The Goulburn River Valley region, in the Heart of Victoria, has a rich military history of people, places and stories.

Start your journey in Seymour, only 1.5 hours’ drive from Melbourne. Be moved by the evocative Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk, which honours the service of all who played their part in what turned out to be a tumultuous chapter in Australia’s history.

Follow in the footsteps of the troops at the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park as they prepared for battle in the Great War and later World War II. Nearby, the RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum collects, preserves and exhibits the history of the Australian Light Horse and Armoured Corps.

Make your way north and pay your respects to our Victoria Cross recipients at the ‘Honouring Our Heroes’ statues of Maygar, Burton and Tubb that stand tall at the VC Memorial Park in Euroa.

Onwards to Benalla, where you will find memorials to Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop and Hector Waller in the beautiful Benalla Botanical Gardens.

Stop at the Shepparton War Memorial before making your way west and gaining a unique insight into military history at the Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Camps Museum and The Ossario in Murchison. Discover the stories of the Italian, German and Japanese prisoners of war detained during the Second World War.

The small towns along the way abound with stories of heroism and sacrifice. Stop and pay tribute to the servicemen and women who fought and died for this country.

Behind each of the memorials is a story of bravery and sacrifice, of determination and devotion to duty, and of terrible loss.

Each small town has their own story and not every story is listed here. Visit our website for more information about monuments and memorials across the region and the stories that accompany them.

The region’s rich military history is not the only draw card of the Goulburn River Valley. The locals boast about the region’s gorgeous nature, fantastic food and wine offering and quirky arts and craft scene.

Whether you’re on a family holiday, looking for a weekend trip away or a romantic retreat, you’ll find a little bit of everything in the Heart of Victoria.
