

## 5 Mount Beckworth

If you have the time, consider hiking to the summit of Mount Beckworth – ten minutes' drive west of Clunes. The 7.3-kilometre-return trek takes around four hours at a moderate pace – and at just over 600 metres high, the views from the top are spectacular.

Wear long pants and solid shoes, take plenty of water, and always let someone know of your plans and time of return. Keep yourself aware of any issues in the area by downloading the VicEmergency app.



Mount Beckworth. Image: D Callahan

## Acknowledgement of country

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



## Clunes Farmers & Makers Market

Clunes Market is held on the second Sunday of the month in Collins Place and offers a goldmine of local produce, artisanal foodstuffs, and handmade goods. It's well worth planning your visit to coincide with this vibrant retail fiesta.



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## One Day in Clunes

Clunes. Image: Visit Victoria

Clunes may be one of Victoria's best preserved gold rush-era towns (in fact, the first gold strike happened right here), but that doesn't mean this tight-knit country community is stuck in the past. Vibrant museums and galleries, a bustling cafe scene, and a diverse retail offering are yours to explore and adore. Here are five memorable activities that can all be covered in a single day.

### Clunes Visitor Information Service

The Warehouse, 36 Fraser Street, Clunes

Phone: (03) 5345 3359

Open Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am to 5pm & Sun 10am to 2pm

### Daylesford Regional Visitor Information Centre

98 Vincent Street, Daylesford

Phone: 1800 454 891

Open 7 days 10am to 4pm

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## 1 Self-guided walking tour

Clunes is compact in size and easy to explore on foot. Pick up a copy of *Discover Clunes* – a self-guided walking tour itinerary produced by Clunes Museum. Copies are on sale at the Museum. The tour starts at the Warehouse (36 Fraser Street) and will take you past many well-maintained 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings across the town centre.

If you're up for a longer stroll, collect a copy of the Town Walks brochure from Boom Clunes (28 Fraser Street). Produced by Clunes Neighbourhood House, this publication features four walking itineraries – Clunes Creek Walk, Eighteen Miners Steps Walk, Gold Mines Walk, and Original Homestead Walk. Select the one that interests you most and set off to explore.



Fraser Street, Clunes. Image: Visit Victoria



Clunes Museum. Image: Adam Ford

## 2 Clunes Museum

Located at 36 Fraser Street, Clunes Museum exhibits a beautifully curated collection of artefacts that wouldn't look out of place in any top cultural facility. Highlights include the Gold Room, the Sir John Longstaff Kitchen (from a typical 19th century miner's cottage), and the Laura Hudson Parlour (displaying the contents of a typical miner's cottage parlour). Check the museum's website for current opening hours.

Another intriguing historical attraction awaits you at the Lee Medlyn Home of Bottles. Housed in the old South Clunes State School (70 Bailey Street), this museum boasts 6,000 historical bottles and related objects – some dating as far back at 1500 AD. Call ahead to guarantee access.

## 3 Clunes Scenic Lookout

For a 'then and now' perspective of Clunes, make your way up to the Scenic Lookout on Scenic Drive. The walk from Fraser Street will take you about 10 minutes. The Lookout offers a gorgeous view of the town centre and features some interpretive signage, including photos taken in 1863 (less than 10 years after European settlement) and 1880. You'll be able to spot a handful of surviving landmarks even in the older of the two images.



Clunes Scenic Lookout. Image: Visit Victoria

## 4 National Hotel

For some good old-fashioned country hospitality, drop by the National Hotel (circa 1862) in the heart of Clunes. Known locally as 'the Nash', it has a strong civic focus and runs regular raffles to benefit local community groups. Pull up a pew and enjoy a cold beer and a bite to eat from the menu of hearty dishes. If a classic cocktail sounds more your style, head for atmospheric Agathe's Lounge and Wine Bar.