



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 school's Beechworth itinerary.

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 experts 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 Precinct and requires bus transport to access it.

Enquiries & bookings: Beechworth Visitor Information Centre
Phone 1300 366 32, Email: visit_beechworth@indigoshire.vic.gov.au
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. Free access for coach crew, teachers and accompanying volunteers.

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

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

