



Dunnstown

Heritage and highland views

Tucked beneath the slopes of Mount Warrenheip, Dunnstown is a picturesque rural village with a proud Irish heritage and a lively past. Just a short drive from Ballarat, it's a perfect stop for history buffs, nature lovers, and anyone craving a hearty pub meal.

Irish roots and gold rush tales

Dunnstown welcomed many Irish settlers fleeing the potato famine of the 1850s, drawn by its fertile land and proximity to the booming Ballarat goldfields. The village flourished with a sawmill, distillery, and thriving potato farms, laying the foundation for a strong and resilient community. Today, you can still see the distillery buildings, listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, along with the original Catholic school, church, and the beloved Shamrock Hotel – still serving up hearty meals 7 days a week.



Nature and views

To the north, Mount Warrenheip rises above the village – one of only two bush-covered volcanoes in Victoria. At its summit, the Mt Warrenheip Flora Reserve offers sweeping views of farmland and Kryal Castle.

Pick your own sunflowers

Ever dreamed of wandering through a field of golden sunflowers and picking your own? Well, now you can right here in Moorabool Shire! Whether you're snapping photos, picking blooms, or just soaking in the sunshine, this is a joyful experience for the whole family. Don't forget your camera, the fields are Instagram gold!

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