

Let's take a stroll

Discover a selection of must-visit local breweries, wineries and distilleries within Merri-bek. From mainstays to the best-kept secrets located down side streets, we've rounded up 14 breweries and distilleries spanning Brunswick, Brunswick East and Coburg. Find your new tipples of choice, chat with the brewers, grab a meal or snack or just kick back in Merri-bek, the home of craft beverages.

We're a little bit spoilt for choice in Merri-bek. All along Sydney Road and in the back streets, are the perfect spots for a casual catch-up, after-work drink, birthday celebration or Sunday session. Grab the family, friends or neighbours and plan your next local adventure. Dogs welcome – the more the merrier! The best way to get around day or night is on foot, by bike or to catch public transport.

A stroll to discover your local breweries, distilleries and urban wineries – it's just the thing to hit the spot. Great brews? Tick. Great vibes? Tick. See you on the trail!

Enjoy your beverages – but please do so responsibly

Keep your H2O levels up, grab a bite to eat and choose a shaded spot outdoors. Each of the venues listed serve alcohol-free options and many have a mid-strength brew available.

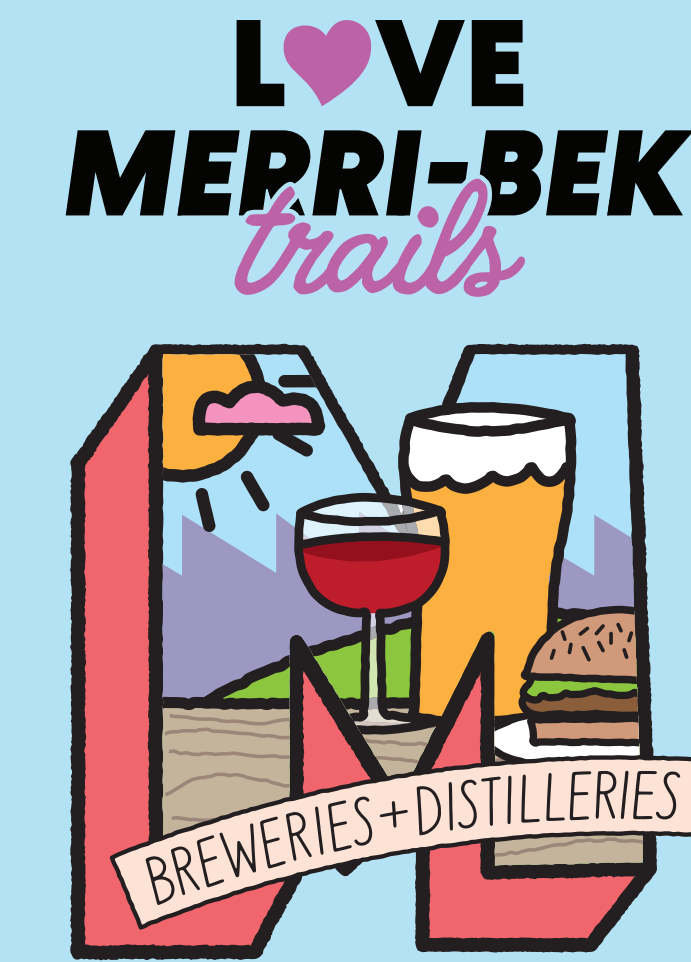
We also support sustainable travel. Leave the car at home and walk the short distance between venues, ride your bike or catch public transport for no parking hassles.

Local public transport options

TRAIN: Upfield Line
Jewell, Brunswick, Anstey, Moreland, Coburg and Batman stations.

TRAM ROUTES:
No. 19 to North Coburg
No. 1 to East Coburg
No. 6 to Moreland
No. 96 to East Brunswick

BUS ROUTES:
503 via Albion St
504 via Brunswick Rd
506 via Dawson St
508 via Victoria St
509 via Victoria St
510 via Moreland Rd
526 via Pentridge





Bridge Road Brewers

East Brunswick
East Brunswick Village, 137-141 Nicholson St, Brunswick East
7 DAYS 12 noon - late

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2005 in Beechworth, opened in Brunswick East 2023

Signature beverage or drink style: Village Pils / Beechworth Pale Ale

Head brewer: Mark Schipano

Fun fact: Our Beechworth Pale ale is the only indy craft beer to feature in the Great Australian Beer Spectacular Hottest 100 since starting the countdown! Something we're super proud of.



Brunswick Aces

124 Weston St, Brunswick East
Bar Fri-Sat 3pm - 11pm

Bottle Shop Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm Sat 12 noon - 11pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2017

Signature beverage or drink style: Non-alcoholic and alcoholic cocktails

Head distiller: Dr Cameron Hunt

Fun fact: Brunswick Aces is Australia's first non-alcoholic distillery and non-alcoholic bar.



Coburg Brewing Co

229-231 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Mon-Thurs 3pm - 10pm
Fri-Sat 12 noon - 11.30pm
Sun 12 noon - 10pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2013

Signature beverage or drink style: Coburg Lager & Pentridge Pale Ale

Head brewer: Aled Evans

Fun fact: The microbrewery is 100% solar-powered and punters can brew their own beer with the Head Brewer.



Co-Conspirators Brewing Co

377 Victoria St, Brunswick
Wed/Thurs 4pm - 9pm
Fri/Sat/Sun 12 noon - late

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2016 and opened in 2021

Signature beverage or drink style: The Matriarch NEIPA

Brewer: Director – Deon Smit and Olmo Maud

Fun fact: The space was once an engineering firm that manufactured tram tracks.



Foreigner Brewing Co


Factory 12, 102 Henkel St, Brunswick
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 3pm - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 8pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: Pilot brewing began 2013, opened in 2016

Signature beverage or drink style: Czech Pilsner

Brewers: Peter Denison, Mira Koman & Max Whewell

Fun fact: Both co-founders were born in Czechoslovakia, so the brewhouse and equipment were custom built to make Czech Pilsner.



Gales Brewery


28 Gale St, Brunswick East
Thurs 5pm - 10pm
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 12 noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 9pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2022

Signature beverage or drink style: Grumpy Dave's NEIPA

Head brewer: Dave Williamson

Fun fact: After 40 years of homebrewing, Dave opened his first venue, Gales in 2022 and as such is one of the newest additions to Merri-bek's growing brew scene.



Inner North Brewing Co

10A Russell St, Brunswick
Wed 4pm - 10pm
Thur-Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 12 noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 9pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2018

Signature beverage or drink style: When Life Gives You Lemongrass

Head brewer: Zachary Skerritt

Fun fact: The space, now a plant and light-filled brick warehouse, was originally built in the late 1960s as a "coldworks".



Keeper Brewing

122 Weston St Brunswick
Thurs & Fri 3pm - 11pm
Sat & Sun 12 noon - 11pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2024

Signature beverage or drink style: Pilsner

Head brewer: Harry Sexton

Fun fact: Pilsner is one of the most difficult and time intensive beers to make. Born in Bohemia in the 19th century, it's the favourite style of most brewers. The only beer we make is Keeper Pilsner.



Rocky Ridge Brewing

130 Barkly St, Brunswick
Thurs 2pm - 11pm
Fri-Sat 12 noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 8pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2024

Signature beverage or drink style: Jindong Juicy, our core range Hazy Pale Ale. Named after the location of our original WA brewery.

Head brewer: Richard Blazey

Fun fact: Our brewery is the former Thunder Road Brewing Company site. We are still making their classic Brunswick Bitter and have it on tap every week.



Subculture Brewing Company

841 Sydney Road, Brunswick
Thurs 4pm - 10pm
Fri-Sat 4pm - 11pm
Sun 3pm - 9pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2024

Signature beverage or drink style: Pale ale

Head brewer: Luke Forster

Fun fact: A Brunnie local popped in and said that in the 70s it was a pizza restaurant and the boys from ACDC popped in to grab some pizza when they were playing a gig at the Moreland hotel.



The Good Brew Company

54 Hope St, Brunswick
Mon-Sat 10am - 3pm

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2017

Signature beverage or drink style: All-vegan solar brewed kombucha, try the Bush Tucker Bubble Gum brewed with First Nation foraged Strawberry Gum!

Head brewer: Dean 'Deano' O'Callaghan

Fun fact: The Good Brew Co. runs a 1.2 million litre solar brewed kombucha facility in Daylesford and is THE BIGGEST living probiotic producer in the Southern Hemisphere.



Welcome To Brunswick

1 Frith St, Brunswick
Wed-Thurs 4pm - 10pm
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat-Sun 12 noon - late

Year est. & in Merri-Bek: Opened in Merri-bek 2018

Signature beverage or drink style: Constantly rotating with limited release beers such as IPA, sours, stouts and more.

Head brewer: Gab Porto alongside Benji Creek

Fun fact: We brew over one hundred thousand litres of beer a year!

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Cedar Fox Distilling Co.

377 Victoria St, Brunswick
Fri 5pm - 9pm
Sat 2pm - 9pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek:

Est. 2015, launched in 2017 in Merri-bek and opened the public cellar door in May 2023.

Signature beverage or drink style:

All cocktails have a Lebanese twist and use made-in-house syrups. Local favourites include Bach Lover and Fox in the City.

Head brewer:

Fun fact: Every detail of the space has been carefully curated, from the bespoke bar artwork by Seldon Hunt to the self-worthy bathrooms, decked out with Australian tropical-themed wallpaper from Olive and the Cowboy featuring the Cedar Fox logo.



Noisy Ritual

249 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Thurs- Sun 3pm - late



Year est. & in Merri-Bek:

2014 and opened in 2016

Signature beverage or drink style:

Core wines (approachable), B-sides (experimental) and Full Noisy (top tier).

Winemaker:

Fun fact:

Noisy Ritual was founded by two old school friends after the chance discovery of a fermenter under Cam's house in 2014.

Theres even more to support...

Be sure to check out offerings from Snowgum Distillery and The Gospel Whiskey. They do not have a cellar door but they do offer online sales via www.snowgumdistillery.com.au and www.thegospelwhisky.com.

Additionally, Melbourne Sake which is Australia's first craft sake brewery introduces a local spin on the traditional Japanese drink, further reflecting the creativity and diversity of Merri-bek's flourishing craft scene.

- Bike Paths
- Train Line
- Jewell Train Station
- Tram Line
- Pet Friendly
- Family Friendly
- Full Menu
- Food Trucks
- Snacks
- Vegan Options
- Live Music
- Indoor &/or Outdoor

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