

Picnic Spots

Botanic Gardens at Wombat Hill, Daylesford

Established in the 1860s, the 10.4 hectare site is one of Victoria's finest regional botanic gardens. Perched on the summit of an extinct volcano, the location provides excellent views over Daylesford and the surrounding countryside. Prized for their beauty and tranquillity, the gardens retain their gracious 19th century character. Features include wide expanses of lawn, shaded picnic areas, driving and walking paths through tall avenues of giant conifers and stately elms. The view from the top of the Pioneers Lookout Tower is panoramic. The gardens contain an outstanding collection of rare and notable specimens, many of which are included on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees. During Autumn the Begonia House has a magnificent display of colourful begonias. A brochure on the features of the gardens can be obtained from the Daylesford Regional Visitor Information Centre. Open dawn to dusk, free admission

Lake Daylesford

Lake Daylesford, which covers land upon which gold was first discovered, was created in 1929 and is located in the beautiful Central Springs Reserve, just a few minutes walk south of the town centre. There is a cafe built right beside the lake, picnic spots, walking tracks and several mineral springs. Jetties are provided for fishing and for those wishing to hire rowboats or other pleasure craft. Free electric BBQ's, playground, toilets, cafe. Circuit track around lake

Lake Jubilee

Jubilee Lake is located a couple of kilometres south of Daylesford, constructed in 1860 as a water supply. These days it is a scenic spot idea for fishing, boating and swimming, just a short walk from a mineral spring. Picnic facilities, BBQ's, toilets, playground, boating, kiosk. Circuit track around lake.

Mineral Springs Reserve

The Mineral Springs Reserve, at the northern end of town, is home to the iconic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, an extensive network of bush walking tracks and BBQ facilities. The park has a collection of mineral springs, some flowing continuously, and others operated with a hand pump. Visitors are able to freely bottle their own bubbling mineral water from the springs which include Locarno, Pavilion, Soda, Sulphur and Wyuna. Picnic facilities, BBQ's, toilets, playground, boating, kiosk.

