

## Distance

400m from car park to falls



Gooram Falls is a great place to visit for a relaxing day by the water. The two cascading falls are a part of Seven Creeks Wildlife Reserve, with the water source being Seven Creeks. There are two small falls roughly 20 metres apart surrounded by indigenous bushland and rocky outcrops. While you are there, you could explore the other natural attractions of the Strathbogie Ranges.

Further upstream is another famous local watering hole, the Polly McQuinn's weir. The weir takes its name from Polly McQuinn, an early settler who lived in the area. He was allegedly named Polly because he could not grow a beard. Local lore has it that when he was driving home in his horse and jinker one night he missed the bridge, fell into the water and drowned. It's rumoured that the waterhole is bottomless which is why no trace of him or his horse was ever found. It has always been a popular swimming and picnic spot and was host to regular carnivals and school swimming sports in the 1920's.

Just up the road is the quaint township of Strathbogie. There you can sit beside the open wood fire at the Strathbogie General Store and catch up on the local gossip or have a round of golf at the picturesque Strathbogie Golf Course. If you're feeling energetic, you can discover the township's natural beauty on the short Bridge to Bridge walk. See <http://strathbogie.org> for more details.

If you're heading back to Euroa, consider a short detour to Mt Wombat and the Garden Range Flora and Fauna Reserve. It's perhaps the best known nature reserve in the Strathbogie Ranges. Drive to the top of Mt Wombat for spectacular views over the Tableland to the east and over the plains to the north and west. Or explore the surrounding bushland in the Flora and Fauna Reserve.

Don't forget to look at the verdant mosses, lichens, fungi and ferns that abound everywhere they can gain a foothold. These add a soft texture, variety and colour to the landscape that enlivens the mountainsides and demands inspection.

## In case of emergency

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## Geological history of Strathbogie Forest

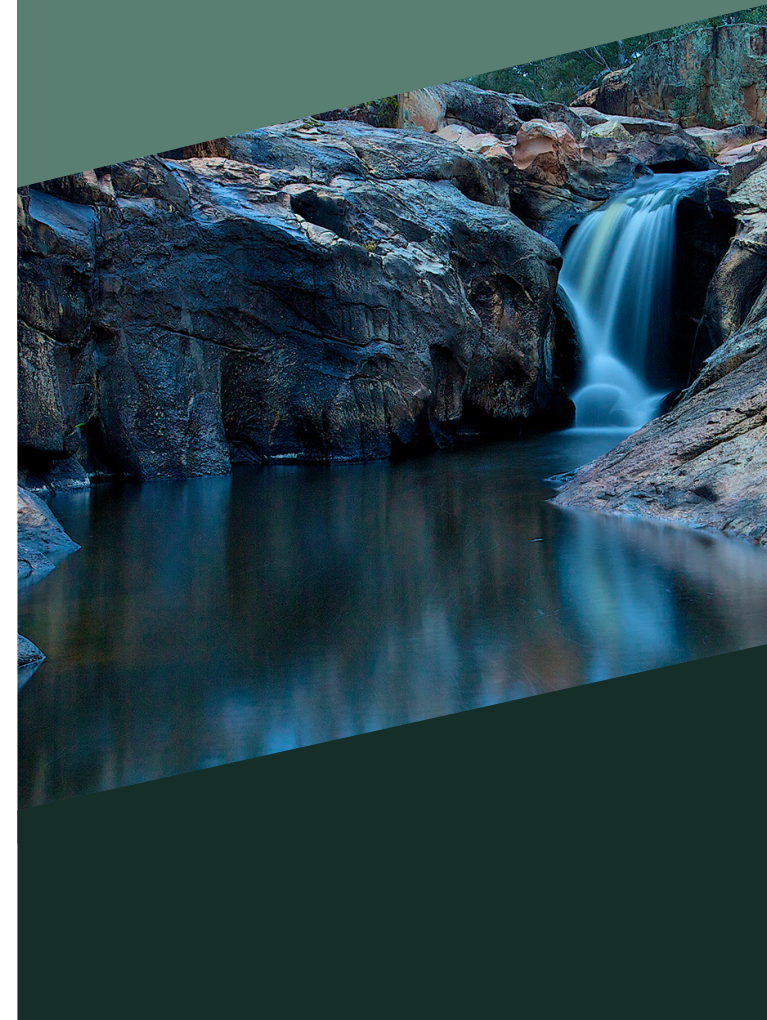
The boulder formations and rocky outcrops seen in the Strathbogie Ranges are the result of geological processes that began between 300 and 400 million years ago. After the sea withdrew during the Devonian period, there was a large scale crustal collapse which resulted in two volcanic cauldrons. Eruptions built up large layers of volcanics and the emplacement of granitic rock which has been eroded to the present day to form the Strathbogie Ranges.

Gold was first found in the area in 1851. This was shortly after gold had been discovered in Victoria for the first time. During the gold rush in 1860, alluvial mining occurred on the mountain but the rush lasted only for a short time with the area all but deserted by the end of 1861. Many of the miners headed for Jamieson. At its peak, production of alluvial gold was reportedly around 6,000 – 7,000 oz per annum. Gold production diminished towards the turn of the century and only small operations continued.

Quartz crystal has also been mined in the Strathbogies and two crystal mines are still operational within the forest. The crystal is used for piezo-electric applications including radio transmitters. The largest hand cut crystal in the world, the 1.7kg 'Crystal King', was mined in the Strathbogies. Unfortunately, visitors are not permitted into the crystal mines.

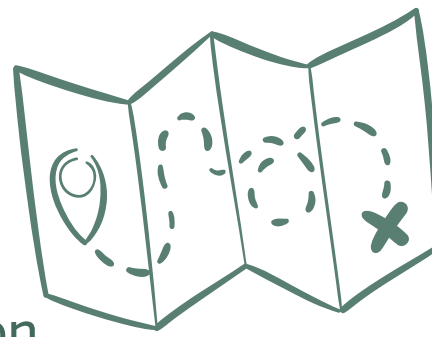
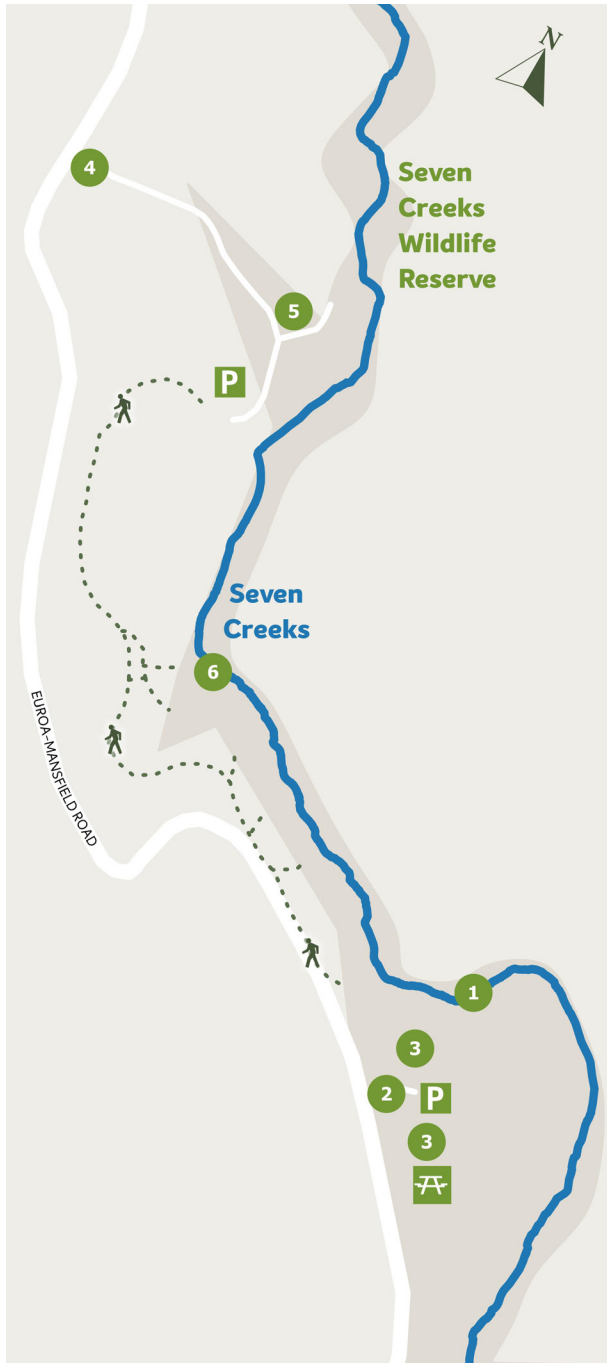
## Gooram Falls Trail

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For more information  
and interactive maps check out these websites:  
[www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tourism/tourism/tracksandtrails](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tourism/tourism/tracksandtrails)  
<https://www.victoriawalks.com.au/Strathbogie/>





## Location

**Seven Creeks Nature Conservation Reserve, Euroa-Mansfield Rd (C366), 20 km south of Euroa. The falls are 3km past Galls Gap Rd. You can either take the first entrance (which goes to the lower car park) or take the unnamed dirt road on the left just after making the two right angle bends, which leads to the upper car park.**

## Track notes

1. A granite bed of pools and cascades begins here above the falls
2. Upper car park entry - 1981 Euroa-Mansfield Road, Gooram
3. BBQ Fireplaces - There are two bbq firepits to the left of the upper car park entry and two to the right next to the single picnic table.
4. Lower car park entry
5. Public Toilets (drop toilets)
6. Gooram Falls

The Gooram Falls is a beautiful place to visit for a swim and picnic during summer or rugged up in winter to enjoy the views of the rockpools and water cascading over the rocks.

There are two car parks from which you can walk to the falls. The walking distance from each car park to the falls is the same, at around 400 metres, however if it has been raining, the track from the lower car park can get quite boggy. The walk from the upper car park runs along side a fast flowing section of the river and is quite picturesque. The only advantage of the lower car park is that it has a pit toilet, so if you have to go, you need to walk down there anyway.

Trails have little modification, can be rough, steep and require extensive rock hopping. Walkers need to be self-reliant.

The creek here is officially named Seven Creeks, not Seven Creek, because of the seven creeks that form the headwaters of this creek.

No dogs, no fishing, no camping, only light fires in fireplaces provided, vehicles must remain on formed roads, but you can enjoy a refreshing swim or dangle your toes in the water in the rock pools between the upper and lower falls during low flow conditions.

These waterfalls are a well-known local feature where swimmers and picnickers have idled away many sunny afternoons (and moonlit Saturday nights).

