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Episode 7 - The Wonnangatta Murders

The Victorian High Country is a great place to visit, and easy to get to. Major towns surrounding the Alpine region are Warburton, Dargo, Omeo, Harrietville, Bright and Mansfield.

Best time to travel is in the summer months, when the weather is mild and the wildflowers are out. In winter much of the area lies under snow, and there are many seasonal road closures. Much of the area is within the Alpine National Parks and therefore there are restrictions on access to some tracks, you have to leave your pets at home etc.

There are major touring routes through the mountains, some suitable for conventional vehicles, others only suitable for four wheel drives. When travelling into remote Alpine regions always ensure you are fully prepared, your vehicle is well equipped, you have warm weatherproof clothing (it can snow any time of the year), plenty of food, survival gear, and that you have radio communication (UHF) and have told someone your intended route of travel and expected arrival time.

Wonnangatta Valley Trek

To visit the scenery seen in The Campfire Chronicles episode 7 The Wonnangatta Murders, you need to travel to the town of Mansfield, two and a half hours north east of Melbourne. The town of Jamieson is 32 kilometers south of Mansfield, and the historic Kevington Pub on the banks of the Goulburn is 15 minutes further on.

The Wonnangatta Valley is accessible in a high clearance four wheel drive from both Gippsland and North East Victoria, the following trek is from Mansfield. I suggest you take a minimum of three days.

Mansfield to Merrijig	18.00km	15 min
Merrijig to Sheeppark Flat	17.44km	25 min
Sheeppark to Eight Mile Gap	17.77km	30 min
Eight Mile to Refrigerator Gap	04.34km	8 min
Refrigerator Gap to Bluff Hut	06.80km	20 min
Bluff Hut to Picture Point	07.17km	30 min
Picture Point to King Billy Jcn	04.00km	15 min
King Billy to Zeka Spur Jcn	15.00km	60 min
Zeka - Wonnangatta homestead	26.78km	72 min



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Further Resources

Maps:

Hema High Country West Sheet 1:200,000

Geoscience Australia Ausmap SJ 55-6 Warburton 1:250,000

Geoscience Australia Ausmap 8123 Mansfield 1:100,000

Geoscience Australia Ausmap 8223 Howitt 1:100,000

<http://www.australia.com> The Australian Tourism Commission website

<http://www.visitvictoria.com> The Tourism Victoria website

<http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au> Parks Victoria

<http://www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/> Mansfield High Country Information

<http://www.exploroz.com> Resource on 4X4 treks in Australia

<http://www.westprint.com.au> Resource for maps and books online

http://www.fnpw.com.au/OurProjects/Plants_Wildlife/Mountain_Pygmy_Possum.htm

Information on the pygmy possum

<http://www.mcav.com.au/> Mountain Cattlemen's Association

These track notes are to be used as a rough guide and not to be used as the sole basis for any trip, but purely to assist in further planning. Any journeys into remote areas require substantial planning and preparation outside the scope of this document.