



Fact Sheet

Guided walking tours

Discover Ned Kelly and Beechworth's golden history

Beechworth's Historic & Cultural Precinct offers two informative and entertaining hour-long guided walking tours every day of the week which are perfect for both adult and school groups and suitable for all ages and abilities.

Led by our expert local historians through the picturesque streets of this perfectly preserved Gold Era town, the tours are a lively and enjoyable way to learn about Beechworth's rich and colourful past.



Australia's most famous bushranger and his links with Beechworth are the focus of the **Ned Kelly guided walking tour which departs each morning at 10:30am** from the Visitor Information Centre at the historic Town Hall, opposite the Courthouse.

Tour groups will have the chance to visit many of the buildings associated with the Kelly legend and hear the stories behind the events which eventually brought the Kelly era to an end. They will learn about Ned Kelly's mother, Ellen, sentenced at Beechworth Courthouse to three years hard labour for 'aiding and abetting Edward Kelly in the murder of Constable Fitzpatrick'. Walking tours also visit Harry Powers' Cell where the 'Gentleman Bushranger' and mentor to a young Ned Kelly spent many months on remand and they will learn how the Kelly Gang made the armour they wore at the Last Stand at Glenrowan.

Each afternoon at **1pm**, the **Gold Rush guided walking tour** departs from the Visitor Information Centre. This fascinating tour tells the story of the Gold Rushes of the 1850s in Beechworth, once the richest alluvial goldfield in Victoria with some four million ounces - in today's money worth billions of dollars - extracted from the area during the height of the boom. Visitors will discover the story of the amazing Rocky Mountain Tunnel which runs beneath Beechworth as well as stories of everyday life for the miners who came with dreams of striking it rich.

Also suitable for school groups or adults, the tour visits many of the buildings associated with governance on the goldfields as well as the Gold Era commercial buildings still operating today.

These educational, informative and highly entertaining tours offer the perfect opportunity for school students and adult groups to experience first hand the fascinating stories behind one of Australia's best-preserved historical towns.

**For all enquires and group bookings, contact the Beechworth Visitor Information Centre
101 Ford St, Beechworth**

Bookings: Phone 1300 366 321; Email: visit_beechworth@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

Online bookings at www.beechworthonline.com.au

Open 9am to 5pm, seven days a week – closed Christmas Day.

Passenger drop-off available in Ford Street; long-term bus parking available in William St, next to Town Hall Gardens. Close access to public toilets.