

Dargo

Wonnangatta, Grant, Talbotville

Visitors Guide

Dargo welcomes you to visit, relax, enjoy the beauty of the bush, the High Plains and discover Victoria's forgotten gold field.



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Discover one of Victoria's most remote communities, nestled in the foothills of the legendary Dargo High Plains. The town of Dargo, with a population of approximately 150, is an entry point for the Alpine National Park, Avon Wilderness Park and Mitchell River National Park.

The Dargo river meanders its way through the town making Dargo an ideal destination for a day trip or a starting point to discover the spectacular scenery of the High Plains and the Grant Historic Area.

Outdoor adventure

Experience first-rate 4WD touring, rafting, fishing and canoeing. The area is also an excellent destination for horse riding, bush walking and hiking. Visit Wonnangatta Station by 4WD, once Victoria's most remote cattle station. Dargo is an excellent base for trail bike riders wishing to explore the many kilometres of tracks and trails in the area. Deer hunting in season is also a popular activity in the region above Dargo.

Agriculture

Dargo is known for its groves of century-old walnut trees that line the valley floor. Many high country cattlemen have homes in the stockbreeding and agricultural district.

History

Although a minor gold rush was experienced in the mid 1800s, the town was primarily a resting place and later a supply town for miners on their way to the Grant, Talbotville and Crooked River goldfields nearby. The bush surrounding Dargo has many relics from the gold rush era that still remain accessible and give an insight into the history and challenges experienced during the mining era.

The Dargo museum showcases many artifacts, photographs and displays based on early goldmining in the area.

Dargo is accessible from the south via Briagolong, Stratford & Bairnsdale (approx 90km) using the C601 and from the Mt Hotham region to the North via the unsealed Dargo High Plains Road (approx 70km).



Gold Mining Relics



Spectacular views



Grant Historic Area

COONAWARRA TRAIL RIDES

Great fun for families, children, social groups and couples guided by friendly professional operators. We cater for groups offering fully shod, well-conditioned horses and ponies, suitable for both nervous beginners wanting a quiet relaxing ride, to the more experienced horseperson looking for more adventure
Ron & Ann Rees • 03 5157 6395 • 0428 576 395 • 3545 Dargo Road Glenaladale 3864 • info@coonawarratrailrides.com.au • info@coonawarratrailrides.com.au

DARGO MOTOR INN

Country Hospitality and comfort all year round. Updated rooms containing QB, toaster, kettle, heater, fan and TV. Continental breakfast provided. The complex also offers 1 fully self-contained family room and 1 spa room.
Rosalie Campbell • 03 5140 1314 • 95 Lind Avenue Dargo 3862 • roz.dargo@bigpond.com • www.dargomotorinn.com.au

DARGO B&B AND BUNKHOUSE

Home style cooked meals, also a choice of homemade jams, pickles and sauces. We offer b&b and bunkhouse style accommodation and a fully licensed restaurant. Open Monday-Thursday 12pm - 5pm and weekends.
Pam & Herman • 03 5140 1228 • 1 Lower Dargo Road Dargo 3862 • hermanbila@bigpond.com

WONNANGATTA CARAVAN PARK

Powered sites and camp sites available. No pets permitted. Located just 9kms from Dargo. Resident managers on site offering a fantastic family holiday experience.
David & Dianne Guy • 03 5140 1265 • 7611 Dargo Road Dargo 3862

OVERLAND GOLD ADVENTURES

Graham, your tour guide is a local and third generation gold miner, who knows the area very well. Overland Gold Adventures gives you the opportunity to experience the thrill of gold panning, digging for thunder eggs and agates or just fossicking in Gippsland's High Country.
Graham Watt • 0419 547 091 • goldadventure@bigpond.com

DARGO HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Museum features historic gold mining and agriculture displays from the Dargo area. These displays depict the bygones of gold mining and many relics can be found in the area. Walnut trees and farmlets are scattered throughout these picturesque valleys.
Brian Maddigan • 03 5140 1352

DARGO HOTEL

Built in 1898, the historic Dargo Hotel offers great food, great country hospitality and accommodation. With cabins and bunkhouse accommodation available, the Dargo Hotel is a great place to base yourself to explore the Dargo High Country.
Belinda & Darryn Arnold • 03 5140 1231 • 108 Lind Avenue Dargo 3862 • admin@dargohotel.com • www.dargohotel.com

DARGO GENERAL STORE

The Dargo General Store has everything you need for that great getaway. With delicious takeaway food, grocery items, ice, camping supplies, hunting gear, fuel, gas refills, motorcycle repairs, maps and souvenirs, make sure you stop and top up all your needs. House style accommodation bookings are also available.
Bruce Atherton & Sue Neale • 03 5140 1219 • 111 Lind Avenue Dargo 3862 • info@dargostore.com.au • www.dargostore.com.au

DARGO RIVER INN

Open for group bookings, the Dargo River Inn, specialises in group bookings. Suitable for trail bike or 4WD clubs. Dargo River Inn also provides a great place to host your wedding or other special event.
Matt & Susie Humphry • 03 5140 1330 • 13 Lower Dargo Road Dargo 3862 • dargoriverinn@bigpond.com • www.dargoriverinn.com.au

ECHO BEND CARAVAN PARK

Echo Bend Camping Park is situated in a natural bush setting adjoining the Mitchell River National Park and the Den Of Nargun circuit walk. The camping park offers powered sites, on site vans, clean amenities, camp fires with wood supplied and a Bark Hut kiosk. An ideal starting point for a variety of scenic bush walks to enjoy the wildlife. Pets permitted, managers on site.

Julie & Geoff Webb • 03 5157 6317 • 345 Dunbar Road Glenaladale 3864 • echobendcp@skymesh.com.au

Local Attractions

- Visit Dargo High Plains
- Enjoy the wild life and flowers
- Wonnangatta Station
- Den of Nargun
- Eaglevale
- Dargo Town Walk
- Canoeing
- Trail and Mountain Riding
- Grant Historic Walk
- Camping
- Dargo Heritage Museum
- Bush Walking along the old tracks
- Jungle Creek Falls
- Gold Panning
- Horse riding
- X-Country Skiing
- Dog's grave
- Rock of Gibraltar Lookout
- Exhibition Gold Battery
- Moroka, and Mitchell River, and Alpine National Parks
- Explore the mountains and gold sites
- Picnic on the banks of the Dargo, Wonnangatta and Crooked Rivers
- Easter Walnut Festival
- Fish in the rivers and streams
- Grant Historical Area
- Visit Old Cemeteries
- Historic buildings
- Four Wheel Driving
- Tennis



Spectacular scenery



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Dargo Area Map



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