

EASY BREAKERS: MAKE MEMORIES IN MURCHISON



Relax, unwind and explore Murchison



Wine and dine or simply unwind, the choice is yours, choose your own adventure as you explore Murchison for yourself.



DAY 1 ARRIVE & UNWIND

- Avonlea Flowers
- Explore Murchison on foot
- Lindsay's Jewels and Gifts
- Lunch at Longleat Wines
- Italian Ossario
- Check in to your accommodation stay at Smith + Willow
- A night at Railway Hotel, Murchison East

HOT TIP:

Smith + Willow is a destination in itself. Pack a good book and spend a few extra days to truly unwind and appreciate your surrounds.

DAY 2 RELAX & EXPLORE

- Sunrise and breakfast in the tranquil setting of Smith + Willow
- Angie Russi's Ceramics Studio
- Murchison Bakery, dine in or picnic
- Ride in and around Murchison
- Explore the Rail Trail and Doctors Swamp Wetlands
- Murchison Heritage Centre

HINT:

Holiday your way, pick and choose as much or as little to fill your days, or stay an extra night and explore a little more.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION A DESTINATION IN ITSELF

- Smith + Willow B&B rustic shearing quarters in a tranquil location, relax and unwind, 10 minutes outside Murchison. Once you arrive you won't want to leave.
- In cooler months relax by the open fire. As the sun sets, take in the natural wildlife, with kangaroos frequent visitors in the surrounding landscape.
- A range of B&B's and farm stays are available in the area, including in Tatura and Toolamba.
- Alternatively, bring the van and stay in one of the nearby parks.
- If you're after an apartment, explore Quest or L'Barza in nearby Shepparton.

DAY 1 MURCHISON

Arrive, unwind, and explore at your own pace



AVONLEA FLOWERS

420 River Road, Murchison

Situated on the banks of the Goulburn River at Murchison, a short 5 minutes from the centre of town, Avonlea Flowers is a family owned and run business. It was established by David and Julie Weidenbach in 1989, and from humble beginnings it has grown into a thriving family business. The largest cut flower growing operation in Australia.

High quality, fresh cut flowers, direct from the farm, available year round from 7am to 7pm. Well priced, and sure to last. Drop into the flower shop for a bunch of flowers (starting from \$10 each) or a larger flower arrangement to brighten your day.



MURCHISON'S MAIN STREET

Stevenson Street, Murchison

Stretch your legs and find your bearings in the main street of Murchison. There are many gems to unearth:

- At Meteorite Park, immerse yourself in the history of the 1969 meteorite shower.
- Tucked away towards the back of Meteorite Park is the space themed Labyrinth.
- Discover something unique at Lindsay's Jewels and Gifts, or pick up a souvenir for loved ones.
- Meet some of the Moooving Art herd.
- Take a moment to sit and ponder your thoughts overlooking the Kaiela (Goulburn River) at the park bench painted by Yorta Yorta artist Tammy-Lee Atkinson.



DAY 1 (cont.) MURCHISON

Meander over the river, on the iconic steel bridge, constructed in 1937 to replace the old timber bridge and previous pontoons. Yes, it's high, but if you look at the flood markers to the north west of the bridge, you'll see that the Goulburn River rises significantly during the floods. Thornebridge is evidence of the impacts, currently working to recover from the floods.

If the weather is nice, use the river access stairway to get down along the side of the Goulburn.

LONGLEAT WINES

105 Old Weir Road, Murchison

Be guided by the winemaker through the full range of Longleat Wines. Pick your favourite drop and enjoy a glass alongside a regional produce platter whilst overlooking the vineyard.

For something more substantial, indulge in their wood fired pizzas and fresh homemade pasta. In the cooler months indoors by the fire, with floor to ceiling window views of the vines. Or in warmer months enjoy the decking overlooking the vineyard.

Also home to La Zingara, a 2000+ piece ceramic mural by local artist Angie Russi.

Open Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5pm.
Bookings are essential for dining, phone 0421 602 520 or submit a [booking request](#).



RAILWAY HOTEL

4910 Goulburn Valley Highway, Murchison East

Owned and operated by Goldie, and his son Mitch, affectionately known as The East, it's a classic country pub, where you can eat like a local. If you time your visit right, The East regularly has special live music events. You can secure your ticket to dance the night away to the likes of The Screaming Jets or the Chantoozies (ticket prices vary).

Main bar open from midday daily.
Kitchen open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday from midday. Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday from 5.30pm.

[Book a table](#) and we'll meet you at The East.

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ITALIAN OSSARIO

21 Old Weir Road, Murchison

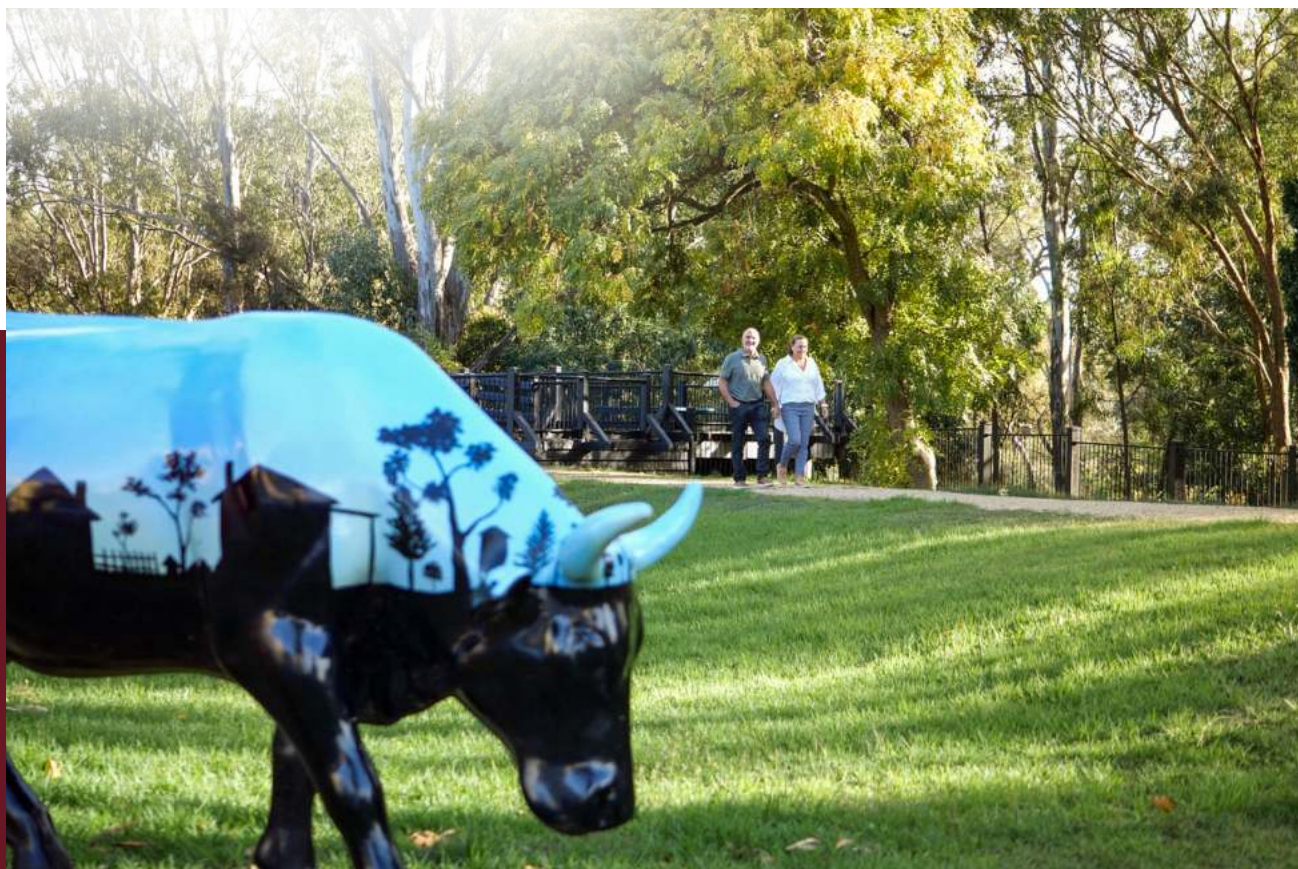
During World War II, 4000 Italian, German and Japanese Prisoners of War were detained at Murchison. The Ossario is one of only two foreign war cemeteries in Victoria, and the only Australian war cemetery dedicated to Italian civilian internees and Prisoners of War.

It has been noted for its significant cultural values. Built in traditional Italian architectural style, made from Castlemaine stone with Roman roof tiles, a campanile and an altar of Italian marble. The Murchison POW camp memorial features memorial avenue of Italian cypress trees and entry gates with bronze bas-relief plaques.



DAY 2 MURCHISON

Relax and explore
Murchison and surrounds



BREAKFAST LIKE A QUEEN

Smith + Willow

Keep it simple with a bowl of cereal or slice of toast whilst listening to the sounds of the local birds. Or indulge in a truly local spread, with pastries from Higgins Family Bakery, or Tinto's, lashings of Tatura Butter and Belstack's delicious berry jams.

Accompany it with a glass of Ducat's juice, or locally roasted coffee and tea and a side of fresh seasonal fruit straight from the local orchards.

Take a stroll and explore your bush land surrounds and ease yourself into the day. There's no rush, take your time.



ANGIE'S CERAMICS STUDIO

43 High Street, Rushworth
(opposite the service station)
19 kms from Murchison

Open your mind at Angie Russi's Artist Studio, from spotted fowl, vases, bespoke domestic wares, sculptures and custom commissions, speak to the Artist as she works.

Angie is inspired by her natural surrounds and her love for birds. She is the creator of La Zingara at Murchison's Longleat Wines, and is known for her spotted fowl, which you can also find in the Shepparton Art Museum shop.

Open from 10am, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment.



DAY 2 (cont.) MURCHISON

MURCHISON BAKERY

39 Stevenson Street, Murchison

A short drive back into Murchison, where you'll visit the friendly team at the Murchison Bakery. Pick up some salad rolls or fresh bread ready for a picnic lunch. Or if you prefer, dine in at the bakery and meet the locals, whilst you enjoy their pies, sausage rolls and a coffee, before unloading your bikes to explore the Murchison Rail Trail.

OUR FAVOURITE: Murchison Bakery's Iced Vovo, a delicate biscuit topped with raspberry jam and a sprinkling of coconut is a delicious afternoon snack



MURCHISON HERITAGE CENTRE

4 Stevenson Street, Murchison

The unique and varied history of Murchison and surrounds is captured at the Heritage Centre. Run by dedicated volunteers, immerse yourself in the stories and history of the Murchison Meteorite, and see a piece of the meteorite for yourself.

Or delve into the exhibits that pay tribute to the traditional owners of the land, along with the oldest European settlement on the lower Goulburn River.

Open Saturdays 10am - 12.30pm and Sundays 1pm - 3pm or by appointment. Great value.



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MURCHISON RAIL TRAIL

Gregory Road, Murchison

From the centre of town, head out of town along the Bendigo-Murchison Road, the Murchison Rail Trail is on your left hand side. 8 kilometres of trail runs from the Murchison township to the rail bridge at Channel Inlet Road, including a bridge crossing over the Stuart Murray Canal, and bordering the unique ecosystem of Doctors Swamp wetlands. A photographers' delight.

Interpretive signage is dotted along the trail, and picnic benches make for the ideal location to stop, take in the surrounds and enjoy your bakery lunch.

HOT TIP: The trail is accessible year round. Bring your e-bikes they make the trail a dream ride.



SMITH + WILLOW B&B

165 Smith Road, Murchison

From the moment you book at Murchison's newest accommodation property, your host Ginette will help make you feel at home.

Pour a glass of wine and settle in to your home away from home by the open fire. Whether it's a romantic getaway for two or a weekend away with friends, Smith + Willow sleeps up to 5 guests in the refurbished former shearing quarters.

Picturesque sunrises and sunsets, the natural bush surrounds and the ability to go offline, will have you wanting to return again and again.

[Book your next stay online.](#)

MURCHISON TOWN MAP

DAY 1

- 1 Avonlea Flowers
- 2 Murchison's Main Street
- 3 Longleat Wines
- 4 Italian Ossario
- 5 Railway Hotel
- 6 Smith + Willow

DAY 2

- 7 Angie Russi's Ceramics Studio
- 8 Murchison Bakery
- 9 Murchison Rail Trail
- 10 Murchison Heritage Centre



NOTES & OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Aside from your lunches, dinners and concert tickets, you don't need to book ahead of time, which leaves you in full control of your stay. Choose to fit in as much or as little as you like.
- Stay an extra night and explore more of the surrounding region of Shepparton and Goulburn Valley.
- The quaint little town of Tatura is just near by, with the Irrigation and Wartime Camps Museum and the German War Cemetery.
- Or an easy 30 minutes drive to the north east, you can explore exhibitions at Shepparton Art Museum or the Museum of Vehicle Evolution including 200 years of fashion from the Loel Thomson Costume Collection.



Sam Jinks Woman and Child
at Shepparton Art Museum

sheppandgv.com.au



A musical feast – Make the most of your visit to Murchison with all of your senses, tune into the local Spotify playlist 'Shepparton and Goulburn Valley' curated to showcase local musicians, along with those who grew up in Shepparton and Goulburn Valley.

Listen closely to Murchison's own *Angie March's* *There Is No Such Place*



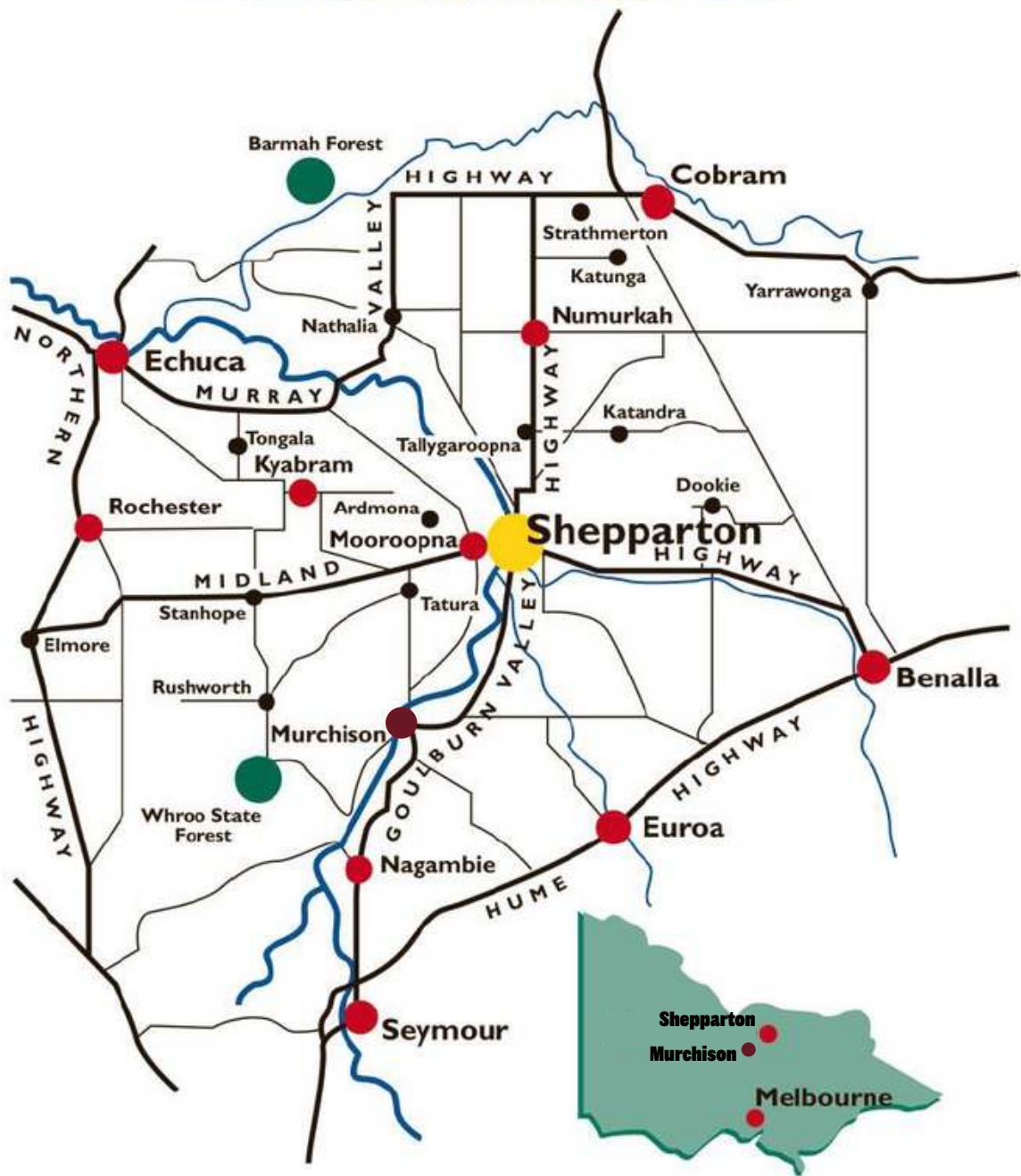
GETTING TO MURCHISON FROM MELBOURNE

From Melbourne head north on the Hume Freeway for approximately 88kms. Turn onto the Goulburn Valley Freeway towards Murchison, Nagambie and Shepparton for 36kms. Turn off the Freeway onto Warring-Murchison Road, at the t-intersection (at the Murch East Pub) turn left, follow the Bendigo-Murchison Road for approximately 6kms and over the bridge into Murchison.

TRAVEL DISTANCES

161 kms (1 hour 50 minutes) from Melbourne GPO
 34 kms (30 minutes) from Shepparton Post Office
 20 kms (15 minutes) from Rushworth Post Office
 95 kms (1 hour 10 minutes) from Bendigo GPO

For further information to plan your visit check out www.sheppardgv.com.au



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