

SOVEREIGN HILL

VISIT THE PRECINCTS

THE DIGGINGS

The start of the day is always a bustling time on the diggings. Miners are waking up ready to start their work. New arrivals are trying to find their bearings in a strange land. Is today the day you could find your fortune?

MAIN STREET

Experience life as Ballarat expanded. Gold wasn't the only way to find your fortune. Perhaps becoming a shop keeper would be a better fit for you? Head up to Main Street to experience the the early days of Ballarat.

STEAM & MINING

A few years have passed and the ease to find gold is becoming more scarce so the mines are journeying deeper underground. Discover how life became easier for Ballarat residents with the arrival of new technology.

SPEEDWELL STREET

Explore the different living conditions of the residents of the township. Wander the gardens, discover the kitchens and decide whether you and your family would be comfortable with 1850s life.

WADAWURRUNG

PRECINCT

Discover stories of connection. Country and culture that stretch far beyond the gold rush, brought to life in sculptures by Wadawurrung artists Aunty Marlene Gilson, Dr. Deanne Gilson, Tammy Gilson, Kait James, and Lynette Fagan.

VISITOR SERVICES

- Information
- Accessible Toilet
- Food & Drink
- Parenting Room
- Toilets
- Water Tap
- All Gender Toilets
- Post Office
- First Aid Kit
- Gift Shop
- Beware of Horses
- Ramps
- Emergency Evacuation Point
- Suggested Stroller & Wheelchair Route

ONLY A FEW HOURS?

Our must-do activities if you have limited time

- MS** Explore historic shops and rare trades on Main Street.
- 12** Pan for gold at the diggings.
- 66** Journey deep underground on a guided mine tour.*
- 41** Don't miss the Redcoat Soldiers at 1:30pm.
- 74** Visit our goldfields cottages and meet the residents.
- 39** Take a coach ride around the township.

We acknowledge the First Nations of the land upon which Sovereign Hill and Narmbool sit, the Wadawurrung, and their ongoing connection to this land and pay respect to their culture and their Elders past, present and future.



- 1 Entrance Building
- 2 Bright Visions Entrance
- 3 Gift Shop
- 80 Prospectors Table
- 81 Sovereign Hill Hotel

THE DIGGINGS

- 6 Government Camp
Law and order with a side of chaos and corruption.
- 8 Chinese Protectorate Camp
Experience life as a Chinese resident on the goldfields.
- 9 Accessible Panning
Everyone can strike it rich here!
- 10 Chinese Temple
The spiritual home of the Chinese community.
- 11 Circus Tent
- 12 Gold Panning
Grab a pan and try your luck - who knows what riches you'll find!
- 13 Red Hill Mine
Self-guided tour of the legendary Welcome Nugget.
- 14 Waterloo Store
One-stop shop for kitchen and household goods.
- 15 St Alipius Diggings School

MAIN STREET

- 21 Carver & Dalton Auction Rooms
- 22 Blacksmith
Watch the blacksmith work magic with fire and iron.
- 23 Hope Bakery
- 24 Alex Kelly Stables
See where horses called home during the gold rush.
- 25 Costumed Photography
Cosplay as an 1850s time traveller and get a photo to remember your adventure. Booking essential.
- 26 Ballarat Times Printers
See our printers in action and leave with your own WANTED poster - like the true outlaw you are!
- 27 Spencer Sweet Shop
All our iconic sweets, crafted by our confectioners, in one place.
- 28 Clarke Brothers Grocer
Sweets, spices, and home goods just like the grocer ordered.
- 29 Post Office
Send a postcard the old-fashioned way.
- 30 Rees & Benjamin Jeweller
Sparkle and shine as you check out jewellery crafted to perfection.
- 31 Bank / Gold Office
- 32 New York Bakery
- 33 Apothecaries Hall
Quirky old remedies mixed with modern lotions and potions.

- 34 Saddlery
Peek at how saddlers kept goldfields travellers on the move.
- 35 Universal Transit Office
- 36 Victoria Theatre & United States Hotel
Enjoy a show bursting with mischievous charm, hearty laughs, and whimsical antics.
- 37 Charlie Napier Hotel
Bustling goldfields pub full of stories.
- 38 Criterion Drapery Store
Clothing, textiles, and all things fancy.
- 39 Coach Rides
Take in the sights and sounds on board an 1850s coach.
- 40 Tinsmiths
- 41 Parade Showground
- 42 Engine House
See machines that kept the goldfields roaring.
- 43 John Alloo's
- 44 Hewett's Soap and Candle Works
Dip your own candle to take home.
- 45 Wesleyan Day School
- 46 Steinfelds Ragged School
- 47 Bowling Saloon
Knock down some pins and challenge your friends and family.
- 48 R. Gibbings, Livery & Bait Stables
Step behind the scenes and meet the team who look after our horses.

STEAM & MINING

- 61 Education Centre
- 62 Browns Confectionery Factory
See our confectioners roll and mould sweets by hand.
- 63 Gold Pour
Watch blazing-hot gold transformed before your eyes.
- 64 Battery House
Boom, crush, bang! How quartz rocks were crushed to extract gold.
- 65 Poppet Head
Climb to the top for the best views of Ballarat.
- 66 Guided Mine Tours
Go deep underground and see where gold miners struck it big. Booking essential.

SPEEDWELL STREET

- 71 Brightview Gardens
Take a break and soak up the stunning views and our gardeners' handiwork.
- 72 St Peter's Denominational School
- 73 Wheelwrights Wheel-making demonstration
- 74 Speedwell Street Cottages
See what counted as luxe living or cosy quarters back in the day.
- 75 Red Hill National School
Back to school! See where goldfield kids learned their ABCs, 1850s-style.

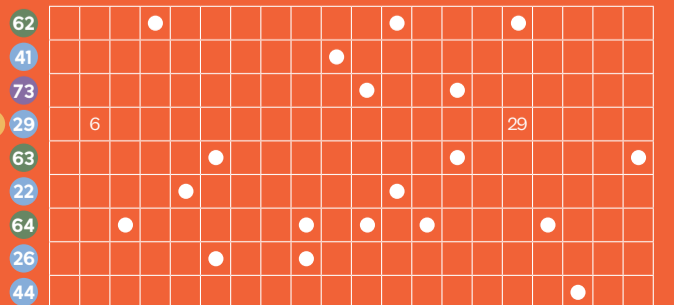
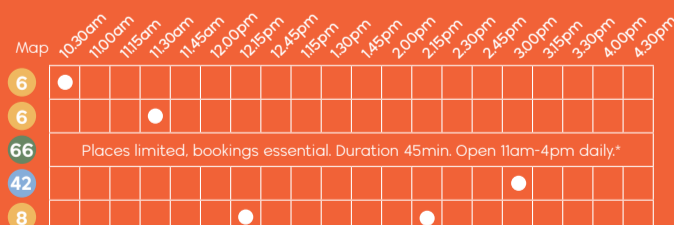
WHAT'S ON

TOURS

- Orientation
- Diggings
- Guided Mine
- Surface Machinery
- Chinese Protectorate

DEMONSTRATIONS

- Confectionery
- Redcoat Soldiers
- Wheel-Making
- Trooper
- Gold Pour
- Blacksmithing
- Quartz Rock Crushing
- Times Office
- Candle Making



HANDS ON FUN

- 12 Gold Panning
Try your luck anytime!
- 21 Makers Series
Open 10am - 4:30pm during weekends & Victorian school holidays only.
- 25 Costumed Photography
Places limited, book upon arrival.*
- 39 Coach Rides
Purchase tickets at Horse Bazaar.*
- 44 Candle Dipping
Buy and dip your own candle. Open 10am - 4:30pm daily.
- 47 Bowling Alley
Open 10am - 5pm daily.
- 73 Pull-a-part Wheel
Open 10am - 5pm daily.
- 75 Back to School
Open 2pm - 3pm during weekends & Victorian school holidays only.

PERFORMANCES

- 36 Theatre Events
See blackboard in Victoria Theatre.

EXPLORE MORE

Check our blackboard and posters for extra demonstration times, events, and updates. Or scan the QR code for more.



*Subject to availability. Additional charges apply.