

Start your food and wine adventure of The Middle of Everywhere in Sale with coffee and breakfast at Portside Food and Wine, followed by a walk around the Port of Sale to get the blood flowing. Head north out of town towards Maffra, where you can grab some local produce at Myrtlebank Roaming Farms roadside stall.

In the township of Maffra you'll find Australia's Best Pastie for 2020 at JoJo's Cafe in the main street. A short drive from Maffra is Blue Gables Vineyard, why not indulge in some cellar door tastings and maybe even a great woodfired pizza.

If you like something a bit more formal, Tinamba Hotel has you covered, voted Australia's Best Regional Pub and much more. Tinamba Hotel prides itself on the best local produce to make some of the regions most renowned gourmet dishes.

If you're a glutton for punishment, continue your adventure onto Rosedale, where you can enjoy some fantastic smoked meats at Smokehouse 81. Rosedale also has your local produce covered with Tarra Valley Foods, home to some great pickles, preserves and chutneys, and Kingfisher Citrus - with a great variety of farm fresh produce.

Within the scenic hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, you'll find Toms Cap Vineyard, where you can taste some amazing wine varieties and even enjoy a meal in the restaurant overlooking the vines.

## FOOD & WINE TOUR

## NATURAL WONDERS DRIVE

Starting in Yarram, home to the Heesco arts trail - have a look at the collection of wonderful murals completed by Mongolian born street artist, Heesco Khosnaran. These 25 murals are located throughout the town and maps are available online and in shops around Yarram.

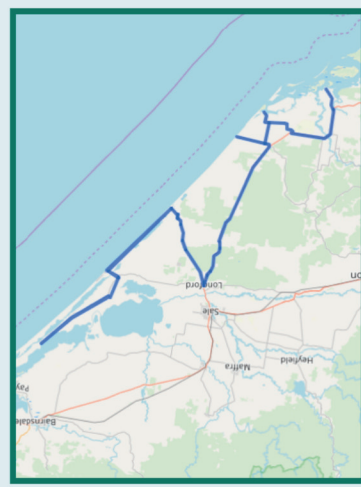
Once you've had your fill of art, jump in the car and take yourself to Tarra Bulga National Park, where you'll be greeted by giant Mountain Ash, lush fern gullies and stunning landscapes.

Heading north, you'll find yourself in Sale, travel into the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and explore towns such as Stratford and Briagolong.

Your journey will take you to some sites significant to the Gunaikurnai People, such as the Knob Reserve in Stratford and the Blue Pool in Briagolong.

The Blue Pool area is one of our hidden gems, with walking trails, gold panning, and swimming holes to be found. It is the perfect place for a swim on a warm summer's day.

If you are heading back the way you came, why not swing by Maffra, where if you haven't exhausted yourself, stop by the Macalister River Park or Macalister Wetlands for an amazing walk. The Macalister River Park has an awesome playground for the kids to enjoy as well.



Start your coastal escape in Yarram, home to the iconic Heesco Arts Trail, just a short drive south, you'll come to the wonderful seaside village of Port Albert. Where you can find some of the region's best fish and chips right on the Wharfi McLaughlin's Beach, with only a small bit of effort you'll be able to get yourself to the 90 Mile Beach.

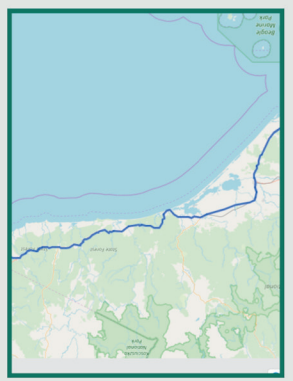
From Port Albert, follow the intercoastal waterways to Heesco Town, has taken out awards for the Best Street Art ensure you don't miss one of these fantastic art works. Yarram Arts Trail has 25 murals painted, pick up a map from one of the many local businesses in town (or available online) to Heesco Town, has taken out awards for the Best Street Art Trail in the Australian Street Art Awards.

The journey doesn't end here, running through our coastal plains, before diverting back to the beach at Seaspray, where you'll find the glorious golden sands just behind the dunes. Continue onto Golden Beach and Paradise Beach - you won't be short on a beach or two to visit!

Then venture inland to the start of the Gippsland Lakes at Loch Sport, a unique village that is bordered on one side by the beautiful 90 Mile Beach, and on the other side by the stunning Gippsland Lakes.

Enjoy a great range of water activities including surf and lake fishing, boating, swimming and so much more on this fantastic coastal escape.

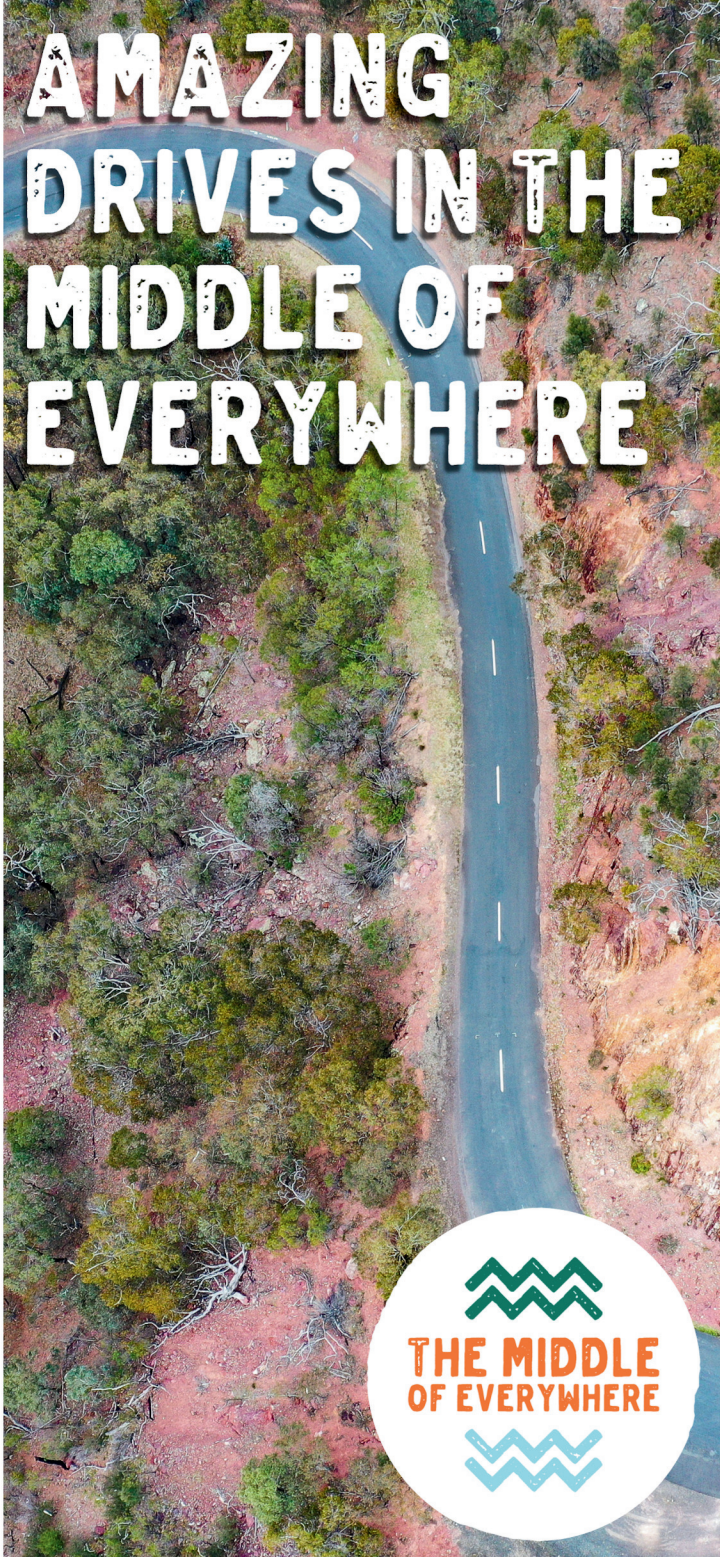
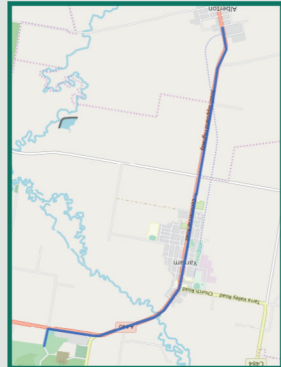
## COASTAL ESCAPE



World renowned street and silo artist, Heesco Khosnaran was invited to transform the entire town of Yarram. The Heesco Arts Trail has 25 murals painted, pick up a map from one of the many local businesses in town (or available online) to ensure you don't miss one of these fantastic art works. Yarram Heesco Town, has taken out awards for the Best Street Art Trail in the Australian Street Art Awards.

The Bataluk Cultural Trail follows significant routes used by the Gunaikurnai People for over 30,000 years. With the mountains a two or three day walk to the north and lakes and ocean one or two days to the south, the path which brought together what is now South Gippsland, Central Gippsland and East Gippsland, and became the backbone from a network of trails and trading routes which spanned the region.

## HEESCO ARTS TRAIL



# AMAZING DRIVES IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE



## VISITOR INFORMATION

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## FOOTHILLS WANDER

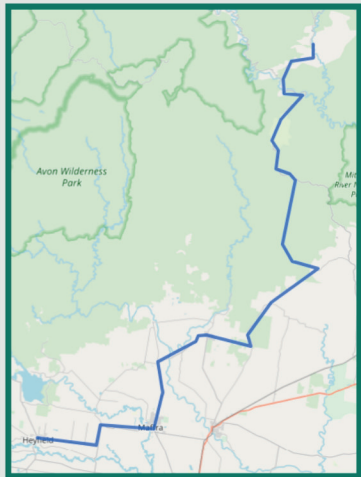
Start your day in the High Country town of Dargo with a visit to the Dargo General Store for a light breakfast and coffee, whilst there, fill up on all your on the road essentials!

Travelling south, you'll head to Briagolong, travel just a bit north of the town and find the Blue Pool and Freestone Creek areas - great for a swim, gold panning or walks. In Briagolong itself, check out the Briagolong Art Gallery, where you'll find works from local artists exhibited. The Briagolong Hotel just over the road is a great spot to enjoy a hearty country welcome and warm pub meal.

As you leave Briagolong, you'll enter the rolling pastures of the Maffra Irrigation District, where some of the rich Gippsland cheeses come from. The town of Maffra has plenty of reasons to stop, including the Macalister Wetlands, Gippsland Vehicle Collection and an attractive main street.

Just a little further along you'll come to Tinamba, home of the annual Tinamba Food and Wine Festival, and the award-winning Tinamba Hotel.

Just a short drive on, you'll come to the timber town of Heyfield, with it's wonderful wetlands walks, country hospitality abound and some of the areas best cafe's and bakeries. Why not grab a picnic and head to nearby Lake Glenmaggie where you'll find a perfect spot to sit and enjoy some beautiful views over the water.



## PORT DISCOVERY DRIVE

The Port Discovery Drive takes in the Port towns of Port Franklin, Port Welshpool and Port Albert. These three ports are located within an easy one hour drive of each other. More of a destination drive, than a scenic drive, this route allows easy access to three historic ports located in picturesque townships.

Starting in Port Franklin, the smallest of the three ports, follow the Port Franklin Road onto Lower Toora Road until you reach the outskirts of Toora, head onto Grip Road then the South Gippsland Highway.

The South Gippsland Highway will bring you to Welshpool, from there, head just a bit south and you'll come to Port Welshpool, with it's recently refurbished long jetty.

After exploring the port area, return back along the Port Welshpool Road, and back onto the South Gippsland Highway, where you'll find the Port Albert turn off.

The end of the Port Discovery Drive brings you to Port Albert, a historic fishing village, with a deep history in oil and gas exploration, whaling and much more to enjoy.



## HIGH COUNTRY ADVENTURE

This drive is not one for the faint hearted! If you have a capable 4WD and you know what to do with it, this trip will take you from Dargo to Licola across some very challenging tracks and spectacular views.

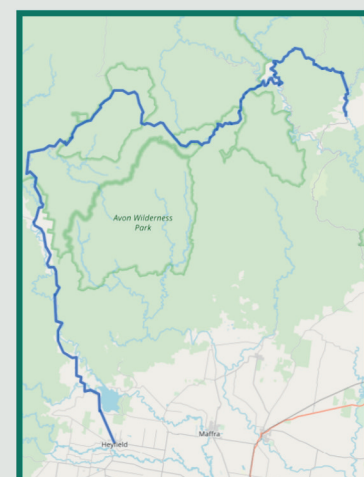
Starting your adventure at the Dargo General Store, stock up on all your essentials before hitting the road, follow the High Plains Road out of Dargo and when you turn left at Hibernia Road, your real adventure begins.

It isn't until you turn onto Billy Goat's Track that the roads really gets challenging! *(Note: this route cannot be attempted after heavy rains).*

Stop and enjoy the amazing views at The Pinnacles before heading through the Moroka area, past Arbuckle Junction and stopping again for the breath-taking views at Bennison Lookout.

As you descend down toward Licola, you will enter the Macalister River Valley.

***(Warning: We're not kidding!! You need to be an experienced 4WD traveller to do this track).***



## BILLY GOAT BLUFF - 4WD

Billy Goat Bluff is an adventure for those who prefer a bit of a thrill with steep climbs, cliff faces and high country beauty.

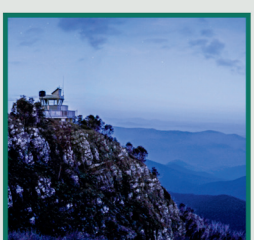
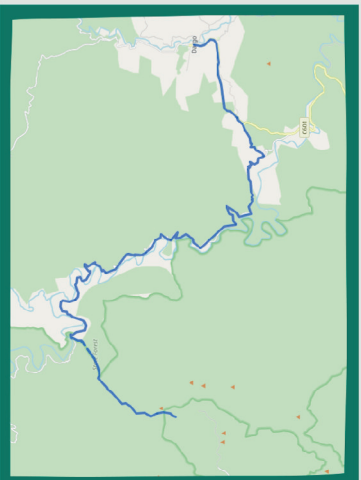
Named as one of Victoria's dangerous roads, this is a drive for experienced 4wd travellers.

Passing through the heart of the Pinnacles State Forest, the road is 11.1 km long, running from Wonnangatta Road, on Crooked River to The Pinnacles fire lookout, at 1415m above the sea level.

Using Dargo as a setting off point, head south onto the Dargo Road, onto Short Cut Road or London Stores Corner. You'll head down into the spectacular Wonnangatta Valley then onto Crooked River Road. At Kingswell Bridge, turn into Wonnangatta Road where you'll come to Billy Goat Bluff Track.

There are great opportunities to explore bush walking, horse riding, fishing, camping, hunting and the area is known for some spectacular wildflowers during spring and summer.

This track and others around the Gippsland High Country are subject to closures anytime between May and January because of changing conditions.



## THE PINNACLES LOOKOUT

Perched high on Eagles Crest, you'll find The Pinnacles Fire Lookout which commands views as far away as the Gippsland Lakes on a clear day.

Set out on your drive from Stratford and waste no time in heading into the mountains, stop in and enjoy the views at Mt Budgee Budgee.

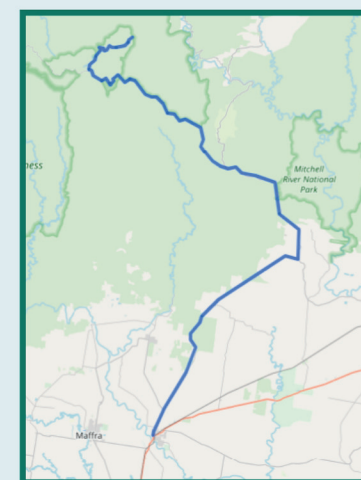
The heart-stopping McDonald Gap Track takes you over the ridge along a spur, which steadily climbs Eagles Crest.

Continue along the top past Mt Valentia to The Pinnacles Fire Lookout Tower. Where the views are completely unsurpassed.

Camping overnight is available at Horseyard Flat camping area, where you can take a walk along the Moroka River to the remote Moroka Gorge.

Start day two by passing through rugged mountains and gorges on a tortuous journey south following Valencia Creek.

Emerge at Valencia Creek and make your way to Briagolong, where this great drive comes to an end.



## GRANT - CROOKED RIVER

Stock up and start out in Dargo, a timeless former timber milling town set in a picturesque valley noted for its huge, historic walnut trees. Climb straight up into the Dargo High Plains, turning off towards Grant near the top of the climb and following McMillans Track, an easy four-wheel drive track, past Grant Cemetery and detour right into the ghost town of Grant.

Take a walk to some of mines, trace the outline of some old streets and learn about life in this rough frontier town, once home to around 3000 people .

Further on you'll encounter another forgotten cemetery and reach a breathtaking expanse of river flats - once known as Talbotville and now another Crooked River ghost town. Pitch a tent or tuck into a picnic and explore the nearby mines and abandoned towns upstream.

Your next stage includes several river crossings and leads to Kingwell Bridge, a romantic old timber-trussed structure that stands out in a river valley that seems to wind on forever.

Wind south past Black Snake Creek towards Waterford, where your tour comes to an end. You can refuel and stock up on provisions here.

