

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

MANSFIELD & MT BULLER THE HIGH COUNTRY

Mansfield • Mt Buller • Lake Eildon • Mt Stirling • Alpine National Park • Jamieson
Kevington • Woods Point • Howqua • Tolmie • Merrijig • Goughs Bay • Bonnie Doon



Surrounded by lakes and rivers, Mansfield Mt Buller the High Country is renowned for its stunning mountain views, breathtaking vistas and endless horizons. Visit some of Australia's most iconic landscapes and view nature at its best, along with historic reminders of a past replete with gold, bushrangers and pioneer settlements.

Enjoy the sights from the top before meandering back via valleys filled with picturesque vistas and gourmet delights.





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Mansfield Shire Council acknowledge the Taungurung people as the traditional owners of the land on which our Shire is located. We pay respect to the Taungurung Elders, past, present and future and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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HIGH COUNTRY ADVENTURE GUIDE

For more information on local rides, walks, fishing and four-wheel driving routes, pick up a copy of the High Country Adventure Guide.



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HIGH COUNTRY AND HUTS

RUGGED TERRAIN

For a real treat, enjoy a bird's eye view over the spectacular Victorian Alps via helicopter. If you prefer to keep your feet on the ground, a walk to the summit of Mt Buller also delivers spectacular 360 degree views over neighbouring mountain ranges. Return to the mountain in winter for an experience of a different kind. Play in the snow, build a snowman or tackle some of Australia's best terrain on skis, snowboard or toboggan.

The High Country is a popular destination for camping so be sure to plan ahead if coming on a long weekend.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Follow the winding dirt roads past Jamieson into gold rush territory. You will discover tiny cottages, chimney ruins, crumbling dry-stone walls and rusted mining artefacts.

A trip to the region is not complete without visiting an iconic mountain hut. These rustic huts played a key role

in the High Country's history with many named after local families. Hear their stories first hand from mountain cattlemen, often found at one of the local watering holes. The most famous mountain hut is Craig's Hut, built for the filming of The Man from Snowy River movie.

> DID YOU KNOW?



Fry's Hut, built by owner Fred Fry, is the basis of Neville Shute's 1950 novel 'The Far Country'. Originally built in the 1950's, Bluff Hut is the third highest hut in Australia.

THE SPECTACULAR HIGH COUNTRY IS RENOWNED FOR ITS STUNNING MOUNTAIN VIEWS AND BREATHTAKING VISTAS. HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THE MOUNTAIN RANGES ARE CATTLEMEN'S HUTS, RICH WITH STORIES TO SHARE.



Jason Robins

TRAIL BLAZING

Travel on horseback through remote bushland, along open ridgelines and through multiple river crossings. Explore the Howqua Hills and Howqua Valley, making use of the horse yards at Fry's Flat and Tunnel Bend Flat. Local trail rides can also take you to one of the many cattlemen huts, including Razorback Hut and Craig's Hut.

For a horseback adventure closer to town, travel along the old railway, now converted into the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

> HORSEBACK HEAVEN



> DON'T MISS

Rub shoulders with real cowboys and cowgirls at the annual Merrijiig Rodeo held in March. Watch in awe as Australia's toughest riders showcase a range of horse riding and stock handling skills.



> THRILLS AND SPILLS

WALKS, HERITAGE AND 4WD

> EXHILARATING VIEWS

WHETHER EXPLORING ON FOOT OR FOUR WHEELS, EVERY PIECE OF THE HIGH COUNTRY TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY. GRAB A MAP, YOUR CAMERA AND ESCAPE FOR AN EXHILARATING AND UNIQUE ADVENTURE INTO NATURE'S PLAYGROUND.

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> HISTORY BUFFS



Mansfield Railway Station, home to the Mansfield Historical Society, houses a wealth of information about the history of Mansfield and surrounds including historical files, microfiche, memorabilia, maps and a changing display of photographs.

Mt Stirling, an easy 10 minute walk through the Australian bush.

> The **Howqua Hills** puts visitors in the heart of old gold mining country, a beautiful spot for fishing, swimming and bushwalking.

- > The **Mt Buller Summit Nature Walk** will reward your efforts with stunning views of the Victorian Alps, then take an easy stroll along the Village Family Trail.
- > Listen to the sounds of nature as you descend Mt Buller along the **Delatite River Trail**. Travel through pristine alpine bushland, across bridged river crossings to the picturesque Mirimbah Park. This is a shared mountain bike trail so can be busy.
- > Enjoy the refreshing spray of **Bindaree Falls** past

EXPLORING ON FOOT

There are plenty of walks to experience, ranging in length and difficulty.

- > The **Mansfield Mullum Wetlands** walk is an easy 1.5km stroll through a living wetlands ecosystem. Raised walkways, a lookout and bird hide provide easy access to local flora and fauna.
- > **The Paps** is a more challenging, steep hike, however well worth the effort to enjoy a bird's eye view of the High Country and Lake Eildon.

> GOLD RUSH



The Aberfeldy Track from Jamieson to Walhalla via Woods Point is a backroad 4WD tour to discover the history and heritage of the Walhalla to Woods Point gold belt.



Andy Matheson

- > Explore the township and riverbank of **Jamieson** on a number of short walks.
- > For the more adventurous we recommend the **Mt Timbertop Summit Walk** (5.6km) or multi day, **Bluff Trail** (27km).

COLOURFUL CHARACTERS

Locations across the Victorian High Country have been the stage for many events, in particular for the infamous Ned Kelly. Within the Mansfield township, you can't miss the police memorial in the centre of the High Street roundabout

and grave sites at the Mansfield cemetery. The Kelly Tree at Stringybark Creek and Power's Lookout are popular landmarks off the Mansfield-Whitfield Road on the way to the King Valley.

The rustic mountain huts are a true reflection of the High Country's heritage and provide a stunning insight into our early pioneers and their way of life. The neighbouring townships and villages are also worth a visit. The Jamieson Heritage Walk guides you through town with stories of historic sites, buildings and early settlers of Jamieson's past.

AN UPHILL BATTLE

Keen to tackle something harder? We recommend the following moderate to difficult drives:

- > Speculation Road
- > Mitchell's Track
- > Howqua Hills Track



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> DON'T MISS



The Womansfield Felt Mural on display at the Visitor Information Centre.

OUTBACK ADVENTURES

A 4WD adventure in the High Country is unlike any other, with river crossings, steep mountain climbs and remote bushland. Wind through the high alpine ridges to Bluff Hut (moderate), a stunning route offering mountain vistas and on a clear day, views across to Mt Stirling, Cobbler, Mt Buller and across toward Gippsland. Continue through sub-alpine country and descend onto wooded flats along the Jamieson River.

FISHING AND BOATING

> WAKEBOARDING ON LAKE EILDON



THE HIGH COUNTRY IS THE PERFECT DESTINATION TO COOL OFF DURING THOSE WARMER SUMMER MONTHS. SURROUNDED BY LAKES, RIVERS AND PLENTY OF WATERING HOLES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY.

THROW A LINE IN

There is nothing quite like fishing in the iconic mountain rivers. Bring your own rod or learn the art of fly-fishing from an expert on a guided tour. The Delatite, Jamieson, Howqua, Big and Upper Goulburn all offer picturesque riverbanks and a place to practice your craft.

Alternatively Lake Eildon and Lake Nillahcootie beckon from the shore or out on the open water. Drop your line over the side of a tinnie or hire a kayak or paddle board from Howqua (kayaks are also available at Jamieson).

> MEET THE LOCALS



Trout, perch, redfin and murray cod all call our cool waters home.

SMOOTH SAILING

Water-skiing, wake boarding and tubing are popular activities as soon as the weather heats up. Alternatively let the wind guide you as you sail or paddle along the waterways. Explore Lake Eildon's secluded bays, tucked away along the extensive shoreline of over 500km.

Lake Eildon is an easy day trip from Melbourne, however there are also plenty of holiday houses catering to boating enthusiasts and groups. A great day out for groups or families, and plenty of access along the shoreline for boats and water play.



CHILD'S PLAY

- > Kids will love exploring the mountain riverbanks or shoreline of Lake Eildon.
- > Mirimbah Park is a great family friendly destination with toilets, a playground and shallow streams of the Delatite River.



COOL OFF

Park a chair in the refreshing alpine water or float downstream on a lilo or tube. There are also well-known public swimming holes, popular with locals and visitors alike.

The Mansfield pool in the centre of town has the whole family covered with shallow waters for both toddlers and younger children. Open every day during summer, with special events and entertainment on long weekends.

> PERFECT PICNIC SPOTS



FOOD, WINE AND LOCAL DELIGHTS

ENJOY THE UNFORGETTABLE FLAVOURS OF OUR FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE ON A CULINARY ADVENTURE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET. BE THEY A CHEF, BREWER, RESTAURATEUR OR VIGNERON, OUR PEOPLE PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BRINGING LOCALLY GROWN AND PRODUCED FOOD AND BEVERAGES TO YOUR TABLE.

LOCAL CAFES, RESTAURANTS AND PUBS

You will be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining at the region's cafes, restaurants or pubs. They serve up a variety of cuisine and cater for all experiences from relaxed bistros to fine dining.

There is a strong coffee culture in Mansfield and plenty of hearty breakfast options to help you start your day.

For an authentic High Country experience visit a country pub in Mansfield, Merrijig, Jamieson, Tolmie, Kevington, Woods Point and Bonnie Doon.

> LIQUID GOLD



Back in the 1860s thousands of gold diggers flocked to the Jamieson - Woods Point region. In Woods Point alone there were 36 pubs! Nearby Jamieson became a supply base for the miners; today you will find traces of traditional beer houses, pubs and inns.

Delatite Winery



> COOL CLIMATE WINES

PASSIONATE PRODUCERS

Locally produced wine, beer, cider and spirits feature on the menus of many establishments, however you can also visit a micro-brewery, vineyard cellar door or distillery. Learn from the masters as they share their knowledge and passion, whilst you sample a variety of products prepared on site.

> FILL YOUR BASKET

Local farmers' markets are held regularly in Mansfield (monthly). Other markets throughout the year include Mansfield Producers seasonal markets and local Tolmie and Jamieson markets. All selling homegrown meats, vegetables, fruit and other local produce direct to customers.



> WARM HOSPITALITY

Preserves, jams, puddings, breads and other locally grown and prepared treats and collectables are all available at Mansfield's cafes.

Take some home or make up a picnic to enjoy at sunset on the summit of Mt Buller or on a ride along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

Food and wine are the heroes at a number of annual festivals held throughout the year, there are also smaller events and markets worth exploring. For details check out events on mansfieldmtbuller.com.au

> FARMERS' MARKET



FREEDOM ON TWO WHEELS

> CHALLENGING & SCENIC

THE MOUNTAINS IN THE VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY PROVIDE THE PERFECT CHALLENGE FOR ROAD AND MOUNTAIN BIKE ENTHUSIASTS, OR FOR A MORE LEISURELY RIDE THERE IS THE GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL. EITHER WAY, RIDERS WILL ENJOY SOME SPECTACULAR SCENERY.



> SHORT RIDES NEAR MANSFIELD



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mt Buller is one of Australia's premier mountain bike destinations, featuring a network of over 120km of cross country and downhill trails. Allow plenty of time to explore our favourite trails:

- > **Australian Alpine Epic:** a 50km trail travelling through snowgum woodlands, across mountain summits and through alpine streams (allow 4-7 hours).
- > **Stonefly:** a 10km cross country trail loop that is regarded as the country's best (part of the Epic trail).
- > **Copperhead:** Australia's first ever 'flow down' trail.

> Delatite River Trail:

Guaranteed to put a smile on your face, the downhill flowing trail is family friendly and includes 13 river crossings.

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ROAD RIDING

Road riding attracts people from near and far to test their legs on a mountain climb. Mt Buller presents a great challenge of strength and endurance. The Mt Buller Tourist Road stretches 16km uphill from the base of the mountain to the village, a vertical gain of 921m and an average grade of 6% (max of 13%).

- * Test your mountain bike skills at Rifle Butts Reserve
 - * Meet the local flora and fauna along the trails at the Mullum Wetlands
 - * Weave through the Mansfield Botanic Park, a great spot for a picnic or play
 - * Town ride exploring the streets and sights of Mansfield
- Check details at Mansfield Information Centre.

For a real leg-burner, try the 6km of Old Tolmie Road from Barwite up to Tolmie. It's not as long as Mt Buller but it's much steeper!



TOP PICKS FOR ROADIES

- ✪ The Barwite loop (22km)
- ✪ Tolmie and the Barwite loop (62km)
- ✪ Howes Creek Road (30km)
- ✪ Mt Buller and back (94km)

TOP GRAVEL PICKS

- ✪ Mt Battery, Coombesberg & Long Lane Loop (33km)
- ✪ Riflebutts, Buttercup & Buller Roads (76km)



GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL

Riding the 22km from Mansfield to Bonnie Doon along the Great Victorian Rail Trail provides a perfect day's entertainment. The trail is one of Australia's longest continuous rail trails (134km), and travels alongside heritage classified rivers, through beautiful farming land and across multiple waterways. You may even have a close encounter with Australia's unique wildlife, including echidnas, wallabies, kangaroos and native birds.

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> FAMILY FRIENDLY CYCLING



TIME-OUT

WHETHER YOU HAVE A DAY, WEEKEND OR A WEEK, THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS TO ENTERTAIN THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART. MANSFIELD'S THRIVING TOWNSHIP AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES HAVE ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES HIDDEN AROUND EVERY CORNER.

RETAIL

Allow plenty of time to wander the shops in Mansfield. With a good balance of homewares, boutique clothing, books, camping and sporting gear, you are bound to find something to treasure. You will also find all of the essentials such as supermarkets, pharmacies and banks.

Take home your own piece of the High Country; souvenirs, artwork and craft are available from dedicated stores and some cafes. Horses, cowboys and cowgirls are also catered for with unique gift shops and country outfitters.

You will also find treasures hidden in the neighbouring townships, such as Jamieson's Arts and Gardens outlet or Post Office Art Gallery.

> DON'T MISS



The Mansfield Bushmarket is a must do if visiting over a public holiday weekend. Held on the Saturday of the Australia Day, Easter, Queen's Birthday and Melbourne Cup weekends, the market is one of the largest of its kind.

> DISCOVER THE SCULPTURES



> UNEARTH A LOCAL TREASURE

SPACE TO RUN AROUND

There are plenty of parks and playgrounds scattered across the region. Popular choices within the Mansfield Township include the Mansfield Botanic Park, Mullum Wetlands, and Mansfield Recreation Reserve. All have public restrooms and parking.

If headed out of town, enjoy a picnic, play and swim at Mirimbah Park at the base of Mt Buller, Picnic Point at Goughs Bay, or the green lawns alongside the Jamieson River.

> BOTANIC PARK



FUN FOR FAMILIES

- > Feed the lions at the Zoo
- > Enjoy a movie at the cinema
- > Find your way through a high country maze
- > Play a round of mini golf



HIGH COUNTRY EVENTS

> UNIQUE & INSPIRING



JOIN THE FESTIVITIES!
THE HIGH COUNTRY IS
SHOWCASED AT A NUMBER
OF ANNUAL EVENTS HELD
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

> TARGA HIGH COUNTRY



SPRING ARTS

Spring Arts is a celebration of arts in all its forms, with artistic and family-friendly activities incorporating paintings, sculpture, music, ceramics, workshops and live performances. The majority of art is for sale and can be viewed in local hospitality businesses.

MANSFIELD HIGH COUNTRY FESTIVAL

A true celebration of the High Country, this five-day festival sets the stage for a diverse

range of events. Commencing with a Fireworks extravaganza and Torchlight Parade, highlights also include a Grand Parade, Rock Out and Sideshow Carnival and Mansfield Cup race day. Village fairs, food and wine events, arts and exhibitions, all make for a fun filled weekend across the ages.

TARGA HIGH COUNTRY

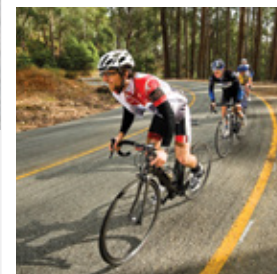
Over 200 high performance, muscle and classic cars speed into town for this multi-stage, high-octane tarmac rally.

Held across three days, participants compete at various locations surrounding Mansfield and Mt Buller, including Jamieson, Eildon, Strathbogie and the King Valley. Get up close to the classics; Mustangs, Porsches and Lamborghinis at Targa Fest, following the Mansfield street stage.

LAKE EILDON FESTIVAL

Boats, demos, gear, prizes, fireworks ... This two-day event set on mighty Lake Eildon in Bonnie Doon and Goughs Bay

> LAKE EILDON FESTIVAL



has it all. Kids will love the fun and excitement, while the big kids check out the latest toys being put through their paces by wakeboard and waterski pros.

MANSFIELD TOUR

The Mansfield Tour is a three-stage road cycling event taking in the sights of Mansfield and Mt Buller. Round two of the Victorian

Road Series, it consists of an Individual Time Trial on Saturday morning, a Road Race finishing on the 'Coombesberg' on Saturday afternoon and the climb up Mt Buller on Sunday morning.

HIGHLINE MTB FESTIVAL

Fabulous spectator event showcasing Australia's slopestyle talent in the hills right at the

> EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- * Merton Picnic Races
- * Australia Day Celebrations

February

- * Tolmie Sports Day

March

- * Merrijig Rodeo
- * Alpenflow
- * Highline MTB Festival
- * Picnic in the Park
- * Mansfield Tour

April

- * Mansfield Cup
- * Jamieson Autumn Festival
- * Vintage Celebrations – A Day On High

June

- * Official Opening of Snow Season
- * Mansfield Lantern Festival

October

- * Mansfield High Country Festival
- * Mountain Bay Classic
- * Spring Arts

November

- * Targa High Country
- * Mansfield Agricultural Show
- * Lake Eildon Festival

December

- * Christmas in Mansfield

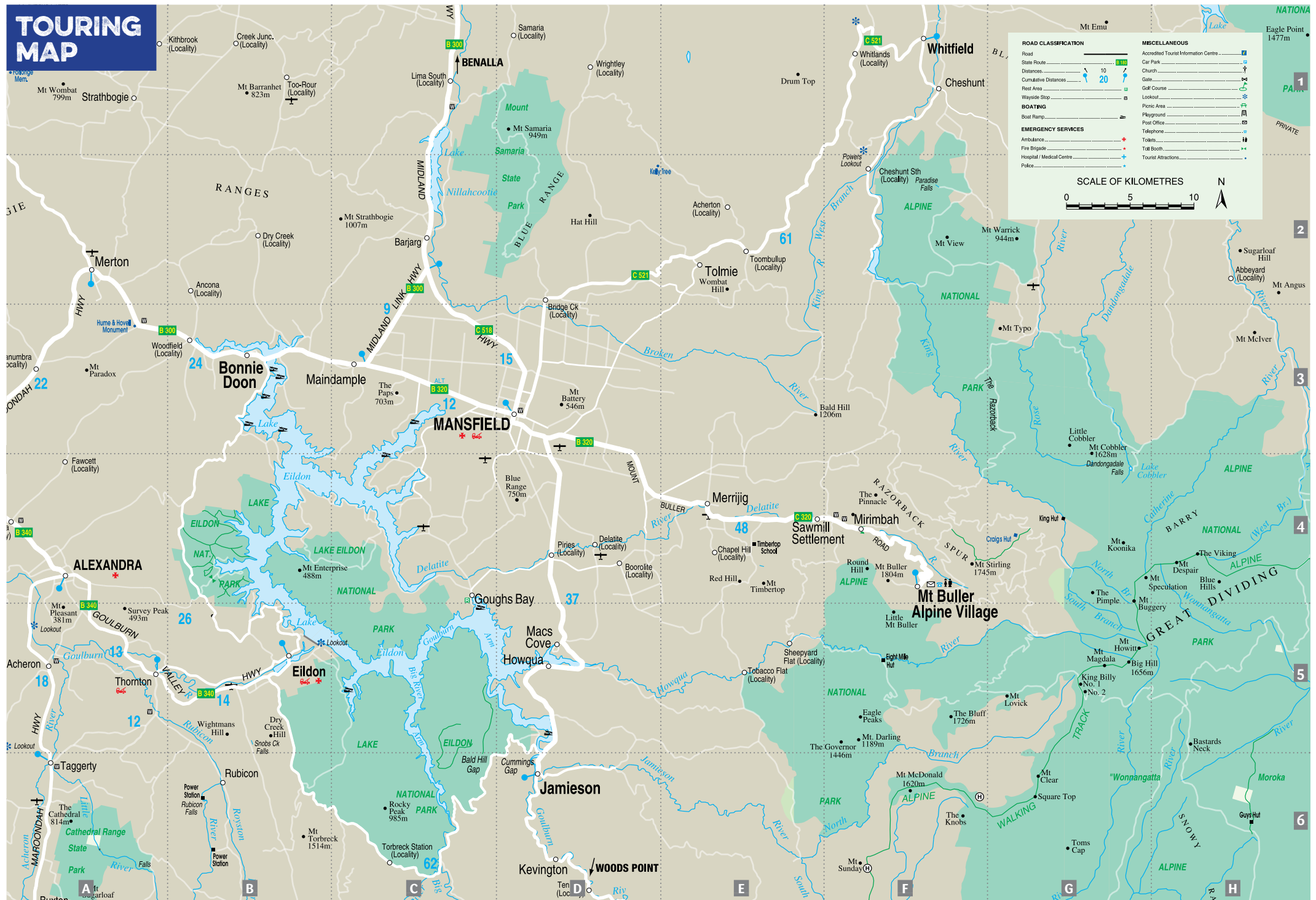
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doorstep of Mansfield. A world class 4 day festival hosting multiple mountain bike disciplines bringing freeride and gravity culture, post ride entertainment with live music, fabulous food and beverages and a great festival vibe.

ALPENFLOW EPIC, MT BULLER

Cross-country and enduro-style mountain bike action with loads of send, massive gnar, spectacular climbs, fast and flowy descents, all in the majestic Alpine surrounds of Mt Buller and Mt Stirling.

TOURING MAP



MANSFIELD MT BULLER

THE HIGH COUNTRY



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