

Chewton is a small town in central Victoria just up the road from Castlemaine. It is about 1 hour 20 minutes' drive from Melbourne.

Forest Creek in Chewton was the site of the world's richest alluvial goldfield after gold was discovered in 1851. Many of the buildings in Chewton and neighbouring Castlemaine date from the 1850s and there is plenty of evidence of the feverish search for wealth. There are trails and tracks for cycling and walking. You don't have to go far to find mining relics. There are great picnic spots, while the birds and wildlife are plentiful.

AMBER Cottage is surrounded by the Chewton Bushlands and the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from Melbourne

- take the **Tullamarine (M2)/Calder (M79)** Freeway north out of Melbourne towards Bendigo;
- continue on the Calder Freeway past Sunbury, Gisborne, Woodend, Kyneton, and Malmsbury;
- exit Calder Freeway at **Elphinstone** (follow signs west to Castlemaine via the Pyrenees Highway: B180);
- continue on the Pyrenees Highway until you reach **Chewton** (the road is a winding one);
- pass Golden Point Road on your right, and, later, the Red Hill Hotel then the Town Hall on your left, (possibly the smallest Town Hall in the world). It is 8.7KM FROM THE CALDER FWY EXIT TO THIS POINT.
- turn **left** down **Fryers Road** (signpost to Fryerstown); football oval will be ahead of you on the left; if you reach Adelaide Street, you've gone too far;
- continue 1km on Fryers Road, under the railway bridge and past Dinah Road and Albert Street on left;
- turn left into **Prior Street** opposite the sign for Wattle Gully Mine;
- Prior Street turns back at a sharp 30° angle and is a dirt road.
- **Amber Cottage** is on the right: enter through the stone gateposts and continue up to the circular drive.

We look forward to seeing you.

