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Power's Lookout Reserve

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Park Type:

Reserve

Region:

East

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This scenic reserve provides vistas of the Upper King Valley and the Alpine is believed the lookout was a vantage point for bushranger Harry Power to view troopers during his period of notoriety in the north-east.

Things to Do

- A walking track with a series of steep ladders provides visitors the opportunity to a viewing point at the most northern point of this rocky outcrop.
- View the geological history of the reserve. The rocky outcrops at Power's Lookout were once part of an ancient river system. Over the years, movement of the earth's crust has uplifted the conglomerate from the drainage basin where it was deposited. Tilting of the sediment layers and erosion by wind and water have created the rocky outcrop of Power's Lookout as it is today.
- Relax and enjoy a quiet picnic or barbecue in natural surroundings.

Facilities

- Power's Lookout Reserve has fireplace & barbecues, picnic tables and a shelter, toilets with disabled access and water.
- There is park information and walking tracks with ladders up to the lookout.

Heritage

Henry Johnson (alias Harry Power) was one of several famous bushrangers notorious in the north-east during the gold rush of the 1860s.

Originally from Ireland (and transported to Tasmania) he spent "time" in Per Melbourne for wounding a trooper after being confronted for horse stealing. from jail in February 1869 and in May held up a coach near Porepunkah. He his "exploits" in the Ovens, Greta and Beechworth districts. There is a strong he also teamed up with young Ned Kelly in a later armed robbery. A reward offered for information leading to his capture.

On the 27th May 1870, Superintendents Nicholson and Hare, Sergeant Mor aboriginal tracker Donald left Wangaratta and made a journey into the range of the King River after receiving information about Harry Power's hideout.

They came to an area that afforded excellent views of the surrounding coun believed to have been close to the site known as Power's Lookout Reserve. surprised Harry Power who was asleep in his bush shelter and arrested him have offered his captors a cup of tea.

Harry Power was taken to Wangaratta on the 5th June 1870 where a crowd onlookers gathered. He was sent to trial at Beechworth General Session on 1870.

Power was found guilty of four counts of Robbery Under Arms and sentence imprisonment. He was released in February 1885 after serving his full sente believed to have died in 1891.

In 1886 Power's Lookout Reserve was reserved for public land (Crown Land). The first grazing lease was granted in 1902 and in 1908 there was a propos road for tourist access. The road was constructed by locals in 1924 and fina Land Conservation Council recommended it to be a scenic reserve.

Fauna

When visiting Power's Lookout Reserve watch for birds such as Grey Shrike Lyrebird, Peregrine Falcon, Kookaburra and Currawong. Swamp Wallaby, C Wombat, Alpine Copperhead, Red Bellied Black Snake, Common Brown Sr and Cunningham's Skink are also found in and around the reserve.

Vegetation

Power's Lookout is surrounded by mixed eucalypt forest. Narrow-leaf Pepperc Broad-leaf Peppermint are the predominant species. They can be identified rough, grey bark and as their names suggest, by the width of their leaves. V the leaves smell of eucalyptus mixed with peppermint. Another common euc Stringybark. This species has rough grey stringybark.

The eucalypts with smooth white bark are Candlebark, Manna Gum or Brittle Manna Gums have rough bark which tends to be ribbony on the lower trunk Candlebarks are white in colour, hence their common name.

Blue Gum is a tall tree that grows in the moist gullies. It has very large leave bark that hangs from the branches. The flower buds and nuts are also quite with other eucalypts.

The understorey species include Silver Wattle, Blackwood Wattle, Hazel Po

Dogwood, Tussock Grass and various herbs. The rocky outcrops support sparse vegetation including Common Fringe Myrtle and Burgeon.

Looking After the Park

- Do not disturb or remove any native plants or animals.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Take your rubbish with you. There are no bins provided.
- Keep to the walking tracks.
- Observe all fire regulations.

Precautions

- Children are to be accompanied by an adult at all times whilst attempting walking tracks and visiting the viewing platforms.
- Appropriate footwear to be worn on all walking tracks.

How to Get There

Power's Lookout Reserve is located in north east Victoria, 43 kilometres north of Mansfield and 20 kilometres south west of Whitfield. Take the turnoff to Power's Lookout Reserve indicated from the Mansfield-Whitfield Road.

Nearby Parks

- Alpine National Park
- Lake Eildon National Park
- Mount Buffalo National Park
- Mount Samaria State Park

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1. [Coach/Bus Tours](#)
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Publications

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