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How many ways are there for kids to have fun in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges? The answer is endless!

Family fun begins in the forests and bushland. Take it outdoors for adventures in nature or visit a theme park. Walk or cycle the trails network - you may even get up close and personal with our local wildlife. Ride trains, pick fruit and enjoy fabulous food (and perhaps a wine for the grownups) and then come back for more.



### Australian Rainbow Trout Farm

26 Mulhalls Road, Macclesfield  
03 5968 4711 | fishfarm.com.au

Open: Daily 10am – 5pm (except Christmas Day)

The perfect spot for a family outing. Catch your own fish - rainbow trout, golden trout, salmon - then cook your catch and enjoy a picnic in our beautiful park. We have a playground for the kids, mini golf, a dinosaur and numerous animals and birds to observe. We are wheelchair friendly.

### Beechworth Bakery

316 Maroondah Highway, Healesville  
1300 233 734 Ext 6 | beechworthbakery.com.au

Open: Daily 6am – 6pm (except Christmas Day)

Nothing says welcome quite like the smell of freshly baked goods mingling with the aroma of great coffee, and warm smiles to greet you.

### Diamond Valley Railway

570 Main Road, Eltham  
03 9439 1493 | dvr.com.au

Open: Sunday 11am – 5pm

Take the kids on a train ride - a miniature train ride. For just \$3, kids can enjoy a 10-15 minute train ride through natural bushland and tunnels in an activity that is just the right size for them.

### Edendale Community Environment Farm

30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
03 9433 3711 | edendale.vic.gov.au

Open: Daily 9.30am – 4.30pm

See and learn about farm animals and sustainability. From compost worms to guinea pigs, a turtle, the lizards, goats and sheep. Feed the chooks, explore the grounds, café, and plant nursery set amongst the backdrop of the historic Edendale Homestead.

### Gumbuya World

2705 Princes Hwy, Tynong North  
03 5624 9888 | gumbuya.com.au

Open: Weekends, public holidays and school holidays

Experience the new state of the art Wildlife Trail including over 50 species of Australian wildlife, photo opportunities, interactive bird experience and bird feeding, kangaroo feeding, dingos, wombats, pythons, macaws and much more; Wagon rides in authentic Australian bush environment; 12 exciting water experiences in Oasis Springs, Victoria's newest and most thrilling Water Park; 11 fantastic rides in the Outback Explorer and Oz Adventure Parks.

### Healesville Sanctuary

Badger Creek Rd, Badger Creek  
1300 966 784 | zoo.org.au

Open: Daily 9am – 5pm

Explore a bushland haven for Australian wildlife. Families can wander tranquil tracks and meet iconic Australian animals including koalas, kangaroos, platypus, dingoes, wombats and emus. Make sure you head along to the Australian Wildlife Health Centre, keeper talks and daily presentations, including a bird show and platypus show!

### Kinglake Forest Adventures

1419 Whittlesea-Yea Road, Kinglake West  
03 5771 1287 | kinglakeforestadventures.com.au

Open: Sat – Sun 10am – 5pm

Offering treetops, zipline, high ropes, mountain-biking, freefalls, kids birthday parties, wallabies & outdoor activities, KFA is perfect for your next weekend adventure. Only 60 minutes from Melbourne, come visit us for your next outdoor adventure and put some daring action into your weekend.

### Lake Mountain Alpine Resort

1071 Lake Mountain Rd, Marysville  
03 5957 7201 | lakemountainresort.com.au

Open: Daily all year round

The ideal first time snow experience for families. Over 30km of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, snow play areas and toboggan runs. Other activities include a dual flying fox, outdoor laser skirmish and tube run. Green Season experiences include bushwalking, cycling, mountain bike riding. A mountain of fun all year round!

### Oakridge Wines

864 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream  
03 9738 9900 | oakridgewines.com.au

Open: Daily 10am – 5pm

Fun for the whole family with an outdoor bocce court, games including giant chess, pick-up sticks, dominoes and massive building blocks. Children receive an activity pack and choice menu, while the adults enjoy spectacular views, superb seasonal menu and award winning wines in the cellar door.

### Puffing Billy Railway

1 Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave  
03 9757 0700 | puffingbilly.com.au

Open: Trains run daily (except Christmas Day)

Australia's favourite steam train. The leisurely pace allows families to fully experience the magnificent Dandenong Ranges, with discounted family fares available. Travel through the forests, fern gullies and rolling farmlands between Belgrave and Gembrook. For those travelling in a wheelchair, there are limited wheelchair spaces available. Patrons are asked to please contact us before the day of travel.

### Rayner's Orchard

60 Schoolhouse Rd, Woori Yallock  
03 5964 7654 | raynersorchard.com.au

Open: Daily 9am – 4pm (5pm during summer)

Over 450 varieties of fruit with fruit picking available every day of the year. The Peach Cafe, shop and nursery are open every day from 9am. Guided Tractor Fruit Taste Adventures leaving every 15 mins. Visit and pick at least 8 different varieties of fruit straight from the tree year round. U Pick available every day of the year. Fruit Bottling workshops run daily. Learn how to preserve fruit and take your preserves home to enjoy with family!

### SkyHigh Mount Dandenong

26 Observatory Road, Mount Dandenong  
03 9751 0443 | skyhighmtdandenong.com.au

Open: Gates: Mon – Thurs: 9am – 10pm. Fri: 9am – 10.30pm, Sat: 8am – 11pm, Sun: 8am – 10pm.

Restaurant: 9.15am – 10pm

Situated less than an hour from the CBD, our restaurant and bistro have the best view in Melbourne. Whether you're hungry for breakfast, looking for a relaxing lunch or planning a romantic dinner, we have you covered. Kids and adults love our hedge maze or for something less puzzling, our English garden is an ideal place for a stroll. More serious walkers can enjoy tackling the marked trails which traverse the native bushland surrounding SkyHigh.

### Trees Adventure

21A Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave  
03 9752 5354 | treesadventure.com.au

Open: Mon – Fri: 11am – 5pm, Sat 7 Sun: 9am – 5pm

(Closed Christmas & New Years day)

An awesome eco-adventure situated in a beautiful heritage garden 'Glen Harrow Park' in Belgrave, close to Puffing Billy. Suitable from 4yrs of age up! Zip-trek high above the ground and take on the thrilling treetop obstacles. There are 20+ ziplines and 100+ aerial challenges ranging from 2m low beginner courses up to 15m high adrenaline pumping ones! The activity is a one-in-a-million experience just a 5-minute walk from the Belgrave train station.

### Yarra Valley Chocolaterie

35 Old Healesville Rd, Yarra Glen  
03 9730 2777 | yvci.com.au

Open: Daily 9am – 5pm (except Christmas Day)

A sweet feast for the senses! Enjoy abundant free chocolate and ice cream tastings and watch our European Chocolatiers at work in an amazing showroom filled with over 250 different chocolate products. Relax in our café serving breakfast, lunch and decadent sweet treats and let the children play in our expansive lawns and orchard. Entry is free.

### Yarrowood Estate

1275 Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen 3775  
03 9730 2003 | yarrowood.com.au

Open: Mon – Fri: 10am – 5pm, Sat & Sun: 8am – 5pm

A venue where guests of all ages are welcome and catered for. Wine tasting, casual indoor & alfresco dining and lawn rugs provided for a relaxing family day out. Expansive grounds for play with pet farm animals and games for the young and young at heart. Free live music every weekend over summer.

### Zonzo Estate

957 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Yarra Glen  
03 9730 2500 | zonzo.com.au

Open: Wed-Thur: 12pm – 4pm, Fri 12pm – 9pm, Sat 11.30am – 4pm, Sun 11.30am – 8pm

Zonzo Estate is a restaurant, winery and award winning wedding venue located in the heart of the Yarra Valley. Zonzo Restaurant specialises in authentic Italian cuisine and is known for its sharing style menu. It is perfect for groups of all ages and sizes to celebrate a special occasion or the every day.

