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Upper Goulburn Historic Area

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Park Type:

Heritage Property and Historic Place

Region:

Central

Special Needs Access: **Rating** (No Rating) [more info](#)

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- **Matlock township:** now a barren ridge and hilltop with little to remind the former flourishing gold town had seven hotels, seven stores, two districts and a population in the thousands in 1866. The cemetery bears silent witness to once prosperous days. Access is via Wood's Point Road from Marysville.
- **Wood's Point township:** the focal point of the Upper Goulburn River mining has continued since 1862 and historic items associated with the township and settlement can be seen throughout the district. Features of interest include a hotel, museum, store, camping areas and Ross' hydro-electric plant. Access to Wood's Point is via Mansfield, Marysville or Moe.
- **A1 Mining settlement:** site of the A1 gold mine which began operations in 1950. Along with the Morning Star in Wood's Point, it produced almost 60 per cent of Victoria's total gold output from the 1950s to the late 1970s. This unique township along the road in the narrow Raspberry Creek Valley, retains its original characteristics.
- **Gaffney's Creek/Lauraville settlement:** site of the first gold discovery in the Jamieson-Walhalla goldfields in 1859. Present day attractions include cottages, chimneys and mining relics scattered throughout the hills. Access is via Mansfield-Wood's Point Road.
- **Knockwood and Ten Mile township sites:** little remains of these former settlements, although historic relics can still be found, including the water tunnel at Tunnel Bend. This was dug to allow alluvial mining of the river but did not succeed. Access is from Mansfield-Wood's Point Road.
- **Kevington settlement:** the valley between Jamieson and Kevington contains a number of private residences that date back to early times. Beckton, the Arms hotel and the Kevington hotel are some examples. Access is from Wood's Point Road.

- **Jamieson:** a picturesque and historic settlement near the junction of the Goulburn and Jamieson rivers. It is the largest settlement in the district and has many recreational opportunities and facilities. The most significant of its historic buildings is the Court house built in 1864 that serves as a museum and memorabilia collection. Access is from Mansfield-Wood's Point Road.

Things to Do

- The Goulburn and Jamieson rivers are popular for trout fishing, canoeing and fossicking. Access is from Wood's Point or Mansfield.
- Scenic views at Matlock, Frenchman's Gap, west of Jamieson on the Goulburn River and at Mount Skene on the Licola Road.

A number of walks traverse this area, leading to old mine sites and settlements, and are part of larger track networks. Some of these include:

- Sections of the Australian Alps Walking Track- Rumff's Saddle to Mount Skene
- Macmillan's Track- Omeo to Wood's Point;
- Part of the National Horse Trail- Mount Terrible to Mount Skene section

For some walks into old mining areas with a historical theme, small, well-prepared supporting groups can be accommodated at certain times of the year by contact with a Parks Victoria Ranger at the Mansfield Office (call 13 1963 for more information).

Facilities

There are a number of day visit areas along the river between Jamieson and Wood's Point. Picnic facilities are also available at Gaffney's Creek, Wood's Point and Matlock. The Shire of Delatite managed caravan park in Jamieson township.

Bush camping is also available at:

- Granny's Flat Reserve- dry weather access road on the Jamieson River, 7 km from Jamieson on the Licola Road. Toilets and 20 campsites are available.
- Running Creek Camping Reserve- two toilet blocks are provided and can be obtained from the river nearby (boil any water intended for drinking).
- Doctor's Creek Reserve- toilets, picnic facilities and 15 campsites are available.
- Skipworth's Reserve- toilets, picnic facilities and 50 campsites are available.
- Tunnel Bend Reserve- has 15 camping sites;
- Mile Reserve- has toilets and 10 campsites;
- Blue Hole Reserve- has toilets and 10 campsites;
- Picnic Point Reserve- 10 campsites are available;
- Snakes Reserve- has toilets and 40 campsites;
- Wood's Point area;
- Scott's Reserve- north of the town, it has toilets, picnic facilities and 4 campsites;
- Comet Flat Reserve- south of the town, it has dry weather access to toilets, picnic facilities and 20 campsites. Forging of the Goulburn River is needed.

Access to the above camping reserves from Doctor's Creek onwards is from Wood's Point Road.

NOTE: Doctor's Creek and Skipworth's Reserves at Jamieson and Scott's Flat and Comet Flat camping areas at Wood's Point are managed by local Committee of Management and small camping fees are payable.

Looking After the Park

- Take your rubbish with you.
- Make use of existing fire pits and keep fires small. Use portable stove possible. Only wood that is lying on the ground may be used for firewood must conform to regulations and be out when unattended and before
- No fires including barbecues to be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban.
- Dogs are permitted in the area but must be kept on a leash at all time
- All native plants and animals are protected.
- Camps should be at least 20 metres from any watercourses.
- Do not use soap, toothpaste or detergents in rivers, streams or lakes. at your campsite.
- Use toilets where provided. Otherwise bury faecal waste at least 100 water or campsites.
- Motorised vehicles are restricted to existing roads and tracks. Vehicle registered and drivers licensed.
- Do not disturb or remove historic relics.
- Leave the area as you find it.

Precautions

- This area is dotted with many mine shafts. Exercise care while walking bush.
- Keep out of open adits (tunnels).
- Some tracks are steep and slippery when wet. Dry weather 4WD access recommended.

Nearby Parks

- Alpine National Park
- Cathedral Range State Park
- Howqua Hills Historic Area
- Lake Eildon National Park

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