

# VICTORIA'S HIGH COUNTRY



# BREWERY TRAIL

Tour Australia's premier Craft BREWING region.

Taste authentic beers hand made by authentic brewers in Victoria's pristine north east region.



## WHAT THE BEER TRAIL IS ALL ABOUT

Victoria's High Country Brewery Trail is the first of its kind in Australia and offers you a distinctive, savvy and authentic brewery experience at our six (+2 opening soon) individual microbreweries. It is our passion and grand vision to be the foremost microbrewery region in Australia.

Victoria's High Country Brewery Trail extends from the river to the mountains, providing the opportunity to sample some truly fabulous hand crafted beers. See close up where the beers are brewed, and learn what goes into crafting a unique beer. Possibly even learn the secrets from talking to the brewers themselves. All our breweries are family owned and operated. Our facilities are family friendly, have food available and outdoor areas for that pint in the sun. Come and see us on the way through the area or alternatively contact the breweries about trail tours and accommodation.

Our breweries are small and hands on where often the Brewer will not only make the beer but also serve it. Each brewery evades its own personality and style just like each of their brews. All the beers are made with an emphasis on quality, using only the best and finest ingredients and the pristine waters of Victoria's High Country.

This region has long been renowned for its outstanding natural beauty, not to mention its vast array of gourmet local produce, and now Australia's premier Brewing region. Enjoy all our unique region has to offer, with a few beers along the way!



### BINTARA BREWERY

Bintara Brewery is owned by Lisa and Michael Murtagh who are both third generation locals and have been involved in the local wine industry for many years. The photo on the Bintara label and logo features Michael's grandfather in the centre and was taken during the first world war when the local farmers banded together to work the fields of those families who had men away.

The most northern brewery on the trail, Bintara Brewery is set in the Vintara Winery and Restaurant. With great views over the Murray Valley and excellent food, Vintara is the place to kick back and enjoy the beers of Bintara in a relaxed indoor or outdoor setting. The bar is set in the brewery so feel free to wander through the brewery or sit down and have a meal over a few beers.

Bintara is 10km East of Rutherglen on the Murray Valley Highway.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Brewery & Winery

Daily 9am - 5pm

Restaurant

Thurs - Mon 9am - 3pm



4 BEER VARIETIES



10 BREAKFAST/LUNCH dinner & functions by appointment



### BRIGHT BREWERY

Two families started with a dream to live the mountain lifestyle and to brew mountain crafted beer. As life-long friends, they took the plunge together and now share the challenges and the joys, such as being named "Best Winery or Brewery" in the Alpine Business and Tourism Awards, 2007.

Bright Brewery uses the fresh mountain water flowing past the brewery to MountainCraft award-winning beers. Bright Brewery is the perfect place to kick back in the heart of picturesque Bright - beside the playground, overlooking the river and surrounded by mountains.

Bring the family - children catered for and enjoy a beer or a local wine and a meal. Book for the weekly tour and tasting, and check brightbrewery.com.au for events such as the renowned Brewer for a Day.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Open daily

12 noon till evening

Tour-and-Tasting

Fridays 3pm (for by appointment)



5 BEER VARIETIES



10 LUNCH/DINNER seasonal



10 PLAY EQUIPMENT



### JAMIESON BREWERY

Jamieson Brewery is situated on the Goulburn River. Jamieson explodes with tourists over the holiday periods and as a hotel/motel, what better project than to build a brewery?

Our first beer was a Brown Ale then a Pale Ale. Always wanting to try something different our brewer, Jeff Whyte, also developed the popular Raspberry Ale now also "The Beast India Pale Ale".

The brewery offers daily free tours at around 12.30pm and the bistro is open for lunch 12 noon-2pm and dinner 6pm-8pm daily.

Accommodation is available at the brewery so you can make a weekend out of a visit to Jamieson and relax on the back verandah or by the pool in summer or by the fireplace in winter.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Open daily

10am till evening



5 BEER VARIETIES



10 LUNCH/DINNER



10 PLAY EQUIPMENT



When analysing a beer, you can't just swirl it down, burp and say "it's great" or "it's not my thing." And, even though tasting is an individual art, there are a few steps, which if followed, will take your beer tasting to a blissful level.

**LOOK:** Take pause and marvel at its greatness. Raise the beer in front of you, describe its colour, its head and its consistency.

**SMELL:** 90-95% of what you experience is through your sense of smell. Breathe through your nose with two quick sniffs, then with your mouth open, then through your mouth only. Let olfaction guide you and enjoy the beer's bouquet.

**TASTE:** Now sip the beer. Resist swallowing immediately.

Let it wander and explore your entire palate. Let your taste buds speak. Try to detect any sweetness, salty flavours, acids and general bitterness.

\*Also, try tasting the beer after it warms a bit (just a bit mind you).

Really cold beer tends to mask some of the flavors. As a beer warms, its true flavors will blossom and become more pronounced.



### BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS

This **Beechworth** brewery can trace its roots back to the Tyrol region in Austria. Brewer Ben Kraus first cut his teeth brewing in a small brewery in Innsbruck Austria. Ben and his Austrian partner Maria established Bridge Road Brewers in 2005 at the young age of 25 in the family shed. The brewery has since expanded production and relocated from Bridge Road to Tanswells Old Coach House in the heart of Beechworth.

In only his second year as brewer at Bridge Road, Ben hauled in ten medals for his brews at the Australian International Beer Awards, along with nominations for Best Victorian Beer, Best Australasian Small Brewery and Best International Small Brewery.

Maria also brings her European flair to the brewery kitchen, with a great range of traditional Italian pizzas, and the best pretzel this side of Munich. Visit the brewery for a sip or a session, within arms reach of the brewhouse and fermenting tanks.



#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon 11am - 4pm

Wed - Sat 11am- 6pm

Sun 11am - 10pm

8 BEER VARIETIES

10 LUNCH/SUN Dinner

10 PLAY EQUIPMENT



### BOYNTON'S BREWING Co.

Ever heard someone walk into a winery and ask where the beer is?

Over the past 20 years in the wine industry Kel Boynton had heard it more times than he could count. But frankly Kel had to agree. So in 2001, he decided that it was high time beer was introduced into Boynton's cellar door. Not just any beer mind you, Kel wants them to be special brews.

Though we currently have our beers brewed under contract, we are looking forward to the establishment of a brewhouse on the premises, complete with brewer, in the very near future.

Boynnton's winery, cafe and soon brewery, is the perfect melding of culinary experiences at the foot of Mt Buffalo with dramatic views of the valley and across the mountains. So for a diverse cellar door experience come and enjoy, with Kel and the crew, our beers, along with some fabulous food and wine, on the atmospheric terraced gardens and lawn.



#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Open daily

10am - 5pm

2 BEER VARIETIES

10 LUNCH

10 PLAY EQUIPMENT



### BUFFALO BREWERY

Buffalo Brewery began in 1902 and is recognised as the oldest operating brewery in Australia.

Buffalo brewery takes a hands on approach by grinding their own wheat and barley, utilising the pure waters from the on-site spring.

If you get hungry, you might not be able to resist locally raised "kingsize" steak. The Boorhaman Hotel is large enough to cater for 70 in the dining room and up to 200 in the beer garden.

Pure fresh and 100% natural, Buffalo Brewery produces beers with the tastes of the country.

