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life of our region

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Blayney  
02 6368 3534

#### Orange

151 Byng Street, Orange  
1800 069 466

#### Cabonne Country

Age of Fishes Museum,  
Gaskill Street, Canowindra  
02 6344 1008

#### Additional Outlets

Millthorpe Golden  
Memories Museum  
11am–3pm Wed–Sun  
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# THE VILLAGE OF Millthorpe 1867



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## The Village of Millthorpe

Take a step back in time and enjoy the heritage village atmosphere and community feel of Millthorpe. An easy 20-minute drive from Orange, 30 minutes from Bathurst, and under 3.5 hours from Sydney and Canberra, Millthorpe is the perfect destination for your getaway.

Millthorpe has a rich history, well-known for its grand public and commercial buildings, and its heritage streetscapes that have remained mostly unchanged since the early 1900s. Today, Millthorpe village is a heritage conservation area with locals joking that 'heritage' is Millthorpe's middle name. Stepping onto the streets, it's not hard to imagine living in the community a century ago – horses tethered to verandah posts, carts and bullock trains heading to the train station, locals chatting on street corners.

Whether visiting for a day trip or a longer stay, you'll find plenty to do. So, sit back, relax and soak in the village atmosphere.

Visit [millthorpe.com.au](http://millthorpe.com.au) to read more.



## History

The traditional owners of the area are the Wiradjuri people, with the first Europeans in the area being stockmen sent to the government Stock Station at Shadforth in the early 1830s. With the discovery of payable gold in nearby Ophir in 1851, the region began to change. The earliest signs of village life appeared with the building of a slab and bark schoolhouse (mid-1860s), the first pub with its still-standing blue stone stables (late 1870s) and the 'new' bluestone school (1875), both of which are the oldest buildings in the village.

The ultimate jewel in Millthorpe's crown was the coming of the railway line in 1877, with the new station being built in 1886. The Mill operated in the village from the 1880s until the 1960s, becoming one of the largest in NSW, and making Millthorpe one of the largest rail centres, shipping flour, chaff and potatoes to Sydney and beyond. It was during this time of prosperity and industry that the village as we know it today took shape. Imposing and beautiful buildings were built to serve the commercial, agricultural and community needs of the district with many still standing today.



## What to do and see

- **Food:** awaiting your dining delights are cafes and restaurants with talented baristas, cooks and chefs creating delicious menu choices inspired by local produce, as well as pickles, preserves, jams and chocolates.
- **Wine:** the superb cellar doors and tasting venues in Millthorpe make it easy to find a place to settle in and sample a drop or two of the local specialties. A walking wine tour makes for a pleasant day in any season.
- **Museums and Galleries:** many talented artists call Millthorpe home, with a range of paintings, ceramics, sculptures and more on display in galleries throughout the village. History buffs can take in diverse and fascinating exhibitions at the local museum and learn more about the village and region.
- **Retail:** find happiness with the unique gifts, fashionable clothes, garden nurseries, locally made wares, antique shops and so much more at the fabulous boutique shops of Millthorpe.
- **Accommodation:** visitors are spoilt for choice when looking for places to stay in Millthorpe with a range of pub, lodge, motel, studio and B&B accommodation available. All offer charm and quality, delivered with the friendly service the village is known for.





## MILLTHORPE BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Discover the Village

### BEST TIMES TO VISIT

For visitors early in the week, food and wine outlets, services and some shops and attractions are open. Later in the week and at weekends, the village is open for business with boutique and vintage shops, art galleries, nurseries, the museum and more.

Opening hours can vary between businesses, some will open specially for pre-booked appointments. Visit [millthorpevillage.com.au](http://millthorpevillage.com.au) for a full directory, contact details and opening hours for businesses in and around the village.

### MILLTHORPE WALKS

#### RAILWAY WALK 2KM – 25MINS ———

Walk South on Park Street from the Post Office to enjoy views over most of the Village, across the railway bridge and down Glenorie Road to see the station from the railway side.

Past the dog exercise yard and back via the railway underpass to Victoria Street, Mill Green, the Grand Western Lodge and Pym Street shops, up the slope to the old Bank of NSW (now Rosebank).

#### VILLAGE / COUNTRY WALK 3KM – 40MINS - - -

Heading North on Park Street from the Post Office past the Public School, Museum & Fire Station you come to Redmond Oval, the Anglican and Catholic Churches and local Cemetery, with a rewarding view of Mt Canobolas from the top.

Richards Lane to the left takes you around to the North Western corner of the Village to Crowson Street, the Great Western Mill site by the railway line and up Victoria Street to the Grand Western Lodge and Pym Street shops. Just a few more metres and you're back at the Post Office start point

## Millthorpe Village Centre



### CATCH THE TRAIN

The Western XPT service departs every day from Sydney Central Station. The XPT arrives in Millthorpe in the morning and departs in the afternoon on its return journey from Dubbo, providing the perfect day trip or drive-free overnight adventure. Book your ticket in advance online with NSW Trainlink or by phone, on 132 232.



# Annual Events

## MILLFEST – FIRST SATURDAY FEBRUARY

Millfest, held at Redmond Oval, is the village's annual summertime gathering. Bring your picnic rug and camp chair and enjoy a lazy afternoon of live music on the oval. Local food, beer and wine offerings are available on the day and the kids will be kept busy with family friendly activities and the large playground.

## MILLTHORPE MARKETS – FIRST WEEKEND APRIL & DECEMBER

The Millthorpe Markets are iconic in the Central West and are acknowledged as one of the best markets in NSW. Run as a fundraising event by the Millthorpe Public School P&C, the Autumn and Christmas markets are a great opportunity to combine shopping with a beautiful drive in the country and visit to Millthorpe village.

Bring the family and spend a day wandering through over 250 stalls selling handmade goods, art, vintage wares, plants, jewellery, clothing and much more. There is a wide variety of food, drink and coffee options available as well as kids entertainment including jumping castles, rides and face painting.

## WINTER FIRE FESTIVAL – MILLTHORPE FIRE FAIR – FIRST WEEKEND AUGUST

The village comes alive each year for the opening night of the Orange Winter Fire Festival. Held along the main streets, the Millthorpe Fire Fair is a great event for all ages. Sample some delights from local food producers, wineries, breweries and Millthorpe's local businesses, all while soaking up the beautiful village atmosphere under lights. Make sure you bring your winter jackets or cosy up to one of the fire pits lining the street. Good vibes are guaranteed with live music, kids activities and fireworks to complete the night. Don't miss this highlight of the Millthorpe events calendar.

## MILLTHORPE GARDEN RAMBLE – FIRST WEEKEND NOVEMBER

A warm springtime welcome awaits you in the gardens of Millthorpe village and surrounding country gardens every November. Ten garden owners open their gates once a year to visitors from far and wide, sharing their knowledge and history of their gardens.

Around the gardens you may find refreshments, picnic spots, stalls selling garden items, art exhibitions, sculptures, entertainment, or even workshops and activities for the kids. Keep an eye on the Millthorpe Garden Ramble Facebook page for more information.

