



# GEOCACHING MELBOURNE

» Four overnight  
hikes in Victoria

## Where do I go?

In Victoria there are some spectacular sceneries and amazing geocaches to discover.

This flyer should give you a little bit of an idea what is out there. We picked four iconic hikes with different difficulties but all of them are well worth the trip. Of course there are plenty more caches to discover however you have to start somewhere.



Federation Hut  
in winter

### Mount Feathertop

This is the second highest peak of Victoria and despite a gain of 1300m in elevation which you have to cover, this is a fairly easy walk. Unlike the staircase at Mt Bogong, Bungalow Spur has a very steady gradient and the track is in a good condition. This is perfect for you first go at an Alpine Overnight Adventure.

#### Itinerary:

- **Friday night:** Camp at Smoko Camp Ground just north of Harrietville
- **Saturday:** Drive to Harrietville and hike up to Federation Hut. If you have time, quickly set-up camp first and hike to the summit with a light pack.
- **Sunday:** If you prepared a car-shuffle you can continue on the Razorback towards Hotham, otherwise head back down into the valley

**After hike dinner:** King River Cafe in Oxley

**Caches:** [Plumage GCRTBY](#) and [Federation Hut GC19P78](#) but don't forget to play the [Wherigo cache GC5EXFC](#) starting in Harrietville – it ends up on the Razorback.

**Maps:** SV Maps - Bogong Alpine Area

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On the summit



Enjoy your hike!

Best Loo in VIC



### Vallejo Gantner Hut

Iconic. I think that sums it up pretty much because this is not only a magic place it also hosts the first nightcache in the High Country. There are several trail-heads however the easiest is to drive to Howitt car park via Licola which can be done in a 2WD. Although the hut can be reached within a day-walk, it's a good base-camp spot in summer for day-hikes.

#### Itinerary:

- **Friday night:** Walk to the hut and set-up camp. Do the nightcache if you feel like it.
- **Saturday:** Do a day-hike either towards Mt Magdala or Mt Speculation. Either way you will have some nice scenery.
- **Sunday:** Enjoy your brekky and head home.

**After hike dinner:** Sorry - I haven't tried anything worth mentioning.

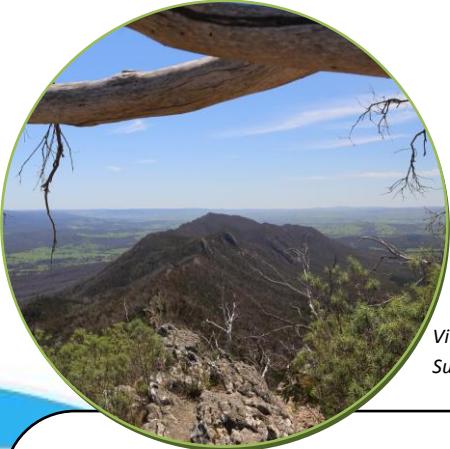
**Caches:** Beside going after the obvious caches, bring a UV torch for [The Terrible Hollow GC55AM3](#)

**Maps:** SV Maps - Buller-Howitt Alpine Area

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Happy  
Geocacher



View from  
Sugarloaf Peak



The Lighthouse

### Cathedral Ranges

Just outside of Melbourne you will find this little jewel of a hike. Although every point in the ranges can be reached with a half-day hike, it's perfect for your first overnight hike. The campsite is less than an hour from the car-park this way you can get to your car it in case you've forgotten anything.

#### Itinerary:

- **Friday night:** Camp at Cooks Mill (2WD access)
- **Saturday:** Get an early start and hike up to the saddle via Messmate Track. If you feel a bit adventurous follow the Well's Cave Track up to the ridge line otherwise go left via Canyon Track. Both Tracks join up at Sugarloaf Peak and from there it isn't far to the Farmyard.
- **Sunday:** Continue along the ridge line to the Cathedral and descent down Ned's Gully. From there take Little River Track west of the creek which leads you back to Cook's Mill.

**After hike dinner:** Innocent Bystander in Healesville

**Caches:** If you're going after [Magic Mushroom GC3QMDG](#), please read the description first. Don't try to go straight up to [A Close Shave GC70A5](#) from there unless you have good climbing skills

**Maps:** Parks Victoria Cathedral Range State Park (just print the PDF available online > that's all you need)



Well's Cave

I don't know anyone who hasn't fallen in love with this place. If you go there consider a night at the lighthouse. It isn't exactly cheap but worth every penny. Pick your timing and make sure you got good weather in order to enjoy one of the world's most stunning sun-sets. Yes. It is THAT good. Since Wilson's Prom is fairly large and a good drive away from Melbourne I recommend staying a little bit longer than a weekend.

#### Itinerary:

- **1<sup>st</sup> night:** Camp at Tidal River
- **Day two:** Hike to the lighthouse. It's that simple. If you're in a group, send a runner ahead who puts on the roast before the main-party arrives. In return the others have to carry the runner's stuff.
- **Day Three:** Continue the hike to Waterloo Bay and enjoy a night at the beach.
- **Day Four:** Either move out from here or continue to Sealer's Cove
- **Day Five:** Time to go home ☺

**After hike dinner:** Fish Creek Hotel

**Caches:** If you are looking for a challenge, [The Silent Sentinel GCKVXM](#) is your cache

**Maps:** Rooftop's Wilsons Promontory National Park Forest Activity Map

The Sunset



Waterloo Bay

