

Explore Woorinen Region



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To gain an understanding of the region's horticultural history, you only need to take the time to tour around the Woorinen region, located just 10 kilometres north west of Swan Hill. The landscape changes dramatically through the seasons, and driving through the area in Spring, you might be forgiven for thinking you are in Provence or Tuscany, such is the beauty and colour of the fruit trees. If you are travelling during harvest seasons, make sure you look out for any farm gate outlets, where you can taste the produce in its purest form.

1 Water Tower

The elevated 36 metre water tower provides water to the city of Swan Hill as well as Woorinen South, Nyah and Nyah West during high demand periods. At night the tower comes to life with an array of colours.

2 Woorinen South Township

Settlements started in the Woorinen region in the early 19th Century with thousands of young soldiers returning to the area as part of the soldier settlement program.

3 Vintage Steam Rally Park

The town hosts the annual Vintage Steam Rally, which includes vintage engines, tractors, machinery, trucks, cars, motorbikes and memorabilia. The Rally is hosted by the Mallee Steam, Oil & Machinery Club.

4 Skate Park & Community Centre

Skate parks have proved a hit among the youth of the region. There is also a park table making this a great place for travellers to stop.

5 Harvey's Tank

The region's settlement owes its existence to an ancient natural Mallee water soak - now referred to as Harvey's Tank. Here, for centuries, Aboriginal people obtained fresh water at this unique watering hole.

6 The Channel System

The Woorinen irrigation channels were originally dug by hand around 1920 by settlers. Later the channels were concreted to save repairs to the banks and these repaired channels delivered water to the farms. Looking south in this location you can see the remnants of an irrigation channel.

7 Woorinen RSL Hall Memorial

The hall was built by returned soldiers and opened in December 1929. During the 1930-40's it was the site of annual Diggers Balls that were a big social event for locals. Its association with the returned servicemen was significant in the context of Woorinen's initial development as a soldier settlement after World War I. The hall was demolished in November 2008 and today an RSL Memorial stands on the site.

8 Tyntynder Homestead

This building is one of the first brick veneer homesteads in Australia. In the 1960's the owners set up the property as a museum, however in 1996 it was purchased on behalf of the Aboriginal community. The property is currently closed to the public. The Board and the Friends of Tyntynder Homestead are working towards reopening the property.

9 Beverford Township

Beverford was founded after World War I as a soldier settlement. Beverford today is best known for its rich fertile soil and its grape growing, and stone fruit. For those looking for a quick bite or something to quench your thirst be sure to drop into the Beveford Tavern.

10 River Road

This winding road stretches for kilometres along the Murray River and captures magnificent views of both the natural and environmental landscape.

Mountain Bike Track

The 'Whoopy Doos' dirt track on the side of the Woorinen Road goes all the way from Swan Hill to Chillingollah Road. The section of the track shown on the map is from Barry Steggal Park to the Woorinen South Township. This track is not maintain by Swan Hill Rural City Council and may be subject to erosion, fallen trees and other obstacles, proceed with care at your own risk.

Speewa Ferry

Cross the Murray River in style on the famous Speewa Ferry or Punt, one of the last remaining ferries in operation along this section of the river. Opening times are on the sign just off the highway. This is a free service.

SHARP Fruit

Fresh local fruit at bargain prices. SHARP Fruit is a stone fruit farm that grows quality nectarines and peaches for the domestic and export markets. A seconds stall is available at the packing shed during harvest.