The gold legacy

The Indigo Gold Trail takes in some of the most picturesque countrysides in Australia and includes sites of easily accessible gold mining history.

Each of the sites is marked on the map in this brochure, and a full site narrative is provided in detail in the site reference (a specific feature plate for Beechworth & Rutherglen, Rutherglen, Yackandandah & beyond and Indigo Era sites). Each site is accessible by sea, land or air and is shown as a dot on the map, or a site marker is placed at or near the site.

The trail will take you through the gold rushes of the 1850s through the 1920s, stopping at sites that highlight the history and culture of the area. You can see evidence of the early mining techniques and learn about the lives of the miners who lived and worked in the area.

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Beechworth

The town of Beechworth, once the largest town in Victoria, was a bustling mining center during the gold rush. The Beechworth Goldfield was one of the most successful in the Victorian goldfields, producing over a million dollars in gold within a few years of the initial discovery.

Beechworth Goldfield

Chiltern

Chiltern was a major goldrush town, with the Chiltern Valley Gold Mining Company being one of the most successful in the area. The town was known for its rich alluvial gold deposits, and the Chiltern Valley Gold Mine was one of the most productive in the region.

Rutherglen

Rutherglen was the administrative center of the Goulburn Valley Mining District, and the site of the Goulburn Valley Bank, which was instrumental in funding the mining industry.

Yackandandah & beyond

Yackandandah was one of the early goldrush towns, with miners arriving in the area in the 1850s. The town was known for its rich alluvial gold deposits, and the Yackandandah Goldfield was one of the most successful in the region.

About the Indigo Gold Trail

The Indigo Gold Trail is a self-guided trail that takes you through some of the most picturesque countrysides in Australia. The trail takes you through the goldrush areas of Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherglen and Yackandandah, with stops at sites that highlight the history and culture of the area.

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