

Our Guide to the Mornington Pensinsula

Thank you for choosing to visit Ten Minutes by Tractor.

The Mornington Peninsula is a wonderful area with many attractions; the following are some of these.

If you have any questions about anything listed please give us a call and we will endeavour to do what we can to help you.



How to get here



- On the Mornington Peninsula Freeway take the Red Hill / C787 exit
- Continue along the Nepean Highway for 4.6km
- Turn left at White Hill Road / C787
- Continue up White Hill for 5km
- At the T-junction turn right on to Arthurs Seat Road / C787
- Continue on Arthurs Seat Road for 1km
- At the school turn left on to Mornington Flinders Road / C787
- Continue on Mornington Flinders Road for 3.3km
- You will see us on the left

Local Transport

We suggest if you require local transport that you pre-arrange one of the several services offered in the hinterland area. Unfortunately taxi service is virtually non-existent – even if pre booked they cannot be relied upon to get you to your reservation on time and it is more than likely that you will wait over an hour for them to pick you up. Below is a list of recommended services that can be relied upon.

Your Shuttle | 1300 798 488

Designated Drivers | 0407 934 422

Ridge Rider | 0447 037 646

Amour of the Grape | 0414 704 801

Neptours (Large Groups) | 03 5981 1277

5 Favourite Cellar Doors | Open Daily

Eldridge Estate :: 120 Arthurs Seat Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 2644 *David Lloyd is known as the “Clone Ranger” because of his interest in Pinot Noir clones.*

Polperro Winery :: 150 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 2471
This intimate cellar door offers some very elegant wines.

Kooyong and Port Phillip Estate :: 263 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill South :: 03 5989 4444
The cellar door building is impressive to say the least.

Paringa Estate :: 44 Paringa Rd, Red Hill South :: 03 5989 2669
This established winery makes some of the best cool climate Shiraz.

Yabby Lake :: 86-112 Tuerong Rd, Tuerong :: 03 5974 3729
Great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from winemaker Tom Carson.

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Ocean Eight :: 271 Tucks Rd, Shoreham, :: 03 5989 6471 :: Thurs - Sun
The Aylward family were the founders of Kooyong Wines, starting here in 2004 after selling to Port Phillip.

Paradigm Hill :: 26 Merricks Rd, Merricks :: 03 5989 9000 :: Open Sat – Sun
Our friends George & Ruth Mihaly – Ruth runs the vineyards, George the winery.

Hurley Vineyard :: 101 Balnarring Rd, Balnarring :: 03 5931 3000 :: First full weekend of the month
Hurley Vineyard wraps north to east around the crest of a little volcanic hill in three climates: Lodestone, Hommage and Garamond.

Scorpo :: 23 Old Bittern Dromana Rd, Merricks North :: 03 5989 7697 :: By appointment only
From horticulturist and landscape architect Paul Scorpo.

Staindl Wines :: 63 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South :: 0419 553 299 :: By appointment only
Biodynamic and dry grown old vines.

5 Favourite Places to Eat | More Casual

Many Little :: 2-5/159 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South | 03 5989 2831:: Dinner Thur – Sun, Lunch Fri & Sat
Many Little offers a Modern Asian-Sri Lankan inspired cuisine.

Merricks Creek Vineyard :: 44 Merricks Rd, Merricks :: 03 5989 8868 :: Sat-Sun & Public Holidays 12-5pm
Menu focuses on seasonally changing share plates that complement their wines.

Lighthouse Café :: 681 Nepean Rd, McCrae :: 03 5982 1130 :: Wed-Mon dinner
Thai Restaurant, BYO.

Montalto :: 33 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South :: 03 5989 8412:: Daily lunch, Fri-Sat dinner

A long standing Peninsula favourite. Its popularity with the locals is its best endorsement.

Yabby Lake :: 86 - 112 Tuerong Road, Tuerong:: 03 5974 3729 :: Daily lunch
From a background of France Soir and Salix Restaurant.

5 Favourite Places to Eat | More Formal

Tedesca Osteria :: 1175 Mornington Flinders Rd, Red Hill :: Lunch and dinner Thursday to Saturday. Lunch only Sunday

Tedesca Osteria is a more rustic dining experience based on Mornington Peninsula produce with a kitchen built around a wood fired oven & grill.

Doot Doot Doot :: 166 Balnarring Rd, Merricks North | 03 5931 2500:: Dinner daily

Five course tasting menu drawing on seasonal offerings from the hotel's kitchen garden and select Mornington Peninsula producers.

Port Phillip Estate :: 263 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 4444 :: Wed-Sun lunch, Fri-Sat dinner

Panoramic views across the vines to Westernport Bay.

Polperro :: 150 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 2471 Wed – Sun lunch

Fresh, textural & seasonal flavours with an emphasis on where the food comes from and how it is grown.

Paringa Estate :: 44 Paringa Rd, Red Hill | 03 5989 2669:: Wed – Sun lunch, Fri-Sat dinner

An exciting & imaginative menu of colourful modern Australian cuisine.

5 Favourite Beaches | Surf

Point Leo (hazard rating 4/10)

Very popular surf beach with swells rolling in from Bass Strait; picnic and barbecue facilities.

Gunnamatta (hazard rating 8/10)

High energy, hazardous beach best suited for experienced surfers. One of the most rugged in Australia.

Sorrento Back (Ocean)Beach (hazard rating 6/10)

Part of the Mornington Peninsula National Park this popular surf beach has picnic and barbecue areas.

Portsea Back (Ocean)Beach (hazard rating 8/10)

A popular summer beach, however beware of the rips, rocks and reefs.

Rye Ocean Beach (hazard rating 8/10)

The rips at this surf beach can make it unsafe for swimming!

5 Favourite Beaches | Family

Flinders (hazard rating 5/10)

A protected sandy bay beach with picnic and barbecue facilities.

Safety Beach/Dromana (hazard rating 1/10)

Calm, sandy bay swimming beach.

Shoreham (hazard rating 3/10)

Very accessible, attractive, low energy beach. Rocky platforms and reefs popular for family exploration.

McCrae/Rosebud (hazard rating 1/10)

Two very accessible, attractive, low energy beaches.

Sorrento Front Beach (hazard rating 1/10)

The Park Beach is backed by Sorrento Park, which has picnic facilities and a boat launching ramp.

5 Favourite Activities

Peninsula Hot Springs :: 140 Springs Lane, Fingal :: 03 5950 8777 :: daily
Natural thermal mineral waters flow into the pools and private baths. Book in early as the Hot Springs are very popular.

Ashcombe Maze :: 15 Shoreham Road, Shoreham :: 03 5989 8387 :: daily
Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze as well as home to the world's first circular rose maze.

Arthurs Seat Eagle Gondola :: 795 Arthurs Seat Rd, Arthurs Seat or 1085 Arthurs Seat Rd, Dromana :: 03 5987 0600 :: open daily
The new Arthurs Seat Eagle gondola ride gives visitors the chance to take in the Mornington Peninsula from a bird's eye view.

Bushrangers Bay walk :: car park on Boneo Road just to the west of Meakins Road
A picnic lunch and a 1½-2 hour (5km) round trip take you down to an absolutely stunning beach.

Cape Schanck Lighthouse :: 420 Cape Schanck Rd, Cape Schanck :: 03 5988 6184 :: open daily for tours
Historic lighthouse, one of the few still operating as it did during the early 1800s.

5 Favourite Golf Courses

Moonah Links :: 55 Peter Thomson Drive, Fingal :: 03 5988 2088
Two world class courses - the Open Course and the Legends Course (No 13 of Golf Digest's 2010 Top 100).

Flinders :: Bass Street, Flinders :: 03 5985 0312

The oldest and most scenic of all the courses in the region, atop the cliff tops overlooking Bass Strait.

RACV Cape Schanck Resort :: Boneo Road, Cape Schanck :: 03 5950 8100

Spectacular - huge greens, large open bunkers, wide tree lined fairways and sweeping ocean views.

The Dunes :: Browns Rd, Rye :: 03 5985 1334

Ranked No.14 of Golf Digest's 2010 Top 100.

St Andrews Beach :: 209 Sandy Rd, St Andrews Beach :: 03 5988 6000

Just behind the thundering surf of Gunnamatta Beach.

5 Favourite Gourmet Providers

Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm :: 244 Shands Rd, Main Ridge :: 03 5989

4500 :: May – October, open Fri – Sun: 11-4pm, November – April, open 7 days a week: 9-5pm

Set amongst the rolling hills of Main Ridge, you have the opportunity to pick your own strawberries or simply enjoy a delicious dessert in their cafe.

Main Ridge Dairy :: 289 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge :: 03 5989 6622 :: Fri-Mon 10-4:30

A farmhouse cheese factory and goat dairy that offer cheese tastings, tours and cheese making workshops.

Mossy Willow :: 547 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge | 03 5989 6570

Mossy Willow believe in creating the world we want to live in: a world of passion, purpose, beautiful healthy food, warmth, welcoming and hospitality.

Jetty Road Brewery :: 12-14 Brassier Ave, Dromana 3936 :: 03 5987 2754 :: Wed-Sun

Catch up in their newly refreshed outdoor beer garden with a thirst quenching pale ale.

Red Hill Market :: Arthur's Seat Rd, Red Hill :: 1st Sat of month, Sep-May
The 'grand dame' of Victoria's craft markets, it began on the Red Hill Recreation Reserve in 1975.

5 Favourite Galleries

Hugh Gallery :: 45 Cook St, Flinders :: 03 5989 0981 :: “most weekends, everyday in summer”
Specializes in collographs, embossings and etchings plus paintings created during trips to Queensland.

Gordon Studio Glassblowers :: 290 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 7073 :: daily 10-5
Glass gallery and you can observe resident glass artists working with molten hot glass.

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery :: Dunns Rd, Mornington :: 03 5975 4395 :: Tue-Sun
The Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery is the major cultural facility of Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Cook Street Collective :: 41 Cook St, Flinders:: 03 5989 1022:: daily 10-4
A cooperative of artists and craftsmen – painting, sculpture, furniture, photography, jewellery.

Manyung Gallery :: 3301 Point Nepean Rd, Sorrento :: 03 5984 3880
The Mornington Peninsula's major classic and contemporary fine art gallery (also in Flinders).

5 Favourite Places to Stay | B&Bs

The Orchard B&B :: 45 Thomas Rd, Red Hill :: 0417 544 113
Three suites designed to provide privacy and luxury, glorious views, large bathroom with a spacious spa.

Stony Creek Cottages :: 1193 Mornington Flinders Rd, Red Hill :: 03 5989 2748

Two B&B self-contained cottages in the rural hinterland region. Open fire and spa bath.

George's Boutique B&B & Culinary Retreat :: 776 Arthurs Seat Rd, Arthurs Seat :: 03 5981 8700

Rated by Good Weekends Away as one of the best 100 retreats in Australia for short holiday.

Arthur's Superb Views :: 10 Nestle Court, Arthurs Seat :: 03 5981 8400

Luxury retreat ideal for couples, romantic hideaway with great views of Port Phillip Bay.

Tussie Mussie :: 206 Bittern-Dromana Road, Merricks North :: 0437 403 778

Tussie Mussie Vineyard + Retreat is a private home providing boutique rental accommodation on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

5 Favourite Places to Stay | Hotels

Peppers Moonah Links :: 55 Peter Thomson Drive, Fingal :: 03 5988 2000

A unique leisure resort combining two 18 hole golf courses, an endota spa and luxury accommodation.

RACV Cape Shanck Resort :: Trent Jones Drive (via Boneo Road), Cape Schanck :: 03 5950 8000

Contemporary resort on one of the most striking coastal golf courses in Australia.

Jackalope :: 166 Balnarring Rd Merricks North :: 03 5931 2500

Striking, state of the art 40 room designer hotel in Merricks North..

Flinders Hotel :: Cook Street, Flinders :: 03 5989 0201

Quarters offers quality and comfort; an ideal centre point for touring the peninsula.

Graceburn House :: 1175 Mornington Flinders Road, Red Hill :: 0403 040 177

Graceburn has been restored into a welcoming country retreat full of warmth, art and potential to share great times with your friends.

We hope you enjoy exploring our home here on the
Mornington Peninsula.