

A delight in every season

ALPINE FOOTHILLS OF NORTH-EAST
ONLY 8KMS FROM BEECHWORTH



Plateau Loop

Stanley Landcare



PINE PLANTATIONS
Plateau Loop Tracks marked in hatched beige are on HVP Plantations' private land. To enter these forest tracks, please register for a "Human Powered Pass" at HVP's website: <https://bit.ly/3w6NBOP>
These tracks will be closed from time-to-time due to forest operations, so if you see worksite signs you will need to turn around.
Check HVP's Facebook page (facebook.com/hvpplantations/) for closures due to escalated fire danger.

Welcome to Stanley

You are invited to explore our beautiful Stanley Plateau on Victoria's alpine foothills, just 8kms from historic Beechworth in NE Victoria.

This brochure and the explanatory signage provide a valuable resource to explore the rich diversity of this environment and the dynamic farming culture. The combination of altitude, geology/soils and high rainfall merge to create a unique pocket in the north-east.

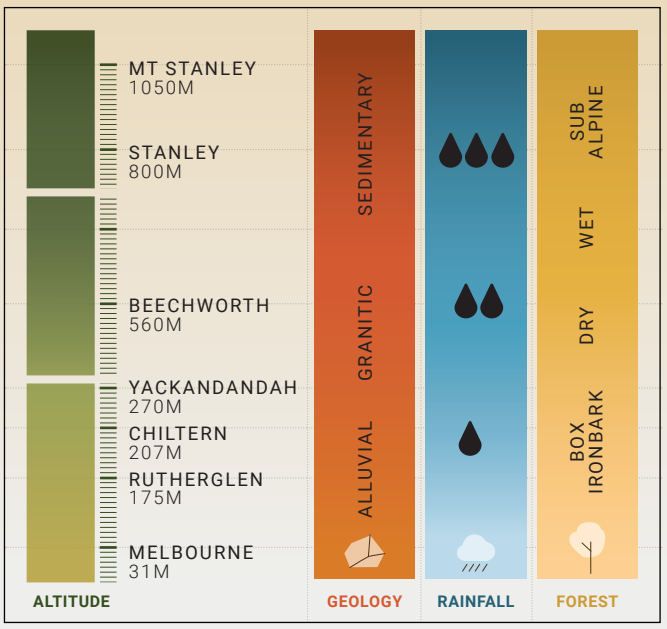
Pick up the DELWP brochures from our community managed Post Office or at the trail head for details about local bird life, fungi, wildflowers and more.

Wander the township and surrounding bush tracks: spot our special flora and fauna. For the more adventurous, explore the 20km Plateau Loop winding around orchards, farms and through bushland forests and plantations. Drop into the many farm gate venues to sample and purchase exceptional locally grown produce.

Or simply find your special spot on the Plateau to create a memorable picnic. Enjoy the views and the tranquility of our gentle way of life.



CLIMB THE STEPS OF INDIGO Indigo with Altitude



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KEY

S	START POINT	1	RECREATION RESERVE	
2	SHORTCUT LOOP DISTANCE 3.4KM	2	SPRINGDITCH WETLANDS	
3	PLATEAU LOOP DISTANCE 20KM 6 HOURS	Ⓜ	PICNIC AREA	
4	MAIN THROUGH ROAD C525	●	SIGNIFICANT PLACE / REFRESHMENTS	
5	MAIN PAVED ROADS	🏠	FARM GATE	
6	TRACK/ 4WD TRACK	🚻	STAYS	
7	MAIN GRAVEL ROADS	P	PUBLIC TOILETS	
			P	PARKING

Walking Stanley is implemented by the Stanley Landcare Group and kindly auspiced by Quercus Beechworth.





MAGNIFICENT STANLEY CHESTNUT TREE. THIS REGION IS THE MOST INTENSIVE CHESTNUT GROWING AREA IN AUSTRALIA.

Village Walks

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STANLEY ORCHARDS

KEY	
S	START POINT (CARPARKING & CONVENIENCES)
1	BIRDS
2	ECOLOGY
3	MINING
4	FIRE
5	PEOPLE & PLACE
	VIEWS
	PICNIC AREA
	FARM GATE
	STAYS
	PUBLIC TOILETS
	PARKING
	VILLAGE LOOP (DISTANCE 12KM 4 HOURS)
	OTHER POPULAR WALKS (DISTANCES VARY)
	MAIN THROUGH ROAD C525
	MAIN PAVED ROADS
	TRACK / 4WD TRACK
	MAIN GRAVEL ROADS
	SPRINGDITCH WETLANDS
	SIGNIFICANT PLACE / REFRESHMENTS

TAKE CARE

- At all times stay on designated paths
- Watch for fallen debris and snakes
- Seasonal changes may make some paths unsafe
- Blue Gum Gully and Long Dick's Gully - wheelchair friendly

HELP US PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Keep your dog on the lead and on the path
- Picnic in designated areas
- Please use public conveniences provided at the Recreation Reserve.
- Take out what you take in (no litter)
- Don't remove any flora or fauna
- No fires
- For emergencies, dial 000



Farmgate

- A Snowline Fruits**
507 Myrtleford-Stanley Rd
via farmtucker.com.au
- B Jim Jam Foods**
89 Circular Creek Rd
via jimjam.com.au
- C Hillsborough Quality Nuts / Anita's**
105 Mt Stanley Rd
via [facebook](http://facebook.com)
- D Sinclair Orchard Shop**
1 Beechworth-Stanley Rd
via [facebook](http://facebook.com)
- E High Grove Berries**
227 Mt Stanley Rd
via highgroveberries.com.au
- F Maison Renoux - Specialist Provadore For Local Cider Vinegar, Terrines and More**
22 Thompson Lane
via maisonrenoux.com.au
- G Black Barn Farm**
Organic Fruit & Berry Orchard
60 Lower Nine Mile Rd
via balckbarnfarm.com.au
- H Wendy's Chestnuts**
279 Myrtleford-Stanley Rd
- I Tilley's Blooms (Flower Farm)**
Seasonal cut flowers
via tilleysblooms.com
- U Europa Gully Orchards**
"Pick Your Own Apples" - In season from February to June.
Chambeyron Rd, Stanley.

Accommodation

- J Bloomfield Walnut Grove**
1 Little Scotland Rd
via bloomfieldwalnutgrove.com.au
- K Wee Varrich**
40 Rosengren Lane
via AirBnB
- L Planetrees Estate**
819 Stanley Rd
via planetrees.com.au
- M Stanley Goose Country Cottage**
63 Lower Nine Mile
via stanleygoose.com.au
- N The Ninth Mile Vineyard Retreat**
92 Mt Stanley Rd
via theninthmile.com / AirBnB
- O Blue Gum Church**
64 Pioneer Rd
via AirBnB
- P Little Farm House**
133 Six Mile Rd
via littlefarmhouse.wordpress.com
- Q The Stanley Pub**
6-12 Myrtleford-Stanley Rd
via stanleypub.com.au
- R The Old Stanley Sun**
3 Mt Stanley Rd
via AirBnB
- S Bald Hills House**
570 Myrtleford-Stanley Rd
via baldhillshouse.com
- T Sawyers Lodge**
570 Myrtleford-Stanley Rd
via baldhillshouse.com

Enjoy the walks

THERE ARE FIVE KEY INFORMATION THEMES AROUND THE VILLAGE.

1 Birds

The regrowth forests of Stanley provide habitat for a range of over 75 birds; however, our focus is upon the most common 25. Bird signage can be found in two locations identified on the map. One in Blue Gum Gully, the other in the Upper Springditch. Depending upon the time of day, many different birds can be either heard or seen. Walk and discover for yourself.

2 Ecology

Historically, the regionally unique characteristics of Stanley (altitude, soils, rainfall) assisted in the development of a distinctive ecology. The early explorer and miner's writings about the district paint an extraordinary and alluring picture. The region and this plateau have been in constant change since the arrival of European settlers. Today the regrowth forests still provide beauty. A brief explanation of these changes and a window into the dimensions of the old forests are offered from the Walking Stanley seat and long view in McElhenney Rd.

3 Mining

The intensity and area of activity bears legacy to much hard physical work which took place in Stanley during gold mining years. It is also a stunning testament to the scale, ignorance and forcefulness of mining operations from times gone by, where pristine environments were trashed, and mine sites denuded. A walk down Higgins Lane offers the visitor a window into the various techniques used for mining amidst the regrowth forest. At the northern end, walkers will be close to the site of the first diggings.

4 Fire

The story of fire on the Plateau is one that is matched by volunteerism, passion and firm local knowledge of land and the resources. An explanation of this story can be found adjacent the 'Burning Leaf' sculpture, which is atop the Fire Fighters Memorial adjacent the Springditch wetlands. The modified landscape of Stanley has made it more vulnerable to fire, and our local CFA is mindful that constant vigilance and application of First Nations 'cool-burning' techniques are key factors. Climate Change brings with it greater challenges and the need to prepare for and respect the power of fire in this landscape is critical.

5 People and Place

Rich layers of Stanley social history extend back to Waywurru First Nations communities who valued the plateau for summer hunting. The 1850's saw colonial and foreign gold miners swell population to 5000 plus, creating four towns and more than 900 buildings. Extant period buildings include the Public School, the Athenaeum, the Police Lockup (on Collins Street), the present pub, old General Store. Rich sedimentary soils attracted farmers growing fruit, potatoes, wine grapes and nuts beside plantation timbers. From the late 19C to the early 1970s, Stanley apples were prized exports to Europe, the 'King Cole', its most famous variety and widely grown across the plateau. The Stanley community of approx. 320 people continues as a proud, thriving, multi-generational tapestry with a unique country lifestyle. Tourism operators value the beautiful scenery and challenging terrain attracts cyclists, classic car motorists and many others. Hard work, creativity and eccentricity abound!