



Explore The Woorinen District



To gain an understanding of the region's horticultural history, one must take the time to tour around the Woorinen region, located just 10 kilometres north west of Swan Hill. This landscape changes dramatically throughout 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 the harvest seasons, make sure you look out for all the farm gate outlets, where you can taste the produce in its purest form.

1 Water Tower

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

2 Mountain Bike Track

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

3 Syd's Private Collection

A private collection of classic motorbikes, scale model cars and district memorabilia. The collection is housed in a red gum hall originally built in 1880. Syd's private collection represents 30 years of dedicated care and attention to a life time of motorcycling. An astounding collection of classic automotive models continues to draw enthusiasts from many parts of Australia. Open to the public by arrangement: Call Syd on 0498 248 184 or 03 5037 672.

4 Woorinen South Township

Settlement started in the Woorinen region in the early 19th century, with thousands of young soldiers returning to the region as part of the soldier settlement program.

5 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.

6 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 for a cuppa.

7 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.

8 Woorinen District Primary School

Woorinen District Primary School boasts exceptional facilities, including a new school building, undercover area, meeting room, art room, a new multipurpose court and an abundance of grassed play areas.

9 Farm Gate Sales

Around this region, you can experience and indulge in fresh fruit in a setting where you can smell the aromas of the paddocks your fare originates from. Make sure you keep an eye out for 'orchard door' sales – just-picked at a fraction of the price of city supermarkets and simply irresistible!

10 Morpeth Farms

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

11 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 east in this photosphere you can see the remnants of an irrigation channel.

12 The Woorinen RSL Hall Memorial

The hall was built in 1929 by returned soldiers and opened on the 4th of December 1929. Around the 1930-40's Diggers Balls were held each year and were a big social event for residents. Its association with returned servicemen was particularly significant in the context of Woorinen's initial development as a soldier settlement in the immediate post-World War One period. The hall was demolished in November 2008 by Macca's Demolition Echuca. Today a RSL Memorial stands on the site.

13 Olson's Pheasant Farm

Olson Game Birds have been producing top quality free range Pheasant, Guinea Fowl and Partridge for restaurants and food outlets throughout Australia for almost 50 years. This unique combination of commercial enterprise and tourist operation is a year round attraction for many local and overseas visitors. Please call before visiting (03) 5030 2648

14 Tyntynder Homestead

The homestead is one of the first brick veneer homesteads in Australia with links to several famous explorers and bushrangers. The homestead has retained many of the original furnishings and Aboriginal artifacts. The property is currently closed to the public. The Board and the Friends of Tyntynder Homestead are working hard to reopen the property.

15 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, stonefruit and wine industry. For those looking for an 'ale' or something to eat, be sure to drop into the quaint little tavern, you will sure to be pleasantly surprised.

16 Buller Wines

Normally open for Cellar Door sales on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Call to verify, 03 5037 6305

17 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 Murray River. Opening times are on the sign just off the highway. (The Speewa Ferry is a free service.)

18 River Road

This winding road that stretches for kilometres along the Murray River and captures magnificent views of both the natural environment and agricultural landscape. There are a number of fishing spots marked on the map, access by a 4x4 is recommended or just park your vehicle beside the road and walk the very short distance to the river.