melbourne you’ll discover a village that time has passed by. From 1863 until 1914, Walhalla was one of the richest gold areas in Australia with a population of over 3,000 people. There were 10 hotels, 7 churches, several dance halls, a school with more than 500 students and over 30 shops.

Walhalla’s picturesque location in the Gippsland mountains combines the wild Australian bush environment with a colonial style reminiscent of the gold era.

Exotic trees and cute miner’s cottages line the meandering street and twisting creek in the steep valley. Walhalla’s unique topography in a narrow mountain gorge meant that the early townsfolk needed to think vertically.

Walhalla’s iconic cemetery clings to the side of the hill at a 45 degree angle and the slopes are dotted with cottages built on narrow ledges cut into the steep hillsides. When gold mining became unprofitable in 1914 and the mines closed, Walhalla’s decline was rapid.
Most of the houses and buildings were pulled down and shipped to other towns on the newly opened railway, while others were simply abandoned.

The structures that remained were mostly destroyed by fire or fell apart over the following decades. Walhalla was virtually a ghost town with the bush slowly reclaiming the village. In the 1990s, following a renewed interest in Australia’s heritage, many of the homes and shops began to be rebuilt.

The most impressive is Walhalla’s Star Hotel which re-opened in 1999. The original Star Hotel started life during Walhalla’s heyday in 1873 but was destroyed by a fire caused by a faulty hot water service in 1951.

Walhalla is truly a step-back-in-time to another era. For example, on the 21st of December 1998 it became the last town to be connected to electricity in Victoria!

Today, Walhalla is home to less than 20 permanent residents but it attracts over 120,000 visitors a year.

This once forgotten hamlet is now a popular and beautiful tourist destination for everyone to enjoy all year round.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

LONG TUNNEL EXTENDED GOLD MINE
Discover a golden past on an informative 45 minute tour of an original gold mine with a local guide. Over 13 tonnes was removed from this mine making it one of the most successful in Victoria.

Tours operate Mon-Fri 1:30pm / Weekends & Holiday periods 12noon, 1:30pm & 3pm.

www.walhallaboard.org.au

WALHALLA GHOST TOURS
A guided walk of Walhalla in the dark with old fashioned lamps and many spooky tales of ‘things that go bump in the night’.

Bookings are essential.

www.walhallaghosttour.info

WALHALLA GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY
This unique narrow gauge train winds its way down Stringers Creek Gorge from Walhalla to the Thomson River. The railway opened in 1910 but was never a success, closing in 1944 and the line was pulled up. It has now been reopened by enthusiasts who have lovingly restored this picturesque journey.

Trains depart Walhalla at 11am, 1pm & 3pm.* Sat, Sun, Wed & holiday periods.

*3pm service does not operate from the Tuesday after the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend [mid June] until 31 August.

www.walhallarail.com.au
BUSHWALKING & BAW BAW NATIONAL PARK
Explore the many tracks and trails around Walhalla by foot at your own pace. Walhalla is the start of the Australian Alps Walking Track, a 680km trek to Canberra! For a small taste of the trail, enjoy the first section of the walk from Walhalla to the Poverty Point Bridge (8km) or to Thomson Station (5km) or the Great Walhalla Alpine Trail (40km) to Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort. Nearby Baw Baw National Park offers fabulous walks from the Mt Erica carpark. The Myrtle Gully walk is a short loop through the Mountain Ash rainforest and the longer walk to Mushroom Rocks is highly recommended.

WALHALLA SELF-GUIDED TOWN WALK
Follow the trail of over 30 interpretation signs from one end of Walhalla township to the other on this fascinating journey back to Walhalla’s gold-era with photos and stories of the past. Pick up a free copy of our Visitor Map.

4WD TOURS AND 4WD DRIVER TRAINING
These exciting and adventurous 4WD tours take you to long forgotten gold sites and abandoned villages around Walhalla. 4WD driver training courses are highly recommended to improve your skills and safety.

www.mountaintopexperience.com

WALHALLA CRICKET GROUND
Back in Walhalla’s heyday, flat land was at a premium so the solution for a sports field was to slice the top off a nearby mountain! Take the 1km walk up the zig-zag track to see if you can hit a six onto the roof of the Star Hotel.

STAY THE NIGHT
The best way to fully appreciate the area is to take a well earned break and stay for a few days. Whether you’re looking for a B&B, a boutique hotel, camping or self-contained cottages, there are plenty of options. We recommend you plan and book in advance as accommodation can be at a premium.

WALHALLA CEMETERY
Visit one of the most unusual cemeteries in Australia that’s perched on a steep hillside. More than 1100 graves tell a story of great hardship and provide an insight into what life and death was like during the gold era.
ERICA
A welcoming mountain timber town with a strong pioneering heritage surrounded by picturesque valleys just 15 minutes from Walhalla Historic Township. If you’re into mountain bikes, there are excellent MTB trails to the south and east of the town. Walkers will love the Erica to Thomson Rail Trail which starts at the recreation reserve. Erica is the gateway to the snow. Hire your wheel chains and snow gear in Erica before heading up to the plateau for heaps of snow fun.

POVERTY POINT BRIDGE
Four kilometres upstream of the Thomson River road bridge is the amazing Poverty Point Bridge. It can only be reached by foot via a loop walk starting at the Thomson Station carpark. The two hour return walk allows you to cross the river at the bridge for your return on the other side. The bridge was pre-fabricated in England in 1901 by the Westinghouse Foundry at a cost of £1,496.

LAKE THOMSON
The north of the Walhalla & Mountain Rivers region is dominated by Lake Thomson. Rawson was built as a construction village for dam workers, many of whom came from the Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme in the 1960s. Completed in 1984, the dam is home to half of Melbourne’s drinking water. At 165 metres high it is the biggest earth and rockfill dam in the southern hemisphere.

MT BAW BAW
The perfect place to visit in winter. Only a short drive via the South Face Road (wheel chains required in winter), snow sports enthusiasts will delight in the cosy village atmosphere, welcoming terrain and family friendly areas.

MT ST GWINEAR
Mt St Gwinear is well known for some of the best cross-country skiing and snowplay in Gippsland, with a 3.25km trail to the summit and breath-taking views of the Great Dividing Range.

MUSHROOM ROCKS & MT ERICA
Explore the huge granite boulders that create a fairy wonderland surrounded by thick forest. From the carpark allow one hour to walk to Mushroom Rocks. Venture further to Mt Erica and beyond to the ruin of the Talbot Peak Hut encircled by snow gums.

RAWSON
Scenic mountain views abound from the town of Rawson, with its own mountain retreat and spa chalets inviting you to stay and explore this fascinating region. See the ancient Myrtle Beech forest, walk to Mushroom Rocks or spend the day with friends at the adrenalin-packed paintball range. Don’t forget to visit the town’s crater lake.

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BRUNTONS BRIDGE
Head along the Happy Go Lucky Road to discover the huge iron Bruntons Bridge. Crossing the Thomson River, this was the original access road to Walhalla. The bridge was made in England in 1886 and was intended for use as the Victoria Street bridge across the Yarra River in Richmond. Unfortunately it was the wrong size and was sent to Bruntons to replace a timber bridge. Today the bridge is for foot traffic only.

CAMPING
Spending nights in the bush under the stars is one of the best ways to fully appreciate the beauty of our mountains and rivers. You’ll find camping areas accessible by vehicles in Walhalla, Aberfeldy River, Bruntons Bridge and Coopers Creek. For those who wish to hike, excellent remote camping sites are located in the Baw Baw National Park including Mushroom Rocks and Talbot Peak Hut.
EXPLORE FURTHER
Visit a region of great diversity and beauty - from the alpine majesty of the Baw Baw Plateau and the rich gold mining history of the Gippsland High Country to the lush emerald green valleys and our gourmet country pastures.

www.visitwalhalla.com
or 1800 621 409

We do not advise the use of GPS navigation systems due to mountainous terrain.
In the mountains and valleys to the north of Walhalla an amazing adventure awaits. The road from Walhalla to Jamieson via Aberfeldy and Woods Point dates back to the gold era. The very first prospectors crossed the Great Divide at Matlock to enter the prosperous goldfields of the Gippsland mountains. Today, this route is the domain of adventure seekers in 4WDs and SUVs who want an experience well beyond the tourist trail. Cross the range and step back in time.

With stunning views, abandoned gold sites, quaint mountain pubs, fabulous camping sites and a driving experience unrivalled in the state, anyone who has a 4WD or SUV should plan to take the drive across the divide. This drive however is not for everyone and does require some experience. Pre-planning is required and you need to be aware of the weather conditions that can effect the track. Sections of the route can become very slippery even with light rain so only 4WDs are recommended.

To make the most of the Aberfeldy Track from Walhalla to Jamieson you must slow down. It isn’t a super highway, it’s a twisting mountain journey to places few people venture today. Total driving time for the 133 kilometre distance is more than 4 hours. Allow extra time to really enjoy the trip.

Stop at the unique mountain pubs in Walhalla, Woods Point or Kevington, venture down to Codes Flat to buy some local honey, stop and pay your respects at Kitty Cane’s Grave, experience the solitude at the desolate Aberfeldy Cemetery atop the mountain range and admire the view of the mighty Lake Thomson from Cast Iron Point.

**ABERFELDY TRACK MAPS**

Free maps of the Aberfeldy Track 4WD area are available in Walhalla and Woods Point. We recommend the purchase of detailed maps of this region if you intend to go beyond the main Walhalla to Jamieson road. Note that GPS navigation systems may not have adequate mapping and may not work in mountainous terrain. Check weather conditions prior to your journey. Mobile telephone coverage in this area is very limited.

**TRAVEL TIMES & DISTANCES**

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**RECOMMENDED FOR 4WD**

- Aberfeldy
- Codes Flat
- Coopers Creek
- Jorgenson Flat
- Jerrys Lookout

**NOT RECOMMENDED FOR 2WD**

- Jerrys Lookout
- Barnes Lookout

**RECOMMENDED FOR CARAVANS**

- Aberfeldy River
- Sunny Road

**NOT SUITABLE FOR MOTORHOMES**

- Aberfeldy River
- Sunny Road
- To Traralgon
- To Moe
- To Warburton

**CHECK YOUR FUEL**

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### ACCOMMODATION

#### Brewery Creek Cottage
- Elegant self contained cottage
- Boutique style accommodation
- Spiral staircase to a loft bedroom
- Traditional dining room
- Set amongst towering gums
- Slow combustion fire
- Fully self contained

**Tel:** 03 5165 6237  
**Web:** www.brewerycreekcottage.com.au  
**Address:** 48 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Chinese Gardens Campground
- Located on site of historic Chinese market gardens
- North end of Walhalla
- Free electric BBQs
- Bathroom facilities for campers
- Coleman camping sites
- Firewood for sale
- Advanced bookings required
- Fees apply

**Tel:** 03 5165 6227  
**Web:** www.walhallaboard.org.au  
**Address:** 235 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Creek Cottage
- Child friendly accommodation at rear of the Mechanics Institute
- Fully self contained
- Sleeps up to four people
- Centrally located in the township
- Air-conditioned
- Electric blankets
- Garden alongside Stringers Creek

**Tel:** 03 5165 6227  
**Web:** www.walhallaboard.org.au  
**Address:** 104 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Guatta’s Cottage
- Beautifully renovated original miner’s cottage
- Fully self contained
- All linen & towels supplied
- Cosy wood heater
- Sleeps up to four people
- Lovely garden & creekfrontage
- Short walk to town centre
- Very private location

**Tel:** 0497 626 672  
**Web:** www.guattascottage.com  
**Address:** 215 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Jacombs Cottage
- Charming old-style cottage
- Two bedrooms
- Cosy wood heating
- Self contained kitchen
- Linen & towels provided
- Sleeps up to six people
- Decking onto courtyard garden

**Tel:** 03 5165 6237  
**Web:** www.jacombscottagewalhalla.com.au  
**Address:** 184 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Silvertop Cottages
- Quality forest accommodation
- Story-book cottages
- 12 acres of private native forest
- Cosy log fires
- Fully equipped kitchens
- BBQ for outdoor cooking
- Spa baths in studio & one bedroom cottages

**Tel:** 0414 537 267  
**Web:** www.silvertopcottages.com.au  
**Address:** McLelland Road, Erica 3825

#### Mountain Rivers Tourist Park
- Luxurious Spa Chalets
  - Perfect romantic getaway
  - 2nd storey loft style bedroom & spa
  - Picturesque views of the state forest
- Spacious Family Chalets
  - Beautiful views of Mount Erica
  - Accommodates up to 6 adults
  - 2 comfortable bedrooms
  - Large lounge & dining area
- Budget Alpine Cabins
  - Perfect for young families
  - Cosy 2 bedroom cabin
- Budget Motel & Lodge
  - Six motel rooms with ensuites
  - Communal kitchen, dining & lounge
  - Small group or large family bookings
- Bunkhouse & Campsite Facilities
  - Bunkhouse sleeps up to 9 adults
  - Powered tent & 4wd trailer sites
  - Large ablutions & camp dining area
  - Close to all local attractions
  - Phoenix Paintball field onsite
  - Mountain Top Experience tours
  - 40 minutes from Mt Baw Baw
  - 15 minutes from Walhalla

**Tel:** 03 5165 3231  
**Web:** www.mountainrivers.com.au  
**Address:** Depot Road, Rawson 3825

#### Stringer’s Cottage
- Charming miner’s cottage
- Self contained one bedroom
- Wood fire
- Queen sized bed
- Galley kitchen
- Linen provided
- Perched above Stringers Creek

**Tel:** 0419 732 427  
**Web:** www.stringerscottage.com.au  
**Address:** 20 Happy-Go-Lucky Road, Walhalla 3825

#### Tanjil Creek Lodge - Mt Baw Baw
- Charming miner’s cottage
- Self contained one bedroom
- Wood fire
- Queen sized bed
- Galley kitchen
- Linen provided
- Perched above Stringers Creek

**Tel:** 0428 740 186  
**Web:** www.tanjilcreeklodge.com.au  
**Address:** 19 Frosti Lane, Mt Baw Baw 3825
**ACCOMMODATION / SNOW SPORTS & CHAIN HIRE**

**VALHALLA HOUSE**
- Built in the style of the Victorian era
- 3 luxurious guest bedrooms
- Private ensuites
- Billiard table in grand lounge
- Fully cooked breakfast
- Conservatory & formal dining room
- Period furnishings
- Views of Stringers Creek

**WALHALLA COACH HOUSE**
- Two storey house
- Polished floors with period furniture
- 2 lounge rooms, 2 dining rooms
- 3 bedrooms
- Pool table
- Piano & gramophone
- Master bedroom with Captain’s bathtub
- Fully equipped kitchen

**WALHALLA’S STAR HOTEL**
- Established in 1878
- Fully restored gold era house
- National Trust classification
- Cedar dug into rock hillside
- Five guest rooms
- Original features
- Private lounge
- Cottage garden

**WINDSOR HOUSE**
- Boutique, stylish accommodation in the heart of Walhalla
- Replica façade of original gold era Star Hotel
- 12 large first-class bedrooms
- Rooms open to verandah or garden
- All rooms with ensuite
- Rooms with king or twin beds
- Fully air-conditioned
- Comfortable guest lounge
- Central courtyard
- Contemporary dining room
- Non-smoking property
- WiFi & Telstra mobile service
- 24 hour self-serve guest bar
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Bathtub
- Master bedroom with Captain’s
- Piano & gramophone
- Pool table
- 3 bedrooms
- 2 lounge rooms, 2 dining rooms
- Polished floors with period furniture
- Views of Stringers Creek
- Period furnishings
- Interpretable signage throughout
- Gold museum & blacksmith shed
- Group bookings available
- Daily guided tours

**ERICA SKI HIRE**
- Diamond pattern wheel chain hire
- XC & downhill ski hire
- Snowboards for hire
- Toboggans for hire
- Alpine clothing for hire
- Snow shoes for hire
- Goggles, gloves & sunnies for sale
- Pre-booking of chains & toboggans
- Open 7 days during snow season

**WALHALLA GHOST TOURS**
- Odd & mysterious tales to tell
- Spooky stories of a forgotten past
- Public tours every Saturday night
- Lanterns provided
- Allow 2 hours
- Be afraid, be very afraid!
- Not suitable for children under 7yo
- Group bookings arranged
- Pre-bookings required

**OLD WALHALLA POST OFFICE**
- Victorian heritage listed building
- Restored to original style
- Postal & telecommunications display
- Explore the original residence
- Snacks by volunteers
- Group bookings by arrangement
- Donations for entry welcomed
- Open weekends & public holidays

**MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE**
- Award winning 4WD adventures
- Passenger tours of Walhalla’s ghost towns, mines & mountains
- Top-dog tours of Gippsland’s high country
- Driver training courses
- 4WD vehicle recovery
- Mt Baw Baw snow transport
- Mini bus hire up to 25 seater

**WALHALLA GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY**
- Check full timetable on website
- Fully operated & maintained by volunteers
- Runs daily in Sep/Oct school holidays
- Runs daily in Easter school holidays
- Runs daily Boxing Day through to 2nd weekend of January
- Runs every Wed, Sat, Sun & public holidays
- Trains available for events/functions
- Fully equipped function room
- Gift shop & souvenirs
- Disabled access & toilet facilities
- One hour return journey
- Rides through Springer’s Creek Gorge
- Cross eight historic trestle bridges
- An unforgettable experience
- Tag-along tours of Gippsland’s towns, mines & mountains
- Passenger tours of Walhalla’s ghost town
- Award winning 4WD adventures
**Greyhorse Cafe**
- Great pies, cakes & coffee
- Eat in or take away
- Central location
- Opposite Band Rotunda
- Enjoy the sun on the deck
- Air-conditioned & heated
- Comfy lounge & gallery
- Open daily

TEL: 03 5165 6293  
WEB: www.visitwalhalla.com  
ADDRESS: 130A Main Road, Walhalla 3825

**Raggedy Jacks**
- Unique gift items
- All things country
- Quilts & patchwork
- Scented candles
- Dolls & Teddies
- Rustic furnishings
- Open Wed, Sat & Sun plus public holidays

TEL: 03 5165 6277  
WEB: www.raggedyjacks.com.au  
ADDRESS: 104 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

**Walhalla Coffee & Kitchen**
- Open for breakfast & lunch
- Opposite Stringer's Park
- Indoor & outdoor seating
- Fresh local coffee
- Catering available
- Pleasant garden outlook
- Located in the historic corner stores
- Great milkshakes & iced coffee

TEL: 03 5165 6220  
WEB: www.visitwalhalla.com  
ADDRESS: 122 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

**Walhalla Lolly Shoppe**
- A sweet tooth's delight
- Traditional lollies galore
- Ice-cream, coffee & hot chocolate
- Soft serve & milk shakes
- Located in the Mechanics Institute building
- Hours: 10am to 4:30pm
- Open Wed, Sat & Sun plus all public and school holidays

TEL: 03 5165 6243 or 0413 589 252  
WEB: www.visitwalhalla.com  
ADDRESS: 104 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

**Walhalla Museum & Corner Store**
- Explore Walhalla's past
- Rare & unique artefacts
- Extensive range of maps
- Souvenirs & memorabilia
- Operated by Walhalla Heritage & Development League
- Open daily

TEL: 03 5165 6250  
WEB: www.walhalla.org.au  
ADDRESS: 124 Main Road, Walhalla 3825

**Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest**

Australia’s Valley of the Gods shines every August

A spectacular of light, moving imagery and sound that illuminates the historic township as you’ve never seen before. Special evening light shows held in the main street are complemented by an array of enchanting events, tours and activities like the Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest Light Trains. Enjoy evenings with roaring fires, rich hot chocolate and warm hospitality on a winter break or romantic escape with cozy Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest accommodation packages designed to enhance your time during this special month of festivities.

Visit www.visitwalhalla.com for full Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest information & package bookings.
HEADING TO WALHALLA

Walhalla is located 180km [111 miles] east of central Melbourne via CityLink or EastLink to Monash Fwy then Princes Fwy (M1) taking signed exit at Moe. Allow 2.5 hours. Alternative route via Lilydale, Yarra Junction and Noojee.


We do not advise the use of GPS navigation systems due to mountainous terrain.

There are NO petrol stations in Erica, Rawson, Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort or Walhalla.

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