

More than 10 Things to do in Neerim South & District

History: This area was part of Wurundjeri and also Briakulung Land prior to White settlement. The original impetus was gold in the area and then it became a service town and a centre of the dairy industry. One translation of Neerim is the aboriginal word for elevation and people have enjoyed the wonderful views, clean air, lush forests and green farmland.

Be stunned by arguably **the best view** which is on the road heading north towards Neerim a few Km out of town overlooking the Tarago Reservoir. Breathtaking and informative

Take a photo beside Neerim Sth's own Blue Poles. **The Neerim Bower** is on the south side of town and was part of a small towns transformation project in 2014. Designed by local artists Christine Cochrane, Keith Graham and Phil Henshall, the bower is a majestic artistic landmark.

See local art at The Serigraph Gallery

This is the old bank building at the roundabout. Open: 10:30am to 4:30pm Friday through Sunday and most public Holidays. www.serigraphgallery.com

Have a coffee at the Country Bean Café

which offers great coffee and the freshest local produce and sensational service (*have a look at the conical object just outside here and try to think what it might be before you read the information board.*

Go for a walk around the Wetlands

found by going down Railway Road: This is a developing project and it has quite a potential as a bird viewing area

Experience a country show.

Neerim District Show is on the Sunday near Australia day (25th Jan in 2015) and has a full delight of a great day out .

www.neerimdistrictcountryshow.com

Enjoy a unique natural delight

at Glen Nayook: This is just out of Neerim Junction and is a magnificent tree fern gully split rocks and moss covered granite boulders. Vegetation is a mountain ash forest and tree ferns with remnant myrtle beech trees growing in the valley floor and it also has a disappearing stream

www.visitbawbaw.com.au/walking-cycling/glen-nayook-rainforest-walk

Walk or ride along the Rokeby to Neerim walking/cycling path as it winds its way through bushland and agricultural areas and provides fantastic views of the beautiful scenery. Commencing behind Rokeby Common, this trail passes through the Crossover Regional Park and by the **Crossover Trestle Bridge** then follows the Main Neerim Road to the edge of Neerim.. Rokeby to Crossover: 4km , Crossover to Neerim South: 3km, Neerim South to Neerim: 5.59

Picnic at Tarago Reservoir Park

Discover the beautiful walking path at the bottom of the dam wall. The walk winds its way through a damp valley, which is home to eucalypts and tree ferns over two hundred years old. The picnic area has pleasant lawns with unique views of the reservoir and surrounding landscapes.

www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/tarago-reservoir-park

Hit the **Trail Bike** paths Located on Latrobe River Road east of Neerim South, the Latrobe Trail Bike Visitor Area is central to a large network of forest roads and tracks which are ideal for trail bike riding. The Visitor Area is easily accessible from Neerim South *google trailbike riding Neerim sth*

Horseride in the State Forest The favourite horse riding areas open to the public are the Neerim East State Forest, The Bunyip State Park, the Rokeby-Crossover Rail Trail and Tarago State Forest

.Go Fishing in the local waterways .These are the upper Bunyip, Tarago, Latrobe, Toorong, Loch and Tanjil Rivers. Trout in this region commonly grow between 400-600 grams.

Visit the animals at Gracefield Cottage & Venison farm. Hand feed the majestic Canadian Elks, and goats. The animals roam freely in natural surroundings. 135 Latrobe River Road, Neerim South. – www.gracefieldcottage.com.au

Buy a tree at Blerick Tree Farm: An award winning nursery with over 4000 advanced trees. Expert knowledge and advice. Ornamental trees, Fruit and Citrus, Hedges, Shrubs and Natives. 55 McDougal Road, Neerim South. www.blerick.com.au

Discover alpacas at Candalaraine Alpacas a National Award winning, working alpaca farm with an alpaca product shop displaying this treasured fibre. Candalaraine Alpacas Is on the north side of town 2035 Main Neerim Road, Neerim South www.candalaraine.com

Have a great **pub meal** at the **Kings Arms Hotel.**(seniors specials) A lovely back area overlooking the Tarago reservoir is a fine place to spend a summer or winters afternoon. www.kingsarms.com.au

Have a BBQ at the park in town just beside the skate park and near the toilets and shops

Find the Dragon by going down Bloomfields Rd towards Warragul..It is at Mira Mira accommodation and have a look at the buildings and the great hall if you can. www.miramira.com.au

See artists at work. Local artist **Judy Mackintosh** loves painting animals, portraits & landscapes. See her studio by appointment 0418 134 615. www.judymackintosh.com

Another artist is **Kerrie Warren** who creates action paintings by bypassing self-censoring thought to 'feel' her way through the creative process.. See her studio by appointment. www.kerriewarren.com.au 0411480 384.

Visit the Alley Market on the 4th Sunday of the month between the Neerim District Community Bank and Foodworks. Local Food, produce, art and crafts. 9:00am til 2:00pm

