



The following are some useful hints and general information regarding visiting Walhalla. To ensure an enjoyable visit please read these....

LOCATION

- Walhalla is located approximately 45-minute drive north of Moe on the Princes Freeway if you are travelling from Melbourne. If you are travelling from East Gippsland, follow the marked signs to Walhalla at Traralgon. If you travel via Erica and Rawson it is a sealed (bitumen) road all the way.
- Typical travel time from Melbourne (M1 at Punt Road), not in peak hour, is 2 - 2.50hrs.
- SatNav devices should only be used on major roads as minor tracks can appear to save time but are frequently unsuitable for 2WD vehicles and are outside mobile coverage areas.

THE TOWN

- Walhalla is a living town not a museum. Please respect residents' rights and do not enter any properties which are not clearly signposted as businesses.
- As the town has a small permanent population please advise businesses of your planned visit if more than 20 people are coming. This will ensure prompt friendly service!
- Please keep noise from campsites to a minimum after 9.00pm.
- Do not shine torches onto private property and through windows.

FUEL / VEHICLE TRANSPORT

- There is NO FUEL available in Erica, Rawson or Walhalla.
- Please fill up at Moe, Morwell, Tyers or Traralgon on your way to Walhalla.
- If you intend travelling north of Walhalla towards Woods Point, the nearest fuel is at Jamieson, 150km - at least a three-hour drive.
- The unmade road north of Walhalla is not suited to conventional 2WD vehicles, trucks or buses.
- There is a signed bus turning area 200m north of the North Gardens Camping Ground.
- The speed limit throughout the town centre is 30km/H and this is enforced.
- On long weekends and busy periods there is limited parking in the Walhalla town centre. Consider parking further south and walking the 100-200m to the town centre.
- If you are visiting the Walhalla Goldfields Railway, please park at the public facility just outside the station entrance. The station carpark has very limited parking and is not suitable for large vehicles and 4WD's.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- V/Line rail passenger services operate frequently from Melbourne Southern Cross to Moe and Traralgon stations. There is NO connecting bus service to Walhalla.
- Cars can be hired at Moe and Traralgon.
- Taxis can be hired for transport to Walhalla but are expensive.

COMMUNICATIONS

- There is 3G/4G+ mobile phone coverage in Walhalla (and the area immediately around it) for Telstra customers or those with plans using the Telstra network (Jan 2020). Optus has plans to install service shortly.
- There is no free wi-fi in the town (Jan 2020).
- For emergencies there is a red pay phone in the main street outside the historic Post and Telegraph Office.
- In an emergency you can dial 000 on a mobile phone with any provider (in the town) and it will connect.
- Phone reception outside the township, with any provider, is poor at best.
- Postal services are provided at the Walhalla Post Office Museum - outwards mail collected Mon-Wed-Fri. This outlet also sells mobile phone recharges.

SUPPLIES

- It is best to bring your supplies with you. All major supermarkets and specialty stores are located in Moe, Morwell or Traralgon. There are general stores at nearby Erica and Rawson which open seven days per week.
- Basic food supplies and cosmetics are available from the Corner Store (Post Office and Museum - open 10am-4pm daily.)
- Bagged firewood is also available from the Corner Store.
- Ice is available from the Walhalla Lodge Hotel.

Please supply your own drinking water or buy bottled water locally.

PUBLIC TOILETS

- There are 3 public toilet blocks in Walhalla.
- The Southern Carpark area (located just north of the Walhalla Railway Station) has public toilet facilities and picnic/BBQ facilities.
- Stringers Park (Town Centre) has public toilet facilities and picnic/BBQ facilities.
- There is a public toilet at the North Gardens camping ground
- Toilets are also provided at Walhalla Railway Station and the Long Tunnel Extended Mine during opening hours.

BBQ/PICNIC FACILITIES

- There are picnic tables located at various spots throughout the town.
- BBQ facilities are located at the Southern Carpark, Stringers Park and the North Gardens Camping Area.

CAMPING OPTIONS

- Free camping is available at the North Gardens Camping ground. This area has toilet facilities but no showers. Sites cannot be booked. First in - best dressed.
- There are paid camping facilities available at the Chinese Gardens Camping Ground. This area has ensuite facilities (including showers and laundry.) Bookings via the Corner Store (Post Office and museum) on 5165-6250 (daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm.
- There is very limited camping available at the southern end of town.
- Well behaved (and restrained) dogs are welcome at all camping grounds.

ACCOMODATION & MEALS

- There are many excellent accommodation options available in Walhalla for those who do not want to camp. These are listed elsewhere on this site.
- There are numerous fine options for food in the town. If you are planning a group visit, please phone prior.

STRINGERS CREEK

- Water from Stringers Creek (which runs through the town) is not suitable for drinking or cooking.

EMERGENCIES (Medical)

- In an emergency please contact Ambulance by dialling 000.
- There is a 24hr accessible AED (defibrillator) in the town. This is located in the cupboard under the veranda of the gold era shops (Main Street just south of intersection of Church Hill Road.)
- An AED (defibrillator) is also stored on the Walhalla Fire Unit. This can be accessed by calling 000 and specifying that Erica Tanker 3 (Walhalla fire unit) is required for the AED.
- There is also an AED stored at the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine and at the Walhalla Goldfields Railway, but these are only available during operating hours.
- Most tourist attractions have first aid kits and trained first aiders.
- If planning a group visit, please consider bringing along a first aid kit.
- In a medical emergency, during daylight hours, ambulance transport will be via a helicopter (Helimed) which will land on the helipad just south of the town centre.
- Latrobe Regional Hospital (Traralgon) has 24 Hour Emergency Service.

EMERGENCIES (Fire)

- Please report fires by calling 000.
- Campfires are only permitted in firepits supplied and must comply with CFA standards.
- Campfires are not permitted on days of total fire ban.
- Please ensure all campfires are fully extinguished before leaving. (Must be cold to touch. If not - add more water.)
- Make yourself aware of bushfire emergencies by downloading the Vic Emergency phone app (Telstra phones only Jan. 2020).

- Local bushfire information is also broadcast on ABC Gippsland (Radio) FM - 100.70. It is also available online via the ABC Radio app.

WILDLIFE

- Being surrounded by National Park snakes are regularly seen in and around the town. Be cautious while walking along tracks and around Stringers Creek.
- Leeches are also found in and around the town. These can simply be removed by covering them with salt or burning them off with a lit match. Do not try to scrape them off.
- When travelling of a night be careful of wildlife on the roads (deer, kangaroo, wallaby, wombats etc.)

4WD TRAVEL

- Many tracks around Walhalla are only suitable for experienced 4WDers.
- Never 4WD alone. Always take at least 2 vehicles and let someone know where you are going and when you plan on returning.
- Many tracks are closed during the cooler months. Never access these tracks.
- Please take all your rubbish home with you - if using public bins in Walhalla, please do not contaminate recycling bins with non-accepted refuse such as plastic bags and nappies.