

EIGHT OP SHOPS • ONE EASY LOOP • A GREAT DAY OUT

The Great Eight

A dream day in the Yarra Valley for thrifting queens.

THE LOOP

Lilydale → Yarra Glen → Healesville → Coldstream → Lilydale

10:00am

Start with a coffee at Mustard Tree



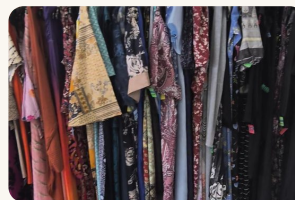
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Back in Lilydale by mid-afternoon



8 shops

Selected and curated



Options

Suggested side quests just for fun



WELCOME

A great day of treasure hunting.

Here's your simple guide to a full day of op shopping in the Yarra Valley.

I've put together the route I'd use for a really good day of treasure hunting through Lilydale, Yarra Glen, Healesville and Coldstream. I've worked out the order, checked the opening hours, and allowed time in each shop for a good browse.

All you need to do is pick a day and follow along.

WHAT'S IN HERE

- Eight carefully selected stops
- The best order to visit them in
- The best days to go
- Opening hours for every shop
- Realistic timings, including driving and parking
- A description of each shop

Some days you'll find one perfect thing. Some days you'll find lots. Some days you'll find nothing at all, and still have a lovely time poking around shops in a beautiful part of the world. All three count as a good day out.

PACK A SNACK

The itinerary doesn't leave a window for a proper sit-down lunch, so bring snacks and a water bottle to keep you going. There are food and bathroom options along the way — they're all listed in Snacks and side quests on page 11.

NOTE

Op shops are run by volunteers. They can get sick, take holidays and occasionally lock up early on a quiet afternoon. The hours in here were correct when I put this together. If there's a shop on the list you absolutely don't want to miss, call ahead to double check they're open.

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THE LOOP

Eight stops, mapped out.



Below is the order to visit in, start to finish. Stops 7 and 8 close latest, which is why the loop saves them for last.

1	Mustard Tree Op Shop & Café ★	LILYDALE	Mon-Fri 10-3 · Sat 10-1
2	Yarra Glen Combined Churches Op Shop	YARRA GLEN	Mon-Fri 10-4 · Sat 10-1
3	Lions Den Op Shop ★	HEALESVILLE	Mon-Sat 9-2
4	East End Op Shop ★	HEALESVILLE	Mon-Fri 10-4 · Sat 10-1
5	Treasure Chest — Coldstream Tip	COLDSTREAM	Mon, Thu-Sun 10-3
6	Coldstream Op Shop	COLDSTREAM	Mon-Fri 10-3
7	Vinnies Lilydale	LILYDALE	Mon-Sat 9:30-5
8	Salvos Lilydale	LILYDALE	Mon-Sat 9-5:30

★ My three favourites. Don't miss these.

MON, THU & FRI

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8

SATURDAY

1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8

OPENING HOURS

Decide on a day.

MON, THU & FRI	GREAT EIGHT	All eight shops are open. Take your pick.
TUE & WED	SKIP IT	Treasure Chest is closed and it's too good to miss.
SATURDAY	SEVEN	The seven-shop version on page 06 — stop 6, Coldstream Op Shop, is closed. Same 10am start in Lilydale, finishing back in Lilydale around 2:50pm. Stop 4, East End, is the one to keep an eye on: arrive around 12:30pm and you'll have plenty of time before it closes at 1pm.
SUNDAY	SKIP IT	Too many of the eight are closed.

SHOP	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Mustard Tree	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-1	Closed
2 Yarra Glen Combined Churches	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-1	Closed
3 Lions Den	9-2	9-2	9-2	9-2	9-2	9-2	Closed
4 East End	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-4	10-1	Closed
5 Treasure Chest — Coldstream Tip	10-3	Closed	Closed	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-3
6 Coldstream Op Shop	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-3	10-3	Closed	Closed
7 Vinnies Lilydale	9:30-5	9:30-5	9:30-5	9:30-5	9:30-5	9:30-5	Closed
8 Salvos Lilydale	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	Closed

The Great Eight, all eight shops.

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Every timing below includes getting there and parking, and each stop has enough in it for a good look around.

START		10:00am — Mustard Tree, Lilydale
10:00 – 10:30	1 Mustard Tree LILYDALE	30 min
10:30 – 10:50	Drive to Yarra Glen	20 min
10:50 – 11:20	2 Yarra Glen Combined Churches YARRA GLEN	30 min
11:20 – 11:40	Drive to Healesville	20 min
11:40 – 12:20	3 Lions Den HEALESVILLE	40 min
12:20 – 12:30	Drive between Healesville shops	10 min
12:30 – 1:00	4 East End HEALESVILLE	30 min
1:00 – 1:20	Drive to Coldstream	20 min
1:20 – 1:50	5 Treasure Chest — Coldstream Tip COLDSTREAM	30 min
1:50 – 2:00	Drive between Coldstream shops	10 min
2:00 – 2:30	6 Coldstream Op Shop COLDSTREAM	30 min
2:30 – 2:50	Drive to Lilydale	20 min
2:50 – 3:10	7 Vinnies Lilydale LILYDALE	20 min
	Walk to next shop	
3:10 – 3:30	8 Salvos Lilydale LILYDALE	20 min

FINISH

approximately 3:30pm

Coldstream closes at 3pm, so stick to the timetable to avoid missing it — but the final two stops are open till 5pm, so there's more wiggle room once you've done Coldstream.

Seven of the Great Eight.

Saturday

Stop 6, Coldstream Op Shop, is closed on Saturdays and is left out. The loop runs 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 7 → 8 — one shop shorter, half an hour quicker, everything else exactly the same as a Monday, Thursday or Friday.

START		10:00am — Mustard Tree, Lilydale	
10:00 – 10:30	1 Mustard Tree LILYDALE		30 min
10:30 – 10:50	Drive to Yarra Glen		20 min
10:50 – 11:20	2 Yarra Glen Combined Churches YARRA GLEN		30 min
11:20 – 11:40	Drive to Healesville		20 min
11:40 – 12:20	3 Lions Den HEALESVILLE		40 min
12:20 – 12:30	Move between Healesville shops		10 min
12:30 – 1:00	4 East End CLOSSES 1PM HEALESVILLE		30 min
1:00 – 1:20	Drive to Coldstream		20 min
1:20 – 1:50	5 Treasure Chest — Coldstream Tip COLDSTREAM		30 min
1:50 – 2:10	Drive to Lilydale		20 min
2:10 – 2:30	7 Vinnies Lilydale LILYDALE		20 min
2:30 – 2:50	8 Salvos Lilydale LILYDALE		20 min

FINISH

approximately 2:50pm

THE ONE THING TO WATCH

Saturday is absolutely doable — it's just a slightly different beast. The critical stop is stop 4, East End, which closes at 1pm. Arrive by 12:30pm and you'll have a good half hour to browse before it closes. Everything past these has some wiggle room in terms of closing times.

STOPS ONE & TWO

Lilydale & Yarra Glen

1

Mustard Tree Op Shop & Café

LILYDALE

[3/28 John St, Lilydale VIC 3140](#)

Mon-Fri 10am-3pm • Sat 10am-1pm • Sun Closed



Mustard Tree is a real destination point in the valley and the biggest op shop on this list. It's very well laid out, with plenty of treasures to rummage through without ever feeling overcrowded. There's also a cute little café where you can grab a coffee and start your day. You'll find interesting treasures and unique items here that you might not come across elsewhere. Pricing varies — some things are absolute bargains while others are priced a little higher. And a special shout-out to the shoe section: I've found some of my absolute favourite pairs here.

★ FAVOURITE

2

Yarra Glen Combined Churches Op Shop

YARRA GLEN

[35A Bell St Service Rd, Yarra Glen VIC 3775](#)

Mon-Fri 10am-4pm • Sat 10am-1pm • Sun Closed



This one feels like travelling back in time. It's a very old-school op shop, with crowded racks and overflowing shelves, so if you're a true-blue op shopper, you'll love the rummage. I've found some great wooden toys here, and I particularly love that the jackets are all priced the same, regardless of whether they're a more expensive brand. There's definitely potential for some treasures amongst the racks.

STOPS THREE & FOUR

Healesville

3

Lions Den Op Shop

HEALESVILLE

[9 Lilydale Rd, Healesville VIC 3777](#)

Mon-Sat 9am-2pm • Sun Closed



Lions Den is my favourite op shop of all time. It's an absolute treasure trove, and you could spend a good amount of time having a proper rummage here. The books section is exceptional, the toys are great, and every section seems to have something interesting to offer. Make sure you have a really good rummage around this one.

★ FAVOURITE

4

East End Op Shop

HEALESVILLE

[309 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville VIC 3777](#)

Mon-Fri 10am-4pm • Sat 10am-1pm • Sun Closed

Confirmed direct with the shop — these hours apply from 1 September 2026.

East End is one of those op shops where you walk in and initially think there might not be much to find — but have a good look and you'll start spotting all sorts of unique bits and bobs. It's another one that feels a little bit like going back in time. I think things are priced really well here — definitely not overpriced — and the staff are absolutely lovely.

★ FAVOURITE

STOPS FIVE & SIX

Coldstream

5 Treasure Chest — Coldstream Tip

COLDSTREAM

[Cnr Ingram Rd & Leonard Rd, Coldstream VIC 3770](#)

Mon 10am–3pm • Tue & Wed Closed • Thu–Sun 10am–3pm



This isn't technically an op shop — it's a tip shop — but it's definitely worth a look. You'll drive through the tip entrance; just let them know you're there to have a look at the Treasure Chest and they'll point you in the right direction. Have a look around outside too, as you'll find plenty of larger items, including furniture, tools and gardening equipment. You'll find some interesting retro pieces. It's definitely the most unique stop on the Great Eight.

6 Coldstream Op Shop

COLDSTREAM

[4 North Gateway, Coldstream VIC 3770](#)

Mon–Fri 10am–3pm • Sat & Sun Closed



This is a tiny little place, but they pack a lot in. It has that wonderfully overcrowded, full-of-treasures vibe, so you'll want to have a proper rummage. The books are excellent, and there are definitely bargains to be found. Some branded items can be a little overpriced, but it's still worth having a hunt around to see what you can uncover.

STOPS SEVEN & EIGHT

Back in Lilydale

7

Vinnies Lilydale

LILYDALE

[250 Main St, Lilydale VIC 3140](#)

Mon–Sat 9:30am–5pm • Sun Closed



Lilydale Vinnies is a beautifully laid-out store with lots of nice clothing and kitchen items. The DVD collection is excellent, and the craft section is a real standout — there are plenty of bargains for crafters. It's otherwise a fairly typical Vinnies, with some new items and seasonal décor. Don't forget to check out the games and books out the front of the store, as there's often some good stuff to find there.

8

Salvos Lilydale

LILYDALE

[230–232 Main St, Lilydale VIC 3140](#)

Mon–Sat 9am–5:30pm • Sun Closed



This is a fairly typical Salvos, and some items can be a little overpriced, but there are still some good things to be found amongst the shelves. The book selection is particularly good, and there's usually a nice selection of women's accessories. And one very handy thing to know: Vinnies and Salvos are only a few doors apart, so they're an easy little double stop at the end of the day.

Snacks and side quests.

SNACKS

Mustard Tree Café

Your first stop has a café, so it's a great chance to load up on caffeine and pop to the loo before you head out into the valley.

[3/28 John St, Lilydale VIC 3140](#)

Coldstream Roadhouse

Very close to Coldstream Op Shop. Takeaway food as well as coffee, and a handy bathroom pitstop.

[629 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream VIC 3770](#)

Mon-Fri 5am-4pm • Sat 5am-1pm • Sun Closed

Coldstream Brewery

Lovely spot for a cider and pizza at the end of the day.

[694 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream VIC 3770](#)

Wed-Sat 11am-9pm

SIDE QUESTS

Not part of the Great Eight. These are for the days you've got time to spare.

Healesville Salvos

An extra op shop if you want to squeeze in a bonus one.

[193 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville VIC 3777](#)

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

The Grand Hotel

A lovely spot for lunch in Yarra Glen, and a good option if you need a bathroom stop while you're in town.

[19 Bell St, Yarra Glen VIC 3775](#)

Kitchen from 11:30am daily

Verso Books

Gorgeous little bookshop in Healesville.

[222 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville VIC 3777](#)

Sat 9am-4pm • Sun 10am-5pm

Charley Horse

Vintage reseller. Will feel pricey after op shopping, but it's a cool vibe and worth a look.

[230 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville VIC 3777](#)

Wed-Fri 11am-5pm • Sat 11am-4pm

Yarra Glen antique shops

There are some lovely antique shops in Yarra Glen. Well worth adding in if you're making good time through the first half of the loop.

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THAT'S THE DAY

Go forth and rummage.

Drive safe and enjoy the journey. You might come home with something you love. You might come home with nothing but memories.

If you do find some treasures, I'd love to see them. Tag me on socials @mscarliemaree.

THE YARRA VALLEY OP SHOP GUIDE

This is Guide No. 01, with more to come.

I'm working my way around Melbourne and turning each pocket of it into a route like this one — the shops worth the drive, the order to do them in, and the timings that actually hold up. More guides are on the way.

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