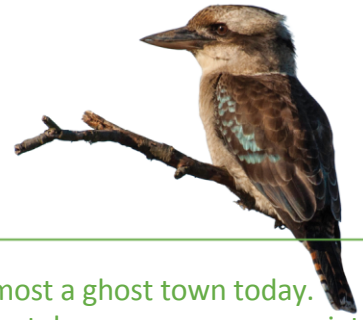


# Steiglitz Historic Park

## Visitor Guide



Situated in the Brisbane Ranges between Geelong and Ballan, Steiglitz is almost a ghost town today. At the height of the 1860s-gold rush it had more than 1500 residents, four hotels, a newspaper, a variety of shops and even an undertaker. A tranquil setting for bushwalking, picnic and discovering spring wildflowers.



### Getting there

Steiglitz Historic Park adjoins the Brisbane Ranges National Park and is approximately 80km west of Melbourne. Take the Princes Highway to Werribee and follow the signs for about 40km to Anakie and Steiglitz. Alternatively, approach from Geelong, Bacchus Marsh or Ballan.

### Things to see and do

#### Walking

Walk the township or venture further into the old goldfields on these suggested circuit walks. Be sure to prepare properly for longer walks with a map, walking shoes, water, sunscreen and a hat.

Signs around the old township show where shops and other buildings once stood. Two churches, a former hotel and a few houses remain. The cemetery on Maude-Steiglitz Road is also worth a visit. People still live in the township, please respect their privacy. Please keep to the tracks to avoid mine shafts.

#### 1. Steiglitz Circuit Walk - 8.5km, 4 hours

##### The Pines Carpark to Steiglitz Courthouse Carpark

From the Pines Carpark the track heads south past large mullock heaps, remnants of the New Chum Mine, providing good views over Steiglitz Historic Park and Brisbane Ranges National Park. Continue south along Durdidwarrah Road, crossing Sutherland's Creek and into the township of Steiglitz.

##### Steiglitz to The Crossing Picnic Area

Enter Stawell Street and follow Deadmans Loop Walking Track through to Hut Road then continue to The Crossing Picnic Area.

##### The Crossing Picnic Area to The Pines Carpark

Continue up Hut Road and turn into a track just past Lease Road. This section of track runs parallel to Yankee Gully Creek before heading up a shallow gully to Mulrooney's Track and The Pines Carpark. Look for signs telling the stories of the gold mining era.

#### 2. Deadman's Loop – 4.7km, 1 hour 45 minutes

From the courthouse, walk one kilometre along Stawell St to Sutherland's Creek. Follow the creek bed on the western side for 750 metres to a small waterfall. The track then leads into small valleys with grass trees, finishing at Meredith-Steiglitz Road. Return to Steiglitz along the road, passing the old Catholic Church (circa 1868) and cemetery.

You will see historic remnants including a large historic pine tree, a round, stone-lined well and some scattered bricks indicating a house site.

#### 3. Beards Gully Walk – 6km, 6 hours

Expect difficult off-track walking, steep climbs and dangerous mine shaft areas. A car shuffle is recommended. You must be prepared.

From Bert Boardman Recreation Area, drive or walk along South Steiglitz Road to Sailors Track. Follow Sailors Track, turning north at Sutherlands Creek. Look for signs of early goldmining, but watch your step – old mineshafts are often hidden by grass. Follow the creek north, rock hopping along the creek where possible.

Upstream you may see quartz in the creek bed. Look for interesting rock formations on the left side of the creek, north of Miners Track. After meeting Deadman's track, follow Stawell Street to the Courthouse Carpark.

#### 4. Native Youth Walk – 5.5km, 1 hour 45 minutes

Beginning at the Pines Carpark, follow Durdidwarrah Road south, turning right at Hut Road. After 750 metres turn right into Native Youth Track. Cross the creek and continue along Native Youth Track. Turn right at Yankee Gully Road. Soon you will pass the remains of a mullock heap from the Kinglock Mine which closed in 1916, the last profitable mine in the area. Walk downhill, again crossing the creek. Turn right at Mulrooneys Track and walk back to the carpark.

#### 5. Grahams Creek Walk – 5.5km, 1.5 hours

Starting at The Crossing Picnic Area, follow Hut and turn left into Lease Road. After a long uphill climb of about 45 minutes, turn left into Graham's Creek Road and continue for a kilometre past Graham's Creek Picnic Area over the ford and continue to Box Track. Turn left and walk downhill to The Crossing Picnic Area, passing through Silver Banksias and grasstrees along the way.

#### Burchell Trail – 40km, 3 days one way

For the more adventurous, the three-day walk covers both Steiglitz Historic Park and Brisbane Ranges National Park. Starting from the Fridays Camping Area, the walk is marked with orange arrows. Overnight camps are available at Old Mill and Little River. For more information, see Brisbane Ranges National Park Visitor Guide.

#### Picnicking

There are many pleasant picnic spots around Steiglitz. Toilets are available at the Bert Boardman Recreation Area and behind St Pauls church.

#### Be prepared and stay safe

Steiglitz Historic Park is in the Central fire district. Bushfires can occur during the warmer months. It is your responsibility to check current and forecast weather conditions. Campfires cannot be lit on days of Total Fire Ban, however gas cookers can be used for preparing food.

For emergency updates and fire information listen to local radio, visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au), download the VicEmergency phone app or call 1800 226 226. For park conditions visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or call 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

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