

The Wombat Forest Drive starts at Daylesford and takes in the scenic sites of the Wombat State Forest managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The Drive is approximately 65 km and will take a full day to complete if you wish to include a walk and explore the towns along the way.

Getting started

From Daylesford take the Trentham Road and travel approximately 15 km and take the Lyonville Springs turn-off on your left.

Forest Drive Circuit

Wombat Forest Drive

Grade: Easy 65km full day

Stop 1: Lyonville Mineral Springs

Lyonville Springs offers the chance to sample some of the best mineral water the district has to offer. The site is located in a peaceful bush setting and has picnic tables, barbeques and toilets.

Return to the Trentham Road and continue east and take the right turn to Trentham. Stop and explore the town or turn right at the Greendale Trentham Road and continue on to Blackwood.

In Blackwood take the right turn at Simmons Reef Road and follow the signs to the Garden of St Erth.

Stop 2: Garden of St Erth – Lerderderg Heritage River Walk

From the carpark at the garden of St Erth the scenic Lerderderg Heritage River Walk follows old water races and the Lerderderg River on a 9 km return walk. It will take approximately 3 hours to complete the walk which is graded moderate.

Once back in the car, exit the Garden of St Erth carpark and take the next turn left onto Lerderderg Rd (if you wish to return to Melbourne go back to Blackwood and turn right, follow the signs back to the freeway).

The forest route is marked with special Wombat Forest Drive directional signs. The forest roads are gravel roads but are generally suitable for 2 wheel drives driven with care. Please stay to your left as you meander along the winding road to Nolans Creek Picnic Area.



Stop 3: Nolans Creek Picnic Area

Nolans Creek is a picturesque picnic area home to a variety of birdlife. A short interpretative trail takes in the sites past sawmilling history. Barbeques and picnic tables are provided.

Continue along Lerderderg Road to Camp Road. Watch out for logging traffic from Nolans Creek onwards. Turn right at Camp Road and continue 0.5 km to the next stop, which is on your right.

Stop 4: Timber Harvesting

As well as providing clean water for towns, habitat for birds and animals and recreational opportunities, the Wombat State Forest also provides timber for the community's use. This site explains how the forest is harvested. You will have noticed signs of current and past harvesting of the forest along your drive.

Return back to Daylesford or Melbourne

Camp Road takes you back onto the sealed road at Bullarto South. Follow the signs to Daylesford which take you back onto the Trentham Road. Turn left for Daylesford or right for Melbourne via Woodend.

For more information

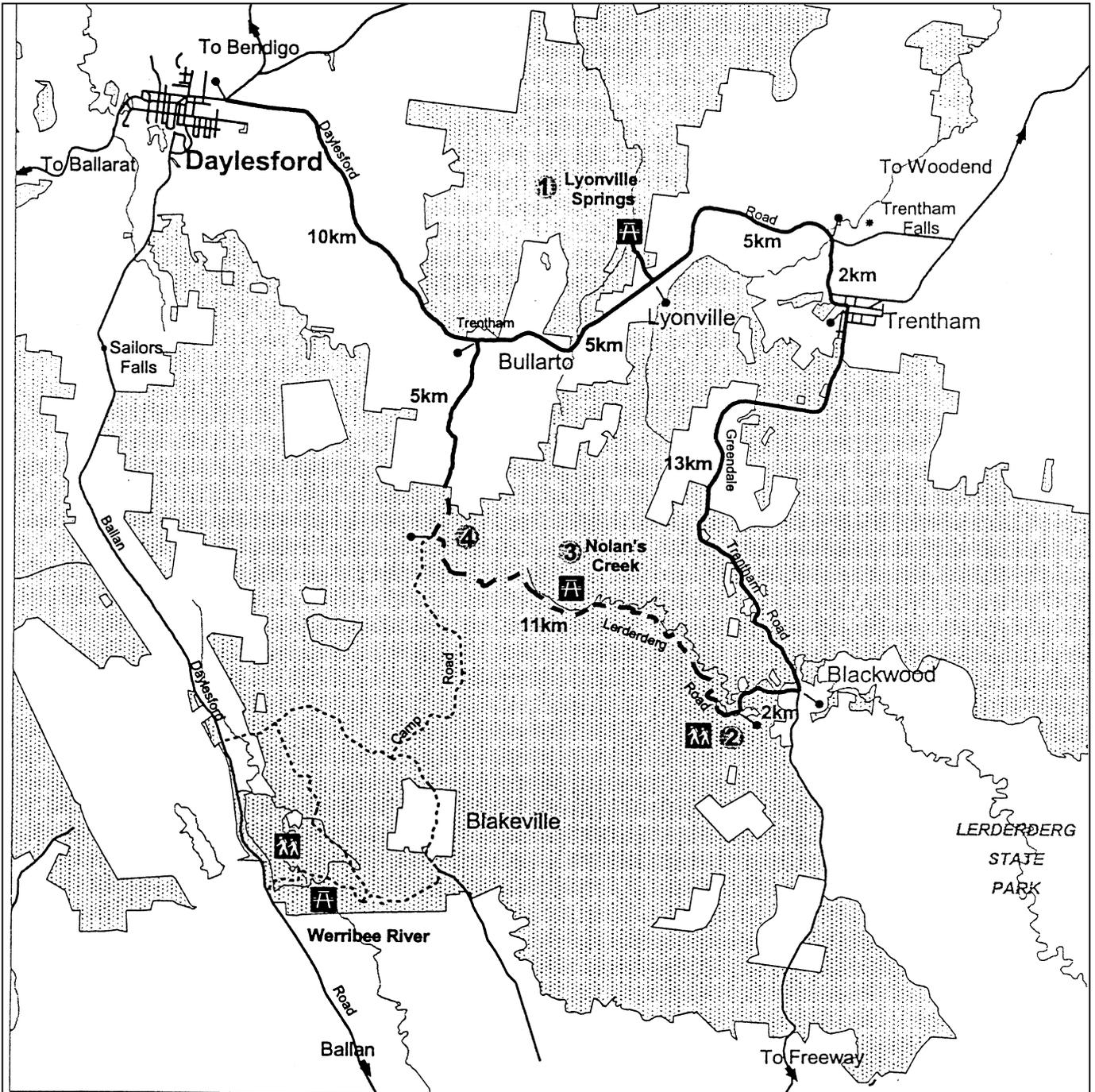
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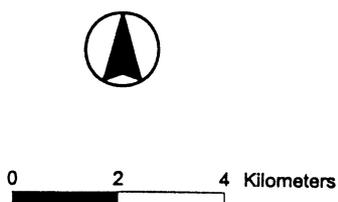
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