

# Activities in the forest

Designed to accommodate guests travelling for both business and leisure, Novotel Forest Resort Creswick offers a huge range of recreational activities.

The local area also abounds with things to do including nearby wineries, the mineral spa region of Daylesford and Hepburn Springs known for amazing food, wine and boutique shops, the historic town of Ballarat – Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat Wildlife Park and The Eureka Centre to name a few.

## Golf

The new 18-hole, par 72, championship golf course at Novotel Forest Resort Creswick was designed by Tony Cashmore. The 6.2km course incorporates natural vegetation in a bushland setting with 15 picturesque lagoons to add to the challenge of the game and beauty of the environment. Emphasis has been placed on environmental sustainability with the use of native/drought tolerant indigenous grasses and limited to minimal chemical use. The course is watered with recycled treated water.

**Green Fees**                                      18 Holes \$40.00\*pp                                      9 holes \$25.00\*pp

<b>Equipment Hire</b>		<b>9 holes</b>	<b>18 holes</b>
<b>Clubs</b>	Standard	\$19.00*	\$30*
	Junior	\$9.50*	\$15.00*
<b>Carts</b>	Motorised	\$22.00*	\$40.00*
	Pull Buggy	\$3.00*	\$5.00*

Cart, club and buggy hire available with lessons upon request.

\*Rates are subject to change

## Driving Range

Practice your drive on our restricted 150m driving range.

30 balls	\$5.50
50 balls	\$8.00
90 balls	\$12.00
Club hire	\$2.00 per club

## Putting Competition

A staff member from the Forest Resort Golf Team can organise a Putting Competition on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green for a minimum of 10 delegates for \$4 per head. This includes all equipment needed to successfully coordinate the event.

### Hole In One Competition

A staff member from the Forest Resort Golf Team can organise a Hole in One Competition for a minimum of 10 delegates from \$5 per head. This includes all equipment needed to successfully coordinate the event.



### Spa407

Invigorate your whole being at Spa407, a boutique health spa located on the Penthouse level of Novotel Forest Resort. The spa offers true Ayurvedic treatments in an intimate environment with beautiful views from the top of the hotel.

Treatments include:

- Body Rituals
- Hands & Feet
- Massages & Facials

For further information and pricing, please see the Spa407 brochure.



### Pool, Spa and Gym

The indoor/outdoor pool is heated all year round to ensure your enjoyment whatever the season. Alongside the pool you will find the gym. Fitted with state-of-the-art fitness equipment, you will enjoy working out during your stay at the Hotel. Complete the work out session with a relaxing soak in the Hotel Spa.

### Aboriginal Connection

A Land Use Agreement exists between the Forest Resort and it's traditional owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung People. As a result, Forest Resort features interpretive indigenous story boards, Aboriginal native gardens and Aboriginal artistic elements within the Hotel complex.

Whilst visiting the Hotel, discover the world class Aboriginal Art and Cultural Centre in Ballarat, aboriginal owned and operated. Entry is free and includes a gallery, museum, gardens and retail shop. Or drive along the Ballarat Koorie Heritage Trail in the Ballarat CBD with interpretation boards at each site.

## Antiques

Explore the rich gold mining history of the region through The Restorers Barn in Castlemaine, The Mining Exchange Gold Shop in Ballarat and Moongate Oriental Antiques and Gallery in Hepburn Springs.

The Restorers Barn (03) 5470 5669  
129-133 Mostyn St, Castlemaine VIC 3450

The Mining Exchange Gold Shop (03) 5333 4242 [www.thegoldshop.com.au](http://www.thegoldshop.com.au)  
8a Lydiard St North, Ballarat VIC 3350

Moongate Oriental Antiques & Gallery (03) 5348 4396  
106 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs VIC 3461

## Chocolate Mill

Within a 30 minutes drive from the Hotel you will find the Chocolate Mill, a delight for the serious chocoholic. Watch handmade chocolates created with all natural, premium quality ingredients right in front of you! Entry is free.

Chocolate Mill (03) 5476 4208  
5451 Midland Hwy, Mount Franklin VIC 3461

## Clay Pigeon Shooting

Corporate Shooting Stars offers a corporate clay shooting day involving all the thrill and entertainment of clay target shooting with the actual shotguns and ammunition used by our Olympic and Commonwealth Games Athletes. A variety of different targets are thrown throughout the session ensuring all skill levels are catered for. All participants are given *personalised* coaching tuition into the safe use of firearms and correct technique. Once everyone has mastered the basic fundamentals, the groups are divided up into 'teams' and a competition is conducted and scored. All competitors receive an individual score card and a trophy personally signed by Russell and Lauryn is presented to the winning team.

Corporate Shooting Stars 1300 746 684 [www.corporateshootingstars.com.au](http://www.corporateshootingstars.com.au)  
4b Watton Street, Werribee VIC 3030

## Fishing

If you like to fish without the fuss, Tuki Trout Farm near Daylesford just 20 minutes from the Hotel, is for you. All equipment provided: tackle, bait, six ponds and a lake teeming with rainbow trout. They even clean and serve your catch in the comfort of the restaurant.

Tuki Trout Farm (03) 5345 6233 [www.tuki.com.au](http://www.tuki.com.au)  
60 Stoney Rises Rd, Smeaton VIC 3364

## Galleries

Boasting a rich artistic and architectural history, the area surrounding the Hotel includes many museums and galleries. These include the Convent Gallery at Daylesford, the Smokeytown Café and Gallery in Creswick, The Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, the Creswick Museum and Gold Battery and Anderson's Mill.

## Galleries continued

Convent Gallery Cnr. Hill & Daly St, Daylesford VIC 3460	(03) 5348 3211	<a href="http://www.conventgallery.com.au">www.conventgallery.com.au</a>
Smokeytown Café & Gallery 77 Albert St, Creswick VIC 3363	(03) 5345 1557	
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery 40 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350	(03) 5320 5858	<a href="http://www.balgal.com">www.balgal.com</a>
Creswick Museum 70 Albert St, Creswick VIC 3363	(03) 5345 2845	<a href="http://www.creswickmuseum.org.au">www.creswickmuseum.org.au</a>
Anderson's Mill Newstead Road, Smeaton VIC 3364	(03) 8627 4699	<a href="http://www.andersonsmillfest.org.au">www.andersonsmillfest.org.au</a>

## Horseriding

With the Hotel surrounded by the Creswick State Forest, it would be a shame not to try horse riding. The Hepburn Lagoon Trail Rides offer rides either two (\$80pp), three-four (\$100pp) or five (\$150pp) hours long as well as lessons (\$40pp) and refreshments.

Hepburn Lagoon Trail Rides 60 Telegraph Road, Mount Prospect VIC 3364	0408 059 125	<a href="http://www.hepburnlagoonrides.com.au">www.hepburnlagoonrides.com.au</a>
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## Lavandula

Within 30minutes of the Hotel, you can enjoy a beautiful European garden, lavender field, vineyard, olive grove, a game of petanque or interact with farm animals. Eat al fresco in the ash grove, timber room or the stone loggia.

Lavandula Swiss & Italian Farm 350 Hepburn-Newstead Road, Shepherds Flat via Daylesford	(03) 5476 4393	<a href="http://www.lavandula.com.au">www.lavandula.com.au</a>
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## Mountain biking, Bushwalking and Jogging

Forest Resort has 8 bikes that can be hired to explore the trails in the Creswick State forest, see table below. Otherwise, enjoy them on foot, free of charge.

	Full Day (8hrs)	Half Day (4hrs)	Per Hour
<b>Adult</b>	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$8.00
<b>Child (12&amp;U)</b>	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$6.00
<b>Family (2A, 2C)</b>	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$24.00

Secret Forest Walks	0418 301 281	<a href="http://www.secretforestwalks.com">www.secretforestwalks.com</a>
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## Sovereign Hill

Immerse yourself in the excitement of Ballarat's gold rush days at Sovereign Hill. View the displays of alluvial gold, nuggets and coins at the Gold Museum or attend "Blood on the Southern Cross" – a nightly sound and light show depicting the Eureka Rebellion. Packages are available for an evening meal and show.

Sovereign Hill (03) 5337 1100 [www.sovereignhill.com.au](http://www.sovereignhill.com.au)  
Bradshaw Street, Ballarat VIC 3350

## Table Tennis

Why not arrange a table tennis competition? Using our equipment, supplied free of charge, your group can enjoy a singles, doubles or team competition, refreshments available on request.

## Teambuilding and Activity Organisers

**Mischief Motivation Attitude** understand the importance of creating not only a great experience for your participants, but providing real world value that they can implement in either their working or personal lives.

Mischief Motivation Attitude (03) 9853 3566 [www.mckeon.com.au](http://www.mckeon.com.au)  
Suite 414, 89 High Street, Kew, VIC 3101

## Tennis

Tennis courts are located on the property just 100m away from the hotel. Whether it be a family grand slam or a break from your busy conference schedule, our professional astro-turf courts are one more activity available at the resort. Located adjacent to the hotel overlooking the front 9 holes of our championship golf course, the outdoor courts are operational throughout the year. Tennis equipment is available for hire from the Pro Shop.

## Wildlife Experiences

Just 20 minutes from the Hotel you will find Ballarat Bird World, open 7 days from 10am-5pm. Enjoy a stroll through the massive free flight enclosure set in native bush land, with its waterfalls, rainforest and over 1km of walkways amongst the friendly bird life.

As well as this, The Ballarat Wildlife Park is also only approximately 15 minutes away and open 7 days from 9am-5.30pm. Nestled in a native bush land habitat comprising 15 hectares of open parkland and lake you will see kangaroos, wallabies, emus, wombats, Tasmanian devils, goannas, crocodiles, Australian birds and koalas.

Ballarat Bird World (03) 5341 3843 [www.ballaratbirdworld.com.au](http://www.ballaratbirdworld.com.au)  
408 Eddy Ave, Mt Helen VIC 3350

Ballarat Wildlife Park (03) 5333 5933 [www.wildlifepark.com.au](http://www.wildlifepark.com.au)  
Corner York & Fussell Sts, Ballarat East VIC 3350

## Wineries - Self Guided

The area surrounding the Hotel boasts many wineries open for you to visit. These include:

- Quoin Hill Vineyard and Café
- Captains Creek Organic Wines
- Mt Coghill Vineyard
- Eastern Peake
- Mount Beckworth

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## Wineries - Self Guided continued

Quoin Hill Vineyard & Café (03) 5343 5365  
Quoin Hill Rd, Waubra VIC 3352

Eastern Peake Winery (03) 5343 4245 [www.easternpeake.com.au](http://www.easternpeake.com.au)  
Clunes Rd, Coghills Creek VIC 3364

Captains Creek Organic Wines (03) 5345 7408 [www.captainscreek.com.au](http://www.captainscreek.com.au)  
160 Mays Rd, Blampied VIC 3364

Mount Beckworth Winery (03) 5343 4207 [www.mountbeckworthwines.com.au](http://www.mountbeckworthwines.com.au)  
Learmouth Road, Tourello VIC 3363

Mt Coghill Vineyard (03) 5343 4329 [home.iprimus.com.au/mtcoghillwinery](http://home.iprimus.com.au/mtcoghillwinery)  
Clunes Rd, Coghills Creek VIC 3364

## Winery Tours

Take a tour of local wineries in a luxury 4WD for small groups or a 12 seater touring vehicle for medium groups. For larger groups, air conditioned coaches are available. Full and Half Day Packages can be customized also.

For only \$80.00pp a conference group of 100 delegates can tour four local wineries with experienced knowledgeable guides, wine tasting at all wineries visited, an a la carte lunch with glass of wine, tea or coffee and a dessert cheese platter.

Grampians Pyrenees Tours (03) 5352 5075 [www.grampianspyreneestours.com.au](http://www.grampianspyreneestours.com.au)