

North East Victoria – a beautiful place to visit

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After retiring in 2010 my wife and I moved to Mount Beauty, North East Victoria. Why Mount Beauty? While our children were growing up we holidayed in the area and fell in love with the view that greets you as you turn into the Kiewa Valley near Dederang.



Snow-capped mountain view from our home

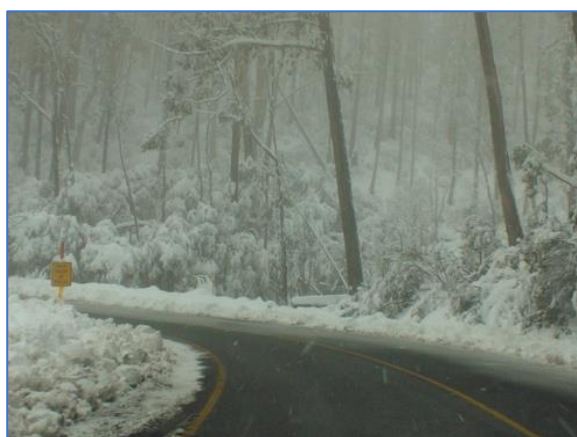


Autumn colours in Bright

The name Mount 'Beauty' is most appropriate for this magnificent area. Our small acreage is in the Tawonga Valley at the base of Mount Bogong (1986 metres high and Victoria's highest mountain) and a ten-minute drive from the Mount Beauty village. With an average annual rainfall of 1250 millimetres, the district has four very distinctive seasons. Snow-capped mountains provide a backdrop in winter and a cool evening breeze brings summer relief. Autumn colours are a sight to be seen and spring gardens are truly beautiful in the alpine area towns. On the odd summer day of forty plus degrees, a half hour drive puts you high in the Alpine National Park with temperatures in the high teens to low twenties.



Pretty Valley, Alpine National Park



Mountain roads in winter

The Alpine National Park and surrounding alpine forests provide a vast array of activities for those who love the outdoors. Fishing, deer hunting, hiking, mountain biking, horse trail riding, road cycling, gliding, parasailing and white-water rafting are some of the opportunities right at your doorstep. Elite athletes are regularly seen training on roads past our property. These include runners, cyclists and cross-country skiers (on roller skis!).



Echo Point, Mt Buffalo



Fresh mountain trout



Glider sight-seeing from Mount Beauty

Within an hour's drive of Mount Beauty, a variety of towns attract tourists for outdoor activities and food trails. Mount Beauty is a small village but has outstanding medical services that provide for the ski resorts and local community. The village was originally a hydro village during construction of the Kiewa Hydro System between 1938 and 1961. While attracting many tourists Mount Beauty has maintained its village atmosphere.

The area is well and truly worth a visit for those who love the outdoors or their food and wines. Around an hour from Albury/Wodonga, visitors will find the area provides a variety of activities for all. Air B&Bs, guest houses and motels are readily available throughout the region.

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