



## Fact Sheet

# Powder Magazine

## Blasting through granite to gold

Built in 1859 and restored by the National Trust in 1966, this amazing building should be included in your group's next visit to Beechworth.

Built of solid, buttressed granite, with a slate roof and surrounded by a high stone wall, the Powder Magazine was used as a storage room for large amounts of gunpowder used in mining and quarrying. By law, miners were required to leave bulk gunpowder in this building overnight.

Designed so that any explosion would be directed upwards rather than outwards, the safety features built into the Powder Magazine, such as wooden nails, lightning rod and solid outer wall can still be viewed today.

This rare building is an excellent example of its type and is considered the finest in the State.

Historic & Cultural Precinct guides offer fascinating insights into the history of the building, the procedures involved in receiving and dispatching gunpowder and the importance of the building in a booming gold town.



The building is located away from the Historic & Cultural Precinct and requires bus transport to access it. Please ask about transport options when making your booking.

**Enquiries & bookings: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre**  
**Phone 1300 366 32, Email: [visit\\_beechworth@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:visit_beechworth@indigoshire.vic.gov.au)**  
**Online bookings at [www.beechworthonline.com.au](http://www.beechworthonline.com.au)**  
**Group bookings by appointment.**  
**Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday**

### ***Other facilities:***

***Parking is available at the site with a 100-metre walk to the building.***

***There are no toilet facilities at the site. The Powder Magazine is not suitable for people with mobility problems. One free adult ticket per 10 students/adults.***

***The building can accommodate a maximum of 30 adults or 40 students.***

***Allow 45 minutes for your group (including travel time).***