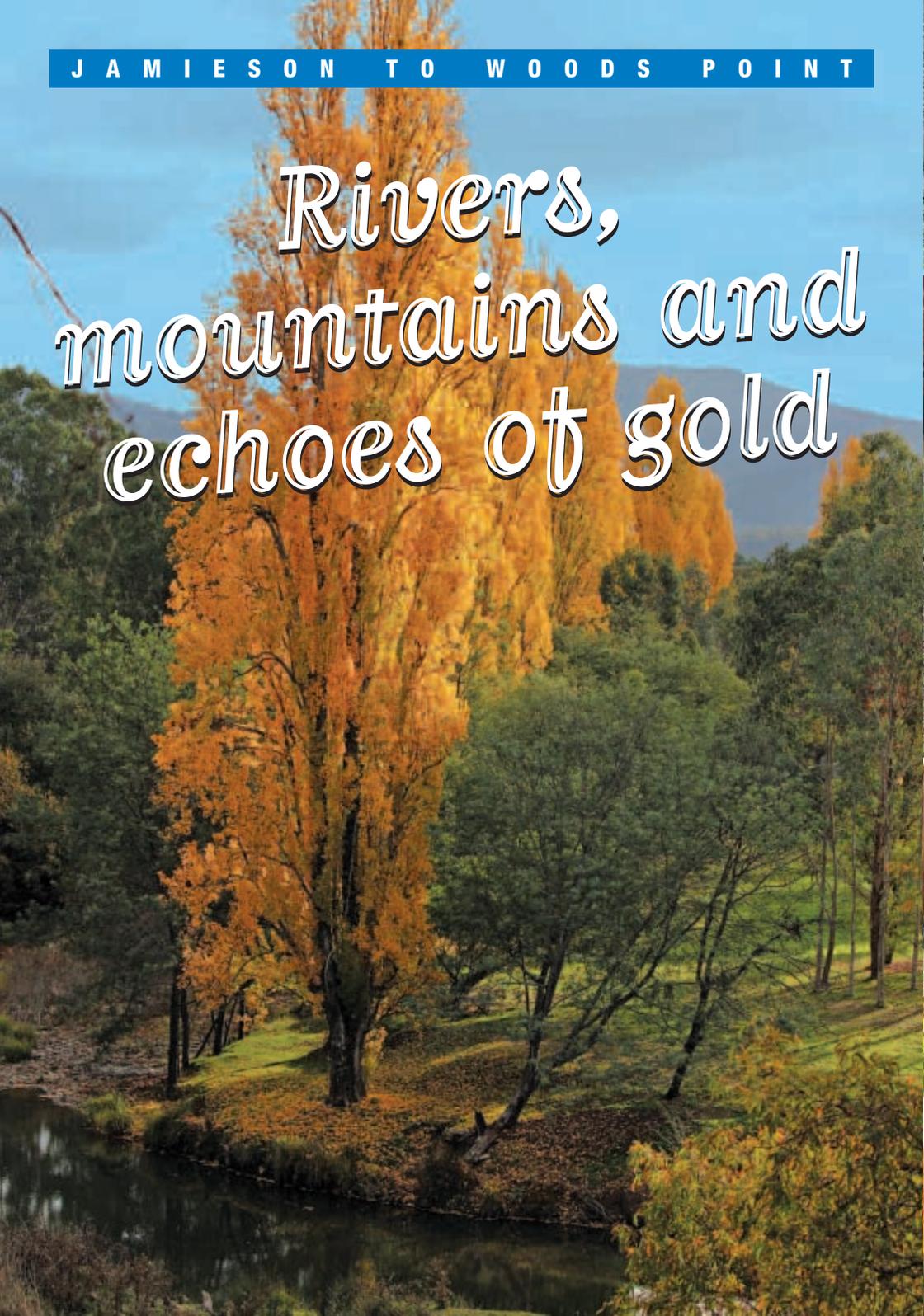
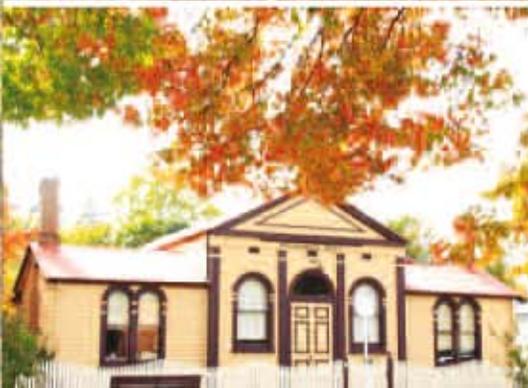


J A M I E S O N T O W O O D S P O I N T

Rivers, mountains and echoes of gold

A scenic landscape featuring a river in the foreground, a large tree with vibrant orange autumn foliage in the center, and a mountain range in the background under a blue sky.



Once upon a time - not so very long ago - the roads between Jamieson and Woods Point led to pure gold.

Today, these sleepy roads are home to treasure of a different sort.

Amid the rivers and mountains of this beautiful country, you'll find plenty to discover.

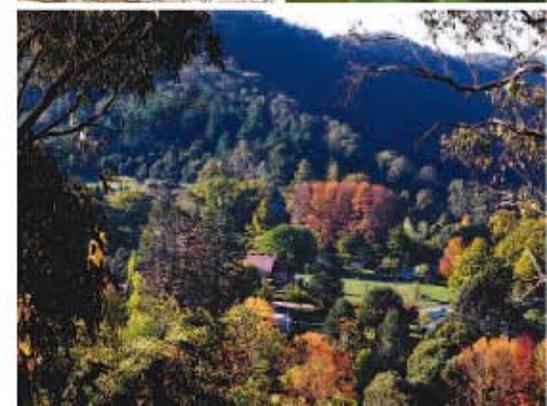
Whether you prefer to explore from a 4WD, on foot, on two wheels, or on horseback, you'll encounter a distinct natural history. In spring, the bush is alive with native orchids & wildflowers. Spend a few hours bird watching. Or simply enjoy the dappled shade beneath the tall timber.

Linger along our byways. There are

traces of the past everywhere - if you know where to look. Like long forgotten bush cemeteries, home to the earliest European settlers. Or the grand old buildings, constructed during the gold rush, that pepper the streets of our small towns.

Spend an afternoon at the berry farm, local brewery or stop in at the local museum. Make time for the sounds of the river to soothe and refresh from your own picnic point.

But above all, relax. Stay awhile. There are many hotels, retreats, cottages and inns just waiting to make you feel welcome.



Travelling times and distances

Location	Time	Distance
Jamieson to Kevington	9 mins	10 km
Kevington to Tunnel Bend (To Tunnel Bend Reserve)	11 mins	10 km
Tunnel Bend to Knockwood (To Knockwood Reserve)	11 mins	11 km
Knockwood to Gaffney's Creek	8 mins	8 km
Gaffney's Creek to Lauraville (No Lauraville sign)	3 mins	2 km
Lauraville to A1 Settlement	4 mins	3 km
A1 Settlement to Frenchman's Gap	9 mins	6 km
Frenchman's Gap to Woods Point	11 mins	7 km
Total - Jamieson to Woods Point	66 mins	57 km
Woods Point to Matlock	15 mins	7 km
Matlock to McAdam's Gap	10 mins	8 km
Total - Woods Point to McAdam's Gap	25 mins	15 km
Total - Jamieson to McAdam's Gap	91 mins	72 km

Overall time and distance. Jamieson to Woods Point: 1hr 6mins. Jamieson to McAdam's Gap: 1hr 31mins.

“ We were from Melbourne, but both bushies

at heart.
“Every season is so distinct here...the snow of winter and big open fires; autumn is just amazing for the tree colour; spring is full of incredible birdsong and warm days; a proper summer when you can swim in the rivers for months.”

Toby and Jasmine Beekman, Twin River Cabins, Jamieson.

Map 1 B1

“Twin River Cabins is a great base for families and adventure seekers to explore the High Country. In winter relax by the crackle of a warm fire, in your own bush cabin, summer enjoy the shade of the big old trees or stroll the township and embrace the friendly Jamieson community.
“Jamieson is a place you can just stay for a while.”

“ We were living in Perth and a short visit to

relatives in Alexandra for our wedding anniversary took us to Mansfield for lunch. Browsing the shops the ‘for sale sign’ with the most fantastic garden and quaint cottage drew us to Jamieson. Selling our house in Perth we are

Lorraine & Carl Loomans, Perkins Place.

Map 1 C4

now living the dream live in our cottage in Jamieson.
“The cottage is a short stay accommodation with a rustic and cosy feel – log fire in winter. With the river at the back gate, kick back and enjoy a picnic and glass of wine or a spot of trout fishing.”

“ My late husband Robert travelled from

Tasmania to Jamieson for many years for deer hunting. He fell in love with the tranquil beauty of Jamieson.
“We both moved here in 2012 and now call this our

Deborah Taylor, Deb’s Jamieson Cafe.

Map 1 B3

home. After Robert’s passing, I continued with his hopes of opening the cafe in Jamieson again.
“What more can I say other than come and enjoy our beautiful Jamieson and the surrounding areas.”

“ Having lived here since the tender age of

three and owned the business since 1982, we tend to be the local visitor information centre for visitors. I get asked all the time about road conditions, distances and about tracks for four wheel driving, so I need to find out what experience they have behind the wheel. I also do the salvage work, so I’m not inclined to send them where I’m likely to have to pull them out!

Scott McKenzie, Jamieson River Automotives, salvage and towing service.

Map 1 B3

“Between Jamieson and Woods Point you get to see relics of the old towns of Kevington and Gaffneys Creek and the old A1 mine site. The little cottages give you an idea of what existed in the past. You’ll see different things on that road every time you go.
“Some of the best days of the year are during winter. By 10am you’ve got a brilliant sunshine day ... there’s no pollen or dust in the air – just sun and warmth.”

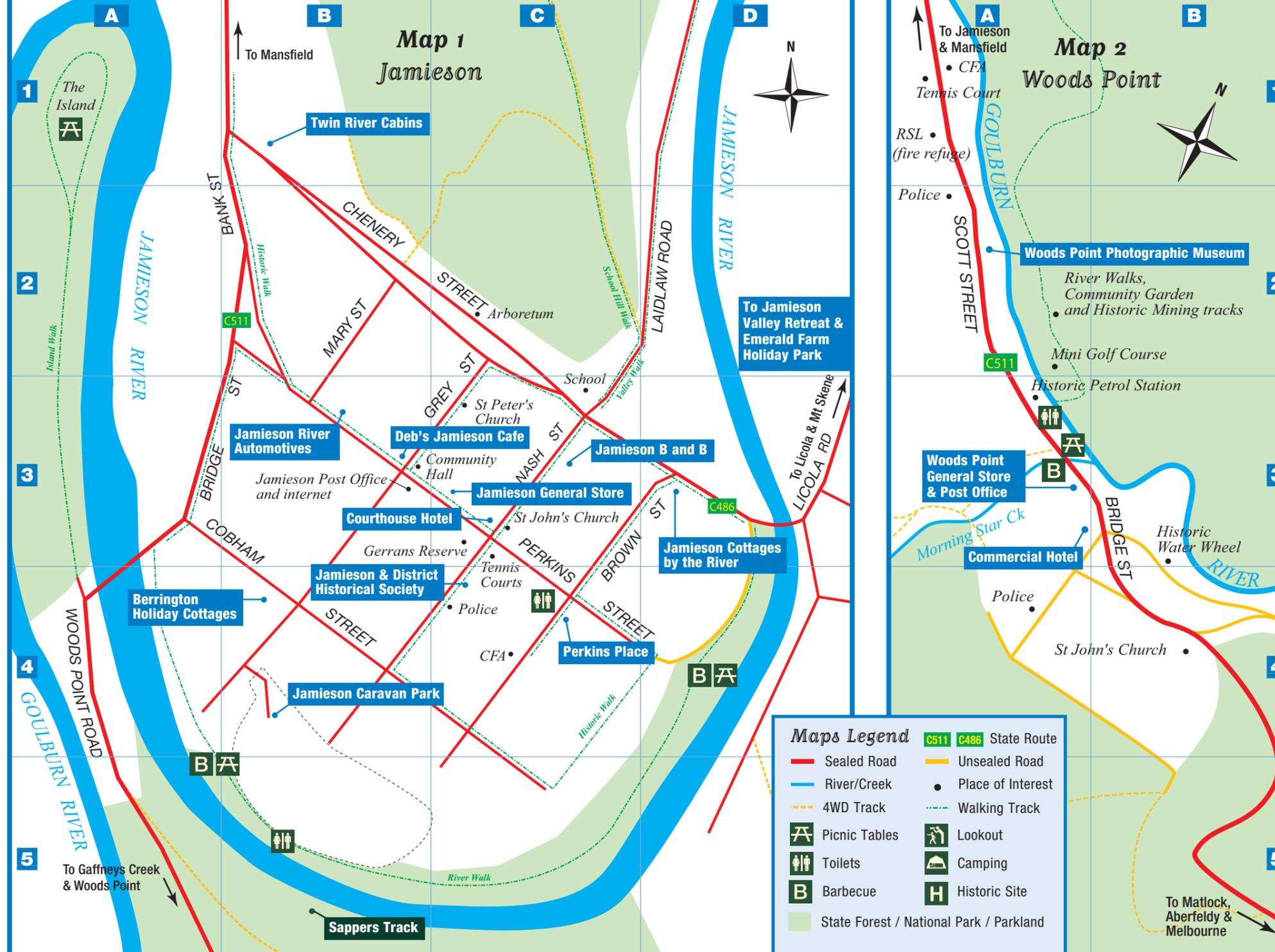
“ Dad was a fly fishermen and bought the

holiday shack when I was two, so I’ve been coming for the past 50 years. As kids we just loved coming up here and now my kids love it.
“The opportunity to buy Berrington Holiday Units came up, so now I’m really living the dream. Going back to Melbourne during the week to work is the really hard bit. On those last 10 kms into Jamieson I sit on

John Cowen & Carmel Jolley, Berrington Holiday Cottages, Jamieson.

Map 1 B4

the speed limit with excitement ... it’s the same excitement I had as a kid, even after 50 years, it’ll never go ... it’s a beautiful valley.
“It’s still a great fishing spot, but it’s the general environment that now attracts people. It’s nestled in the hills, two beautiful rivers, superb gardens, lovely trees and the pubs are cosy. It’s like Bright without the visitors.”



“ Jamieson gets into your heart and soul.

And I caught a huge dose of Jamieson in 1968 when I had a holiday house with my late husband Milton, who loved to fish.

“Some 25 years ago we bought the Jamieson Bistro and renamed it to ‘Watson’s of Jamieson.’
“How the walls would talk, if they could, of the dinners and parties we had back then.”

Carmel and Brian Dixon, Jamieson B and B, Jamieson.

Map 1 C3

“The restaurant has gone now but has reborn as a B’n’B. Brian Dixon, AFL Hall of Fame inductee and Founder of Life Be In It’s ‘Norm’, and I love to entertain and show off our very special part of the world – not that it needs our help. Its natural beauty speaks for itself. And its mood can accommodate those who want to be social or quietly revel in the gentle hum of nature.”

“ We’d been holidaying in Jamieson for over

forty years; fishing, hiking and four wheel driving, etc. so we were delighted when the opportunity to buy the caravan park came up.

“We moved from a small backyard in Melbourne to six beautiful acres complete with river frontage – and with the convenience of being right in the heart of Jamieson.”

Geoff and Tracey Gravenall, Jamieson Caravan Park.

Map 1 B4

“The vast array of mature deciduous trees in the park are a constant joy to us – they are spectacular in autumn and provide shade for the many families who enjoy visiting during summer.
“First time visitors can’t believe how pretty the place is and how green the river bank is, even in the middle of summer.”

“ What you’ve got here is one of the most

isolated towns in Victoria... you’re looking at about an hour’s drive on gravel roads in any direction to reach civilisation. We get a white main street at least once a year.

“We attract a bit of attention from the media because of our remoteness and unique lifestyle, but we’re almost forgotten by the government. However, most serious four wheel drivers know the place... it’s not unusual to get 20–30 4WDs parked outside the

Graham Leah, Woods Point General Store & Post Office.

Map 2 A3

pub before heading off into the bush to do the tracks.
“There are little walks around the towns, plus lots of bush walks around the old gold diggings. There’s still a lot of gold not recovered in the mines... it’s a matter of the quality, the world price and the cost of getting it out. The mystique is still there and a new gold discovery would put the town back on the map.
“Most visitors come because they love the bush. We attract them by word of mouth, sometimes people who haven’t been back here for 40 or more years.”

“ Darren and Tania purchase the iconic

Commercial Hotel from Don and Anne Woods who owned it for over 40 years.

“It’s easy to understand why you would choose to live here in this beautiful forgotten part of the world. To be woken up by bird song... or the silence of snow as opposed to city life, with the bubbling of the Goulburn River just across the road, trees full of birds

Darren and Tania Taylor, Commercial Hotel, Woods Point.

Map 2 A3

towering around us, crystal clear waters; all nestled here in our little town, between the mountains.
“There’s many relics of our gold mining past, beautiful walks, visitors from all walks of life including fishermen, hunters, prospectors, campers, 4x4’s, dirt bikes riders, cyclists and the occasional lost people... we love it!”



“Did you know that Jamieson has its own fully operational microbrewery, bar and bistro situated on the banks of the Goulburn river?”
 “Our beer is brewed mountain fresh, on site, then bottled and distributed Australia wide from Jamieson.”

Terri Marsden, Jamieson Brewery. Map 3 B1

“The lure of gold brought Wayne’s great grandfather Robert Wray to Jamieson in the late 1890’s. Firstly as a prospector and later as manager of the Start of the West gold mine.”
 “After the gold rush waned, Robert’s love for Jamieson didn’t and he bought the Jamieson Post Office in the 1920’s. Wayne’s father Bob was raised in

Wayne & Leanne Rotherham, Jamieson General Store & Post Office. Map 1 C3/B3

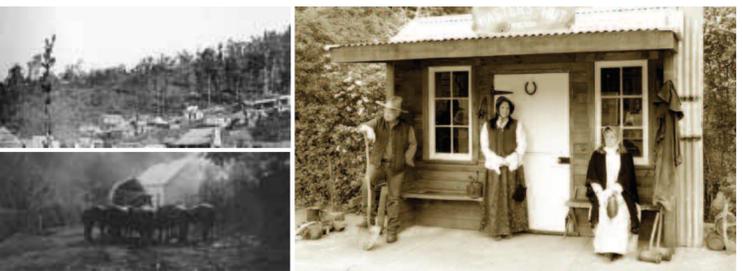


“Most people don’t realise Jamieson is here because of gold - from here to Woods Point, over to Aberfeldy and down into Walhalla. They associate Bendigo and Ballarat with gold, but don’t know that this area had the state’s second richest gold mine.”
 “This was the end of the line, a staging point. From here into the valleys it was packhorse country, because the valleys are very narrow and the mountains so steep.”

Marg Black, Jamieson Cottages by the River. Map 1 D3

“Unlike most people in Jamieson, we had no connection with the town prior to moving here in 2011. In fact, we’d lived in Europe and America for 15 years. We returned looking for a quieter location, not too hot but not too cold, very scenic but not touristy, that had friendly people, a pub and a post office.”
 “When we drove into Jamieson on a reconnaissance tour, we could see that most of our requirements were going to be met. Now that we’re getting to know the

Karen Alderson, Jamieson & District Historical Society. Map 1 C4



“My grandparents came to the area in 1932 and ran the 10 mile hotel until it burnt down in ‘39. They loved the upper Goulburn river area so they stayed, bought the Key back in ‘53 and held the licence until they passed on in the late ‘80’s.”
 “So it was extra special when it came back to my family in 2007. Not much has changed really; the ambience remains, although the pub is now in a better state of repair.”

Wayne Poole, Kevington Hotel. Map 3 B3

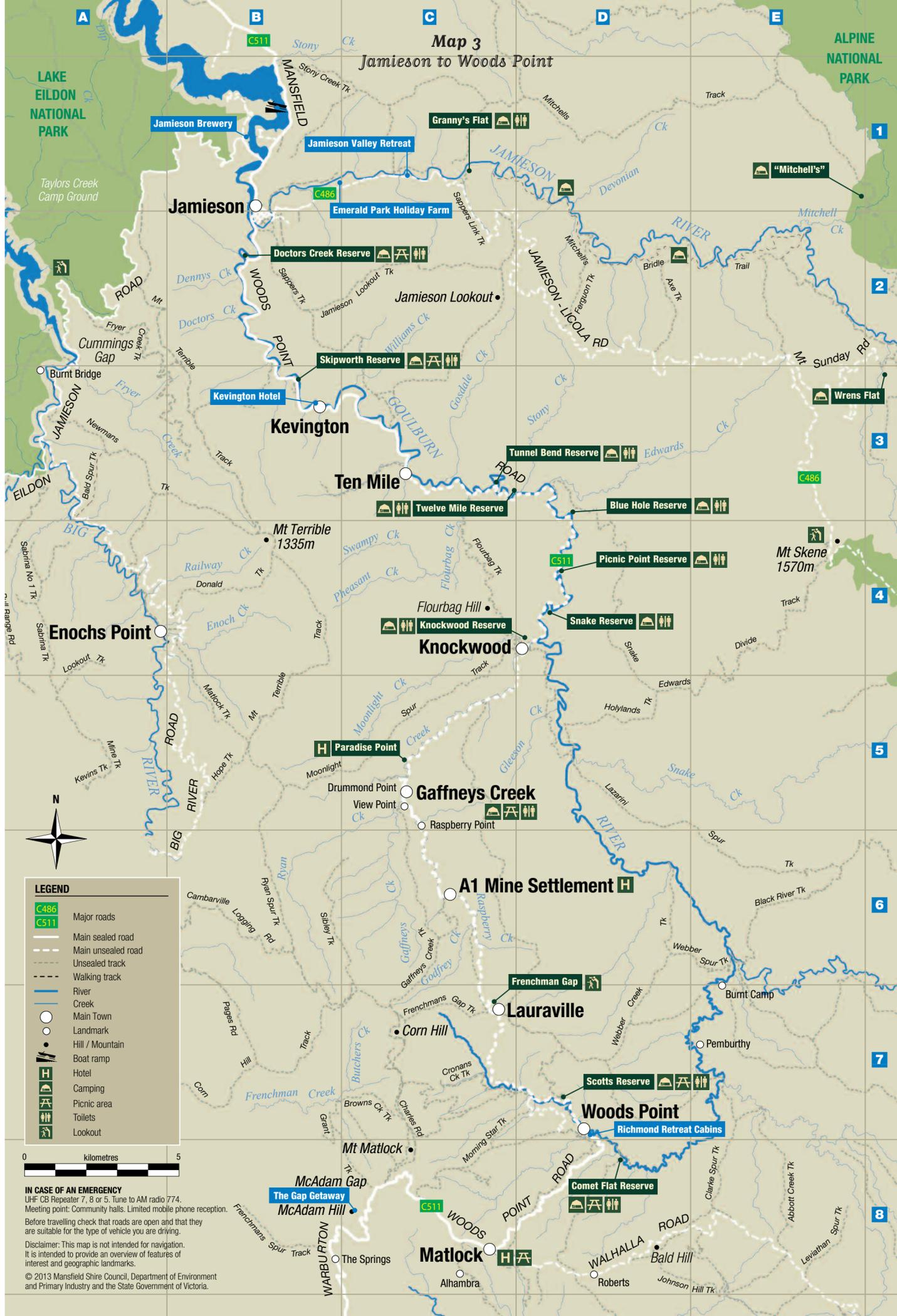
“Jamieson had two breweries during the Gold Rush and it’s nice to think that we are continuing the brewery history to day.”

the Post Office residence and his sister June went on to become the towns longest serving Post Mistress.
 “Wayne and Leanne have always loved Jamieson, the whole vista is truly majestic and we never get tired of the ever changing landscape. We are blessed to be able to live here.”

There’s still plenty of gold up there.
 “Quite a few come to fish and some say they want to have a really good look around, but they often just sit in an armchair in front of the fire and don’t move, except for a walk around the river. In the hot weather we suggest they just sit at any of the spots up the river towards Kevington with a bottle and a couple of glasses.”

locals, we can see why Jamieson is such a special place to live.
 “We joined the Historical Society to fast-track our understanding of the area, and of its history. We soon discovered that Jamieson had quite a colourful history, especially in the late 1800’s when the population exceeded 4,000. Best of all, we discovered that our house sits on the site of one of the two Jamieson breweries that operated during the gold rush era.”

“I remember as a kid floating down the river on a lilo, just as my kids do today.”
 “Sitting in the beer garden, glass in hand, watching the river flow by, reminds me that we’re in God’s own country.”
 “Everyone has a different way to connect to the bush up here, whether it be mountain biking, bushwalking, fishing, trailbike riding or just plain sitting back and observing nature doing its thing.”



“I moved to Jamieson when I married a local boy in 1986. Having lived in Melbourne I found small town living a real shock, but now I love it.”
 “There is no better place to live and bring up a family.”

Jenny McKenzie, Jamieson Holiday Rentals

“We came here by accident! Previously we had no idea where or what Jamieson was. Fortunately we happened across the most beautiful spot and now, years down the track, there’s no looking back.”
 “We owned a photographic shop in out pre-Jamieson life and now the faces and places of

Freddie & Angie Leong, Jamieson Valley Retreat. Map 3 C1



“In 1985 we moved from Emerald. We saw a beautiful picture in the estate agents window of the Jamieson Valley and decided to take a look. We instantly fell in love with the place and its beauty. We found a farm for all our animals on the Jamieson River – we had always wanted to be on a river.”

Grant & Marion McRostie, Emerald Park Holiday Farm, Jamieson. Map 3 B1

“I bought the iconic Court House Hotel in Jamieson in 2012 and have lived here since. The Pub is the social hub of town and is the place where locals gather to catch up and have a beer beside the roaring fire in winter or under the 100 year old Magnolia tree in the beer garden in the warmer months.”
 “I enjoy listening to the stories my patrons, the locals and visitors alike share about their adventures

Tim Fraser, Courthouse Hotel, Jamieson. Map 1 C3



“One day in the ‘70s we’d been travelling for miles through the bush and came across this beautiful little mountain village – we just thought it was a wonderful place. All 35 residents are here for the same thing – the isolation, the people, the characters and its history.”
 “You wake up in the morning to some amazing bird song: robin red breasts, satin bower birds, king parrots and hundreds of lyrebirds you can hear in the mountains.”
 “Visitors love seeing the chooks crossing the road, they look at the stone walls and walk through the town’s cottage gardens. We’re also opening up some of

Barb Miller, Woods Point Photographic Museum. Map 2 A2

“I worked in the mines, then ran the timber mill ... even had the general store for a while. I saved it from being pulled down. Heather sent me down to get the paper one day and the old bloke who owned it said he was getting out and was going to pull it down.”
 “I said ‘you can’t do that, you’ll ruin the town ... when do you want to leave’; he said ‘next week’. I asked him how much and he said ‘five grand’, so I said ‘I’d better have it’. I went home and told Heather ... it didn’t go down too well at all.”

Brian Prothero, Richmond Retreat Cabins, Woods Point and The Gap Getaway, McAdam Hill. Map 3 D7/C8



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