

*Popular destination*

*Bermagui*

Bermagui is becoming an increasingly popular destination with domestic and international visitors. It is particularly well known as a fishing haven. Other attractions include:

- 🌀 A safe harbour
- 🌀 Pristine beaches
- 🌀 Cottage industries
- 🌀 Whale and dolphin watching
- 🌀 Diving
- 🌀 Ecotourism



getting *there*



Admission to the Montreal Goldfield is by guided tour only.

Tours leave site at 2pm daily, 1 1/4hrs.

Coach Tours welcome anytime.

For information & bookings contact the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre, (02) 6493 3054 or 1800 645 808.

[www.montrealgoldfield.org.au](http://www.montrealgoldfield.org.au)

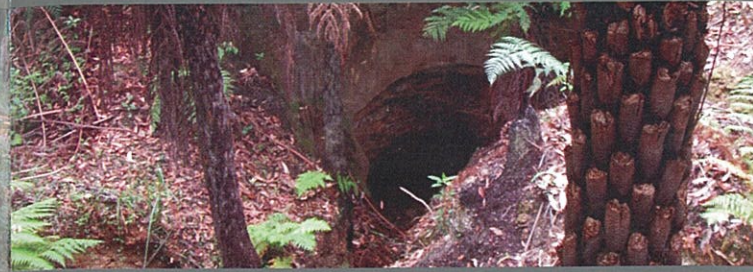
Gain an insight into early alluvial mining and enjoy the beauty of nature's revival.



# Montreal GOLDFIELD



7km north of Bermagui on the beautiful Sapphire Coast



# History

# environment and geology

# Mystery with a twist



Montreal Goldfield was the site of a gold rush in the truest sense of the word between 1880 and 1883. Learn about the fascinating history of the area from your tour guide and envisage the frenzied activity of life on the goldfield.

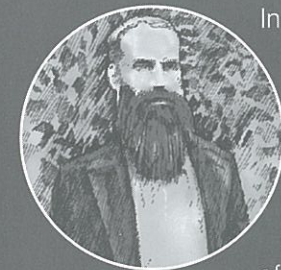
The first claim was registered on September 17, 1880 and by mid-October the same year Montreal was bigger than Bermagui. Diggings extended from Camel Rock in the north to Keating Headland in the south.



Montreal Goldfield stretches from the shores of Wallaga Lake to the Pacific Ocean. It is one of only two coastal goldfields in the Southern Hemisphere. The other is in Greymouth, New Zealand.

Many of the mineshafts remain in original condition and have become home to stately tree ferns.

Flora at the site was decimated during the gold rush but now includes tree ferns, orchids and many other members of a coastal plant community. Fauna includes sugar gliders, bats, opossums, goannas and a diverse bird life.



In October 1880 on a visit to the Montreal Goldfield, Government Surveyor Lamont Young and four companions vanished at sea in what has become one of this nation's most baffling mysteries. No trace of the missing men was ever found although their boat was discovered just north of Bermagui at a location now known as 'Mystery Bay'.

