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4 Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens

Coating the top of an extinct volcano right behind the town is the historic Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. It's an uphill walk on the way there, but worth the effort for the opportunity to immerse yourself in the shaded splendour of this mature English-style garden.

Climb the 77 stairs to the top of Pioneer Memorial Tower for views across the town and surrounding countryside, and recuperate with coffee and cake at Wombat Hill House cafe (the courtyard is a lovely spot to sit on warm days). Leave time for a browse in the Friends of Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens' Nursery. It's open for plant sales Thursday to Saturday from 10am to noon.

Before heading up to the Gardens, collect a brochure from the Visitor Information Centre about the many significant trees on display.

Walking distance from Visitor Centre: 0.9 km

5 The Convent Gallery

Sitting pretty on the side of Wombat Hill, The Convent is Daylesford's most recognisable building – and a must-visit. Originally constructed as a residence for the Gold Master, and later added to and utilised as an actual convent, today the privately owned historical complex incorporates an art gallery with several exhibition spaces, a cafe (which serves a sumptuous high tea), and a bar – all surrounded by glorious gardens. Architecturally The Convent is a mix of styles, but the distinctive bell tower is probably its most photographed feature.

Walking distance from Visitor Centre: 0.8 km

Hepburn Springs

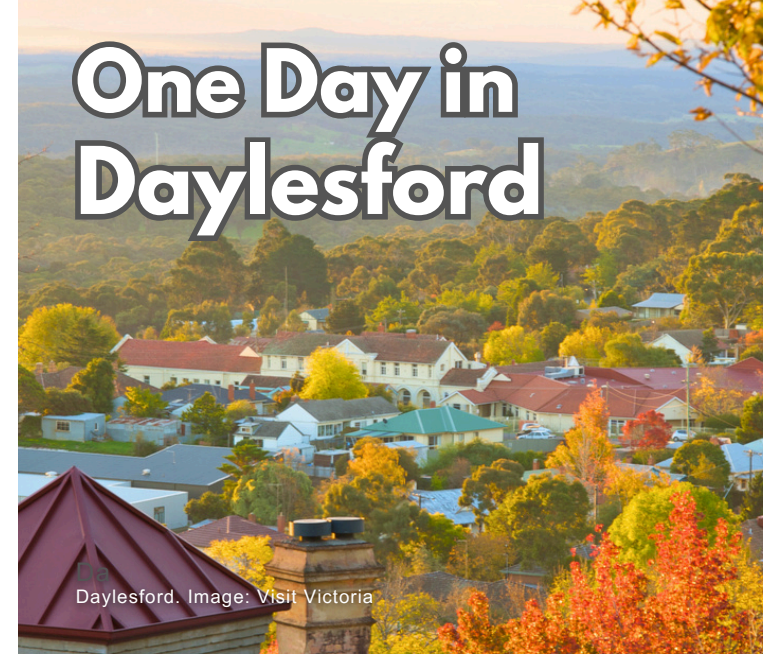
Got a car? Cruise down to Hepburn Springs! Sip natural mineral water from any of the spas in the Mineral Springs Reserve, let your cares drift away at Hepburn Bathhouse, and indulge in some sweet treats from the Chocolate Mill. If the season is right, you can also hit a purple patch amongst the lavender at Lavandula Farm.



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One Day in Daylesford



Daylesford. Image: Visit Victoria

Daylesford is one of Victoria's most beautiful country towns, and offers a huge amount to see and do. However, if you only have a day to explore, we've narrowed it down to five activities that shouldn't be missed - all of which are within walking distance of the town centre and bus station.

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1 Lake Daylesford

Start by taking a walk around picturesque Lake Daylesford accompanied by the sound of tranquil birdsong. It's hard to believe looking at it today, but the lake is actually man-made! It was originally the site of a series of gold diggings and a Chinese market garden. Construction of the lake began in 1927, and today it's cherished by locals and visitors alike.

Don't forget to taste the region's famous natural mineral water at Wombat Flat (in front of the Lake House hotel and restaurant) and in the newly rejuvenated Central Springs Reserve.

You can walk right around the lake in around an hour.

Walking distance from Visitor Centre: 0.7 km



Lake Daylesford. Image: Visit Victoria

Explore the Daylesford heritage streetscape.



2 Heritage township tour

The region around Daylesford has long been home to the Dja Dja Wurrung First People. European settlement began in the mid 1800s, and much of the township you see today dates to the second half of the 19th century. It was built on the back of the Gold Rush, a robust timber milling industry, agriculture, and of course, tourism.

Pick up a self-guided heritage walking tour map from the Visitor Information Centre and head off to admire the magnificent municipal buildings, imposing stone churches, and characterful cottages. Alternatively, Alice's Journeys offers a guided walking tour on Fridays and Saturdays.

If you're visiting on a Saturday, drop into the excellent Daylesford & District Historical Society Museum for more information on the town's backstory. It's open from 11am to 3pm.

Walking distance from Visitor Centre: 2km

3 Vincent Street

Daylesford's main street is lined with galleries and boutiques selling all manner of wares. Browse for gifts, collectables, homewares, soft furnishings, fashion, and much more. You may want to rejuvenate over a hot chocolate, a cafe lunch, or a bakery bite on the run.

Those in the market for antiques, collectables, or a piece of object d'art should also check out the nearby Amazing Mill Markets (a 10-minute walk from the town centre). With hundreds of stalls, it's amazing by name and amazing by nature!

Walking distance from Visitor Centre: 0.25km



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Acknowledgement of country

We would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional owners of the land we work on. On this land, the Dja Dja Wurrung have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation, and renewal on these lands. We acknowledge their living culture and the unique role they play in the life of this region.