

OPEN FARM DAY

Farming on the Fringe

Family
Event

Sunday
22 March
10am-4pm



Trail Map and Passport 2020

Ever wondered what it's like to be a farmer or eat home-grown produce? Open Farm Day is your chance to visit working farms, meet local farmers and enjoy local produce.

This **Trail Map** and **Passport** is your ticket to discovering the 16 farms and local producers opening their gates for Open Farm Day on Sunday 22 March. Plan your own trail and explore this beautiful region.

Nillumbik is home to a diverse range of farms including fruit and veggie farms, livestock and animal farms, orchards and vineyards.

Choose the farms you want to visit to make your own Open Farm Day experience:

- farm tours
- demonstrations
- farm animals
- product tastings
- and more...

Present your **Open Farm Day Passport** (on page 3) at each farm to collect a stamp. Collect three or more stamps and complete the visitor survey to enter the draw to win prizes generously donated by Eltham Leisure Centre, Funfields, Imbue Gin Distillery, Kings of Kangaroo Ground, Skaterz Eltham, and Yarrambat Park Golf Course. Full details on how to enter are on page 3.

Please note some experiences are at a cost.



Open Farm Day is an all-weather event:

- Wear appropriate clothing
- Wear covered shoes on all farms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Leave your pets at home

And remember to:

- Bring some cash to purchase farm gate produce. Some farms may have activities at a cost

- Take care. These are working farms, so be careful around water bodies and farm equipment and abide by any farm signage
- Some farms are located on single-lane country roads – please be cautious
- Parking may be limited on the property. Please avoid parking on roadside
- Please check individual farms and businesses for opening hours to avoid disappointment

Have a great day out exploring the Nillumbik region!

Put yourself in the picture!

Take a photo at Open Farm Day, upload it to social media and tag it with **#openfarmday2020** and **#visitnillumbik**.

 [**nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday**](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday)

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 [**facebook.com/openfarmday**](https://facebook.com/openfarmday)



Event partners:



Eltham & District
Community Bank Branch
Phone 9439 0188



Open Farm Day area map

The map displays the following locations and features:

- Locations (Numbered Circles):**
 - 1: Maroon circle, near Allendale Rd and Main Rd, Eltham.
 - 2: Green circle, near Kangaroo Ground Wattle Glen Rd, Kangaroo Ground.
 - 3: Yellow circle, near Kangaroo Ground St Andrews Rd, Kangaroo Ground.
 - 4: Dark brown circle, near Main Rd, Eltham.
 - 5: Red circle, near Doctors Gully Road, Arthurs Creek.
 - 6: Light green circle, near Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, Cottles Bridge.
 - 7: Orange circle, near Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, St Andrews.
 - 8: Purple circle, near Shaws Rd, St Andrews.
 - 9: Light green circle, near Cottles Bridge Strathewen Rd, Strathewen.
 - 10: Teal circle, near Clintons Rd, Panton Hill.
 - 11: Red circle, near Beale Ave, Strathewen.
 - 12: Blue circle, near Dawson Rd, Watsons Creek.
 - 13: Green circle, near Yan Yean Rd, Mernda.
 - 14: Teal circle, near Buttermans Trk, Dixons Creek.
 - 15: Grey circle, near Buttermans Trk, Dixons Creek.
 - 16: Green circle, near Yan Yean Rd, Yarrambat.
- Suburbs and Areas:** Humevale, Whittlesea, Strathewen, St Andrews, Panton Hill, Watsons Creek, Eltham, Kangaroo Ground, Wattle Glen, Hurstbridge, Diamond Creek, Yarrambat, Mernda, Arthurs Creek, Cottles Bridge, Dixons Creek.
- Roads:** Plenty Rd, Yan Yean Rd, Doctors Gully Road, Bannons Lane, Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, Kangaroo Ground Wattle Glen Rd, Kangaroo Ground St Andrews Rd, Church Rd, Cherry Tree Rd, Shaws Rd, Hildebrand Rd, Schools Rd, Buttermans Trk, Smiths Gully Rd, Clintons Rd, Henley Rd, Menzies Rd, Research-Warrandyte Rd, Repulse Rd, Allendale Rd, Main Rd, Cottles Bridge Strathewen Rd, Cottles Bridge Heidelberg Rd, Beale Ave.
- Geographical Features:** Yan Yean Reservoir, Sugarloaf Reservoir, Kinglake National Park.
- Other:** A compass rose in the top left indicates North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W). An arrow in the bottom left points towards Melbourne City.



**Two prize packs to be won! Prizes generously donated by
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Kangaroo Ground, Skaterz Eltham, and Yarrambat Park Golf Course.
Check out nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday for prizes.**

How to enter:

- Present your Open Farm Day Passport at participating farms and collect a stamp.
- Collect three or more stamps and complete the visitor survey on page 4 to enter the prize draw.

Multiple ways to enter:

- Remove this page and hand it in at the last farm you visit.
- Enter online at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday and attach a photo of your Open Farm Day Passport.

1	Edendale Community Environment Farm
2	Kings of Kangaroo Ground
3	Weeping Grevillea Nursery
4	Eltham Farmer's Market
5	Balashi Flowers
6	Hildebrand Ridge Organic Vineyard

7	Omaru Alpaca Farm
8	Shaws Road Winery
9	Apteds Orchards
10	Nillumbik Estate
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12	Easthill Estate

13	Turners Bakehouse Eatery
14	Buttermans Track Winery
15	Yarra Valley Custom Meats
16	Yarrambat Park Golf Course



OPEN FARM DAY VISITOR SURVEY

Q1. Postcode

Q2. On a scale of 0-10 how likely are you to recommend Open Farm Day to a friend or family? (Please tick)

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
VERY UNLIKELY									VERY LIKELY

Q3. How did you find out about Open Farm Day?

Facebook ☐ Weekend notes ☐ Open Farm Day flyer ☐ Website ☐ Roadside sign ☐
Movie Night ☐ Newspaper ☐ Other – please specify ☐

Q4. Did you participate in the camp out? Y ☐ N ☐

Q5. Why did you choose to attend Open Farm Day?

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Q6. Which was your favourite farm and why?

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Q7. What did you enjoy most about Open Farm Day?

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Q8. How could Open Farm Day have been improved?

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Q9. Would you attend the next Open Farm Day? Y ☐ N ☐

Q10. As a sponsor of this event, Bendigo Bank welcomes an opportunity to talk to you about the benefits of Community Banking.

Would you be happy for them to contact you? Y ☐ N ☐

Q11. Would you be happy to participate in an online follow up survey?

Please provide email address below Y ☐ N ☐

Provide your contact details to enter in to the prize draw:

Please tick prize the draw/s you want to enter Foodie prize draw ☐ Family prize draw ☐

Name

Contact number

Email



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190 Hildebrand Road, Cottles Bridge

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22nd March

21st June

18th Oct

11-3pm





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Edendale Community Environment Farm

30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Edendale is teaming up with Eltham Bookshop, Totally Reptiles, Eltham Mens Shed, Benedict the Practical Beekeeper and Local Food Connect to showcase our farm animals, our Indigenous Nursery, local native wildlife and welfare, amazing local authors and food production in your own backyard.



- Meet our animals.
- Behind the Scenes tours of Edendale Indigenous Nursery.
- Book launch, activities for children & books for sale.
- Native wildlife display.
- Fruit Fly control information.
- Wildlife Rescue - First response.
- Practical Beekeeping display.
- Sausage Sizzle and café available.

See our website edendale.vic.gov.au for a full timetable of activities.

edendale.vic.gov.au



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Kings of Kangaroo Ground

15 Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground

Back in 1990, Ken King planted pinot noir and chardonnay grape-vines on his Kangaroo Ground vineyard, which has grown into a well-equipped winery and the established brand, "Kings of Kangaroo Ground."

With a passion for the pursuit of excellence achieved through minimalist winemaking, Ken ensures that all his wines are handcrafted, vegan-compliant and pesticide free.

You are welcome to visit the vineyard and see the wonderful vines and winemaking process.

Farm activities:

Winery and vineyard talks starting every hour from 10am-3pm.

Farm gate sales:

Handcrafted wine.

Toilet:

Available.

Food: No food on-site, however nearby restaurants open.

kkg.com.au

Weeping Grevillea Nursery

10 Bartletts Lane, Kangaroo Ground

(use 355 Kangaroo Ground St Andrews Road, Panton Hill for GPS)

The Weeping Grevillea Nursery started as a hobby for Vikki and Wayne Tonissen more than 30 years ago. From there it grew into a small, yet productive agricultural enterprise. The nursery specialises in producing grafted standard weeping grevilleas with a range of regular grevilleas.

In addition to this, there is a small citrus orchard producing varieties of lemons, limes, grapefruits and oranges. Regular tours of the nursery and orchard will run

through the day with an opportunity to meet the grower and buy direct from the farm.

Farm activities:

Guided tours of the nursery and orchard starting every hour from 11am to 3pm.

Grafting demonstrations at 11.30am and 2.30pm.

Farm gate sales: Weeping grevilleas and in season produce.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Bring a picnic to share on the grounds.

weepers.com.au



Eltham Farmers' Market

10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham

One of the best genuine farmers' markets in Victoria.

The Eltham Farmers' Market exists to provide trading opportunities for genuine local farmers and added-value makers.

The local food being sold has all been grown or made by the stallholder selling it. Many stallholders come from Nillumbik or adjoining municipalities.

The market is a project of local community group - Local Food Connect - and is proud to be accredited by the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association.

Market activities: Live music.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Food stalls available.

Time: 9am-1pm (every Sunday).

elthamfm.org.au





Balashi Flowers

1130 Yan Yean Road, Doreen

Balashi Flowers is a family-owned and run business, with more than 15 years of extensive knowledge and experience in floristry, producing fresh cut flowers for both the wholesale market and direct to the public. Balashi Flowers sells a diverse range including indoor and outdoor plants, pots, orchids, gerberas, roses, lilies and more.

Farm activities: Make a posy workshop, every hour on the hour (small fee).

Farm gate sales: Freshly cut flowers and indoor plants.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Snacks available for purchase.

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Hildebrand Ridge Organic Vineyard

160 Hildebrand Road, Cottles Bridge

Hildebrand Ridge is an organic vineyard. We follow sustainable farming methods and embrace lower yields in an effort to tend and care for the land. We do not use insecticides or herbicides and allow the natural balance and other insects to deal with unwanted pests. Sheep help control weeds, and mildew control uses everyday kitchen products. Visit us and enjoy stunning views of the Melbourne foothills.

Farm activities:

Wine tastings, and meet and talk to winemakers. Music presentation at 2pm.

Farm gate sales: Chardonnay, cabernet and craft beers.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Local food will be offered. We anticipate that our wood-fired pizza oven will be available on the day. Desserts and espresso coffee also available.

hildebrandridge.com.au

Omaru Alpaca Farm

190 Hildebrand Road, Cottles Bridge

Sian and Rob Rickards began their alpaca venture in 2011 with a herd of five alpacas. Since, the herd has grown to over 60 alpacas. April is an exciting time as we welcome baby alpacas (cria) to the herd.

Open Farm Day offers opportunities to get up close and personal with these charming, unusual animals and learn more about the products that can be made from their fibre. There will be a couple of future stud boys available for a walk at certain times and informational talks throughout the day.

Entry fee: \$10 per adult, \$20 per family.

Farm activities:

Farm walks and talks and feeding the alpacas, farm shop and viewing veranda.

Farm gates sales: Alpaca products.

Toilet: Available.

Food: On-site coffee machine. Bring along a picnic from one of the local supporting food vendors.

Time: 11am-3pm.

omaru.com.au



Shaws Road Winery

225 Shaws Road, Arthurs Creek

Shaws Road Winery has 14 acres of vineyard with plantings of cool-climate varieties including chardonnay, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon.

In March, the harvest begins and we hope you will have a chance to take part in some grape stomping.

Our wines are all made on-site, and we are currently producing over 750 cases per year. We have a full restaurant on-site and catering for lunch at family-friendly prices.

Farm activities:

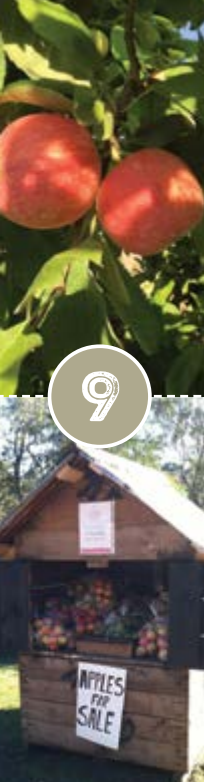
Wine tastings available (no charge), Open Farm Day cellar sales specials available. Our entire winery equipment will be on display with demonstrations and tours including: de-stemmer, wine presses, bottling equipment, labelling machinery and more. The cellar will include a photography gallery of the full yearly cycle in a winery, from spring to winter. All our tractors will be on display - old, new, big and small.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Full menu available.

shawsroad.com.au





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Apteds Orchards

864 Cottles Bridge-Strathewen Road, Arthurs Creek

The Apted family have been growing apples and pears at Arthurs Creek for more than 100 years, across five generations. Our fruit is stored, packed and marketed locally through a wholesale section and via farm-gate stalls at Arthurs Creek and Kinglake West. We also deliver to schools, kindergartens and offices. Come along and explore our orchard and cool store.

Learn more about the history of the Apted family and our experiences farming on Melbourne's urban fringe.

Farm activities:

Orchard and packing shed talks and short tours.

Farm gate sales: Apples and pears.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Apples and pears for sale.

Time: 10am-3pm.

aptedsorchards.com.au



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Nillumbik Estate

195 Clintons Road, Smiths Gully

The Tregambe family have been making wine for generations in Italy with our age-old wine making techniques at Nillumbik Estate.

The large deck at the cellar door offers breathtaking views of the Kinglake Ranges; ready to be soaked up with a glass of fine wine and delicious fare.

Farm activities: Our winemaker will run a "Vine to Wine" class, which will look at managing the process and includes a tasting of vintages not yet available to the

public. Limited places, bookings essential \$30 per person.

Farm gate sales: Award-winning handcrafted wines and local produce available.

Tastings: Wine from Nillumbik Estate, bread from A Local Baker, olive oil (infused) from Hildebrand Grove and Panton Hill olives.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Café open 11am-5pm. Dessert, tea and coffee. Bookings recommended via our website.

nillumbikestate.com.au



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Sugarloaf Produce

2/211 Chadds Creek Road, Strathewen

Sugarloaf Produce is a mixed farming enterprise located at the base of Mt. Sugarloaf and the Kinglake Ranges. Our farm specialises in Swiss Brown mushrooms and free-range egg production without the use of synthetic chemicals.

Come and learn how the farm manages pests and soil fertility organically using biological farming techniques. Two farm tours will run on the day, exploring composting, crop rotation and mixed stocking management methods.

For those more interested in visiting our farm animals, join the family as we feed our cows, sheep and chickens at two feeding events on the day!

Entry fee: Gold coin donation

Farm activities:

Farm tours 10.30am and 1.30pm.
Animal feeding 11.30am and 2.30pm.

Farm gate sales: Seasonal fruit, veggies and eggs.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Wood-fired pizzas for purchase from Hot Coals catering.

 SugarloafProduce



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Easthill Estate

100 Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road, Kangaroo Ground

Easthill Estate is a family operated boutique cellar door and winery offering wine tastings, wine sales and tranquil farm atmosphere to enjoy some amazing food options provided by Hot Coals Catering.

Take in the fresh farm air and enjoy your wine and food inside our cellar door, on our outdoor tables and chairs, or lawn area where you can bring your own picnic rug.

Farm activities A display of farm machinery past and present for viewing.

Farm gate sales: Cellar door and local produce available for purchase.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Hot Coals catering.

easthillestate.com.au



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KINGS

OF KANGAROO GROUND

Celebrating our recent 5 Star awards
from **Winestate Magazine** (Mar/Apr 2019 edition)
2015 Avondale Shiraz • 2016 Avondale Shiraz
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hancrafted wine - vine to bottle in our winery - vegan friendly

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Cellar Door Open every Saturday 10am-3pm



Winery & Cellar Door: 15 Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground

P: 03 9712 0666 E: ken@kkg.com.au W: kkg.com.au



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Turners Bakehouse Eatery

107 Schotters Road, Mernda

The historic Turners Bakehouse Eatery is a vintage boutique bakery and eatery, featuring a traditional wood-fired scotch oven, Victorian cottage and quaint garden.

The bakery was built in the late 1980s by the Turner brothers, and has been lovingly restored in honour of its inspiring founders.

Everything at Turners is homemade and handmade including our artisan breads, pies and pastries. Our famous vanilla slice is to die for and signature sourdough is made with a mother culture that is more than 100 years old!

turnersbakehouseeatery.com.au

Bakery activities: Tours of the vintage bakery are available upon request along with bread tastings.

Bakery sales: Coffee, freshly baked pastries, sourdough breads, handmade pies, pasties, sausage rolls, handmade sweets and cakes. Gluten free vegan options available.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Breakfast, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea and high tea (bookings required for High Tea).

Time: 8am-3pm.



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Buttermans Track

75 Yow Yow Creek Road, St Andrews

Established in 1991, we produce premium-quality wines with minimal chemical and technological intervention since 2008, with the aim of being certified organic.

Buttermans Track Wines is owned and operated by Gary, Louise and Joel Trist.

The vineyard and gravity flow winery is located in the heart of St Andrews, on the edge of the Yarra Valley.

The range of Buttermans Track Wines includes riesling, sangiovese rosé, pinot noir and syrah.

Farm gate sales and activities: \$5 tasting – redeemable on bottle purchase.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Available to purchase.



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buttermanstrack.com.au



Yarra Valley Custom Meats

181 Bottings Lane, Dixons Creek

Yarra Valley Custom Meats are a family-run farm retail butcher shop that specialises in free-range pork, lamb and beef. The shop is open seven days a week and offers the paddock-to-plate experience for people interested in where their meat comes from.

Farm activities:

Butchery demonstrations, breaking down lamb at 10.30am.

Sausage making demonstrations 12pm and 2.30pm.

A talk on what cuts are best for roasting, slow cooking, barbecue meats, plus question and answer time at 11.30am and 3.30pm. Animal nursery.

Farm gate sales: Gourmet beef, lamb, pork and sausages plus free range eggs woodcraft and condiments – shop open until 5.30pm.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Sausage sizzle from 11.30am until 2pm.

yarravalleycustommeats.com.au

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Yarrambat Golf Course

649 Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat

Our golf facilities include the first Goanna Golf, a state-of-the-art 18 hole mini golf course to be enjoyed by the whole family, a 12-bay driving range with four undercover bays, pro-shop, function centre, Grass Lands café and bar, as well as access to PGA-qualified golf professional services.

If you're looking for a little extra practice, we have a free practice area with a putting and chipping green.

Whether you're after a casual round of golf, perfecting your technique in a one-on-one session, looking for a fabulous event space with golf course views, or a bar to relax and unwind with friends – we have something for everyone.

Time: 10am-3pm.

Toilet: Available.

Food: Café open.

yarrambatgolf.com.au

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Edendale Community Environment Farm

Open daily 9.30am-4.30pm

(except Christmas Day)

Find us on Facebook @edendalecentre

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