

### Blackwood

# A village wrapped in forest magic

Just 30 minutes from Bacchus Marsh, the drive into Blackwood is nothing short of breathtaking. Towering timbers, lush greenery, and flourishing nurseries line the route through the Wombat State Forest, setting the scene for a truly enchanting escape.

## **Step into history**

Blackwood's rich past dates back to the 1850s gold rush, when over 13,000 prospectors including more than 1,000 Chinese miners called this mountaintop village home. Explore historic cottages, mineral springs, and the Blackwood Cemetery, which features a unique Chinese section with nine remaining headstones. Fun fact: it's also said to have the best mobile reception in town!





### Eat, sip and shop local

Blackwood is quaint, green, and full of flavour. Enjoy delicious meals and treats at local eateries. Don't miss the nearby nurseries for more garden inspiration.



### Adventure awaits

Bushwalkers will love the trails weaving through Lerderderg State Park, with highlights including:

Old gold mines

- Fosters Lookout
- Mineral Springs Reserve
- · The Gorge
- Swimming at Grahams Dam

Discover Blackwood in just one day. Turn over for ideas!







# Your guide to a memorable day

#### **Arrive in Blackwood**

- Enjoy the scenic drive through Wombat State Forest with its towering gums and lush greenery.
- Start your day with coffee and breakfast at a local café for a cozy country vibe.

#### **Garden of St Erth**

- Explore the historic gardens featuring seasonal blooms, heritage plants, and an 1860s miner's cottage.
- Visit the nursery and gift shop, and enjoy a coffee at the on-site café.

#### Blackwood exploring secrets walk

- Take a 1.5-hour guided walking tour through Blackwood Village, the Lerderderg River, and the historic cemetery.
- Learn about the town's gold-mining past and admire its heritage architecture.

#### Country pub or café lunch

• Grab lunch at the local pub or café.

#### **Nature and scenic spots**

- Explore Lerderderg State Park for short bushwalks, old gold mine relics, and views of the gorge.
- Visit Mineral Springs Reserve for a peaceful stroll and a taste of the region's natural springs.

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