



## Horsham Region

Horsham is a lively city, centrally located in the Wimmera, with excellent opportunities for shopping, dining, entertainment and accommodation. It has a vibrant community and well-kept streets, parks and river.

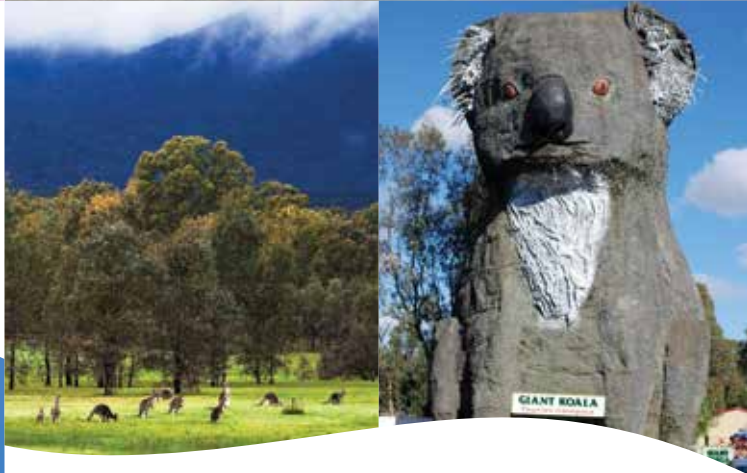
Renowned for its dynamic arts community, there is always something exciting happening in Horsham. You will find arts, musical performances, a superb art gallery, and excellent theatre. Visitors to Horsham often comment on the welcoming friendly attitude and relaxed lifestyle the region offers.

Take time and stroll along the beautiful Wimmera River, lined with ancient red gums or enjoy the beautiful Horsham Botanic Gardens designed by William Guilfoyle, who laid out Melbourne's Botanic Gardens.

There are a number of parks and gardens to visit, most with barbecue facilities. The Horsham Police Paddock home for many species of birds and fish forms part of a wildlife corridor.

Horsham Golf Club has long had a reputation as one of the best Courses in country Victoria and is ranked in the top 50 public access courses in Australia. Simply visit the new Golf Club house, offering the visitor, bar facilities, restaurant and an amazing pro shop that is renowned for being the best stocked on course golf shop in all of Victoria.

The Horsham Aquatic Centre with its state of the art facilities includes an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, full gym and qualified staff offers you a great health club that caters for almost all training goals.



## Wartook Valley & Grampians National Park

The Wartook Valley has magnificent sunrises, sunsets and brilliant night skies and stunning Grampians views. There is a wealth of wonderful walks and 4WD tracks to experience as well as abundant wilderness, wildflowers, waterfalls, wildlife and rock formations.

Famed for its mountain views, kangaroos, emus and other wildlife, Wartook Valley has peace, tranquillity and adventure activities all in close proximity to the National Park's attractions.

The Wartook Valley region offers food, local produce, gift items, fuel and a range of attractions and facilities for your relaxation and enjoyment making it an ideal base to explore the western side, a picturesque major gateway into the Grampians National Park. Activities include year-round horse riding, rock climbing, fishing, mountain biking, quad bike tours and wildlife watching.

The beauty and mystery of the Grampians may be best explored on foot. There are more than 160 kilometres of walking tracks ranging from short and easy walks to challenging day-long and overnight expeditions. Popular short walks within an one hour return trip include picturesque MacKenzie Falls. An excellent walk for wildflowers is Beehive Falls. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of the Wimmera plains from Mount Zero.

The Grampians is also home to more than 200 bird species. Over 40 species of mammals and reptiles have been recorded in the park including possums, echidnas, wallabies, kangaroos, emus, lizards, deer and skinks.

Dadswells Bridge is located along the Western Highway with the majestic Grampians mountain range as a backdrop, and is famed for the Giant Koala Tourist Complex with information on the area.

For further regional information visit [www.visithorsham.com.au](http://www.visithorsham.com.au)



## Arts On The Edge

Horsham continues to produce public art such as the Tim Jones delightful scar tree sculpture located near City Gardens Estate, Angi Polglaze's totem pole, Wimmera Burnt Creek meeting place in Roberts Place and a dazzling Artistic Mural in Bradbury Lane. Post Office Bell and Jos's Lane, just to name a few.

The Horsham Regional Art Gallery holds a nationally significant collection of Australian photography, the Mack Jost Collection of paintings and works on paper and artworks that investigate and tell the story of the Wimmera. The Horsham Regional Art Gallery continues to host an annual program of changing exhibitions. Entry to the Gallery is free, so allow yourself time to view the exhibitions.

Open: Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday and public holidays)

The Goat Gallery located in Natimuk, Western Victoria, is one of the best privately owned galleries in the region run largely by artists. The gallery, which opened in January 2006, showcases the work of local and regional artists with exhibitions changing each month.

Open: Weekends 1pm - 4pm  
or by appointment, call 0418 997 785

The Makers Gallery and Studio located within the Horsham Library building is the home of art and craft activity in the Wimmera region. The Makers Gallery is a community run facility which includes a large studio space and a gallery. Artists offer the visitors exciting exhibitions of art works from patchwork, quilting, jewellery, woodwork, photography, oil and water colour paintings.

Open: Tuesday-Friday 10am - 5pm  
Saturday 10am - 12 noon

The Makers Gallery & Studio groups are: Horsham Patchwork Quilters, Spinners & Weavers Embroiderers, Botanical Painters and the Horsham Artists Society.



## Natimuk & Mount Arapiles

The picturesque heritage town of Natimuk is situated in the shadow of the world famous rock-climbing destination, Mount Arapiles, and has become a base for both climbers and artists and those inspired to explore their creative side.

Natimuk is an ideal hub for the adventurer at heart ready to explore the region. The township is over 125 years old with historic buildings still gracing its main street. Natimuk is situated 20 kilometres west of Horsham, eight kilometres east of Mount Arapiles and south of the Little Desert National Park.

Natimuk and Mount Arapiles together have so much to offer. The town is growing in popularity for its arts and cultural scene with antique, craft shops and restored old buildings. Learn about the history of the local region at the museum, now housed in the former courthouse. Natimuk's Heritage Trail covers an eclectic range of historical sites and buildings.

Mount Arapiles is a spectacular feature, rising sharply from the Wimmera plains to form part of the Mount Arapiles-Tooon State Park.

The park includes Mitre Rock, adjacent to Mount Arapiles. Enjoy bird watching, bushwalking, picnics, camping, 4WD driving and mountain biking at Mount Arapiles-Tooon State Park.

A highlight is the spectacular range of wildflowers on display from early spring to early summer. There are many ways to explore the world-famous Mount Arapiles. Drive to the summit and take in the scenic views over the wheat plains and enjoy a relaxing picnic; or simply walk one of the numerous paths leading to the summit or cycle along the tourist road at the base.



## Events and Festivals

Horsham hosts a busy calendar of festivals and events throughout the year with something to suit everyone. Arts and cultural events are one of the region's strongest focal points, along with sport and recreation, agriculture, markets, craft and local produce to community, regional, state and national events.

Autumn colours reflect the tones of the Wimmera region and sees the onset of events and festivals in our busiest time of the year, showcasing the region's diversity.

March features the Wimmera Machinery Field Days, showcasing the latest development in agricultural technology, machinery and equipment. There is the ever-growing Horsham Country Music Festival featuring local, state and interstate artists. The Horsham Fishing Competition is a must for families, allowing free camping along the Wimmera River, this event offers major prizes to be won.

Mid-year experience Horsham's renowned community event Art is... festival. It's an annual regional community event held on the June long weekend. The festival offers a diverse program of quality performing and visual arts, workshops and exhibitions. Each year a different theme encourages local and guest artists to contribute to a challenging range of arts activities often including large scale performances.

Natimuk hosts the biennial Nati Frinj Festival held on the weekend prior to the Melbourne Cup. With this small arts and climbing focussed community, expect the unexpected!

Natimuk is the base for international arts companies including Bambucco and YSpace, along with eccentric arts events such as the Palais de Pixel Film Society.

Throughout the year the region hosts many golf events that are open to the public. The region has also a strong focus on major sporting competitions.



## Mount Arapiles

Centenary Park is a good spot for a picnic or to set up camp. Campgrounds are the only place for camping in the park. There are fireplaces, picnic tables, picnic shelter, park information, a lookout, water (not for drinking) and toilets, but no showers.

Camping fees apply please note there are no powered sites. (Hotel accommodation is available in Natimuk, and there is a caravan park at Natimuk Lake 4km north of the township).

### Popular things to do at Mt Arapiles

#### Rock climbing

Mt Arapiles is widely regarded as the top rock climbing area in Australia and is world renowned. More than 2000 routes have been developed on the many cliffs, crags and pinnacles, presenting variety and challenge to climbers of all levels of experience. The climbs are featured in a variety of guide books.

#### Centenary Park

Centenary park is a great spot for a picnic or to set up camp. There are many ways to explore Mt. Arapiles. Drive or ride to the summit and take in the scenic views over the wheat plains or simply walk one of the numerous paths leading to the summit. The walk up central gully leads to the lookout with great views of the surrounding area and the Grampians.

#### Bluff Picnic Area

Enjoy the spectacular views from this picnic area. Basic facilities are provided - fireplaces and picnic tables. There are no toilets.

#### Walking

Walking is a great way to discover the park. Marked walking tracks feature some spectacular views, catering for a range of fitness levels and time constraints.

#### Cycling and driving

The vehicle track circling the Mount is suitable for cycling and driving, and is a good spring wildflower walk. In winter only the eastern end of the track is opened to vehicles.



## Country Markets

### HAVEN MARKET

First Saturday of the month

Located on the outskirts of town, the Haven Market offers a variety of stalls and a great social atmosphere for the family. Out of the hustle and bustle of town there is plenty of entertainment for the kids with crafts and produce available to suit all your needs.

### NATIMUK FARMERS MARKET PLUS

Markets held on Sundays, March long weekend, Easter, June long weekend, Melbourne Cup weekend and the second weekend in December.

The market takes on an holistic approach, and creates a community meeting place where people can gather to support produce growers and local artists in a vibrant lively music atmosphere.

### JUNG MARKET

Last Saturday of the month except for December as the market is held on the 3rd Saturday in December

Venture out a little further to a country market with a difference. Nestled at Jung Reserve this country market entices local and Melbourne traders, selling clothes, crafts, fruit and veg, nuts, lollies, honey, plants and much, much more.

### WARTOOK VALLEY MARKET

Easter Saturday & Second Sunday in September

Set in the tranquil grounds of the Wander Inn, this community country market is the ideal place to relax. Enjoy family fun, children's activities, local produce, crafts, bric-a-brac, woodwork and plants.



## Caravans and Motorhomes

Parking throughout the city of Horsham is metered at \$1 per hour but there are various time restrictions, so please check the signage near where you park.

### Long Vehicle Parking

There are a number of parks (unmetered) where cars and caravans can park without a time restriction.

Free CBD parking (no time limit) for caravans and motorhomes is located at:

- Darlot Street - northern end
- McLachlan Street - in front of the Mibus Car Park and down towards Coles car park
- Ward Street - south end
- Wilson Street - west end

### Caravan and Motorhome Dump Points

- Located in Firebrace Street (south end) in front of Horsham Caravan Park
- Located at Wimmera Lakes Caravan Resort, Western Highway



## Local Produce

The Horsham Region specialises in a range of produce offering olive oils, honey, chutneys, lentils, chickpeas, fruit and vegetables to wine and wildflowers and so much more. Wartook Valley/Grampians region is renowned for its Mediterranean vibe, rich in olives, oils, wines and native wildflowers.

Any time is a perfect time to explore the region's farm gate experiences which are growing in popularity. Toscana Olives in Laharum tasting room provides samples of the high quality organic olive oils. More olives and olive oil tasting can be found at Mount Zero Olives and Laharum Grove both located in Laharum. This picturesque location set amongst the olive groves allows the visitor to sample the latest release of extra virgin olive oil and olives, enjoy a regional tasting plate or simply sit back and relax.

Farmers and businesses throughout the region grow quality organic vegetables, premium red and white wines, native wildflowers, trees and shrubs. There's beef, lamb, turkey and duck which are all produced in the region and can be found at local restaurants, hotel bistros and cafés boasting Indian, Thai, Chinese, Malaysian, Mexican and Italian cuisine as well as traditional Aussie favourites. Come along and experience a little taste of local produce for yourself.

Experience the taste of locally grown produce in its natural surroundings at designated farm gates or simply purchase products for sale from Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre, local cafés or other retail outlets. Let your taste buds lead the way.

Collect your copy of the Food, Wine & Attractions Guide from the Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre, or download by visiting [www.visithorsham.com.au](http://www.visithorsham.com.au)



## Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre

Come visit our friendly staff, for all your accommodation and attractions needs.

Purchase from a wide selection of local produce or obtain various brochures featuring the region.

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Horsham VIC 3400  
Phone: 1800 633 218  
Email: [tourism@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

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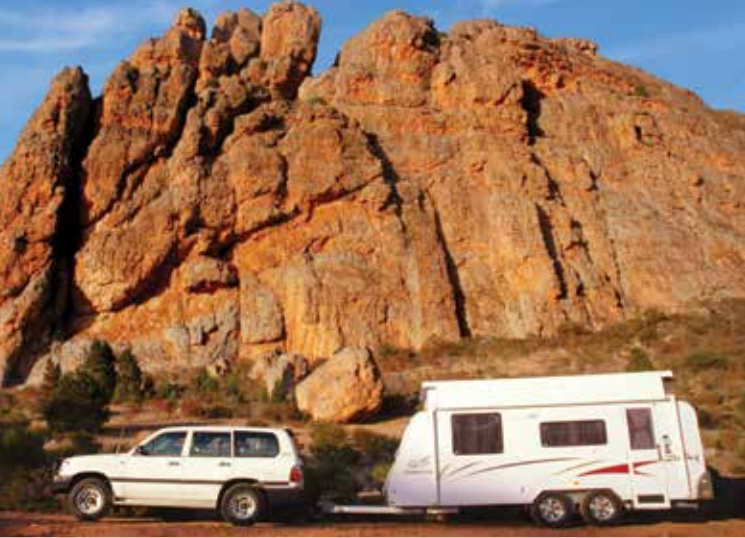
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TOWNS AND DISTANCES

Distance in approx. kms	Horsham	Grampians (Wartook Valley)
Adelaide	430	460
Ballarat	187	165
Bordertown	140	170
Hamilton	130	110
Melbourne	299	277
Warrnambool	228	208



National Park Camp Grounds  
General Information

Camping Fees in the National Park

Camping fees applies to all campgrounds. Permits are available at Brambuk the National Park & Cultural Centre in Halls Gap or by credit card by phoning the centre on 03 5361 400.

Walking from the National Park Campgrounds

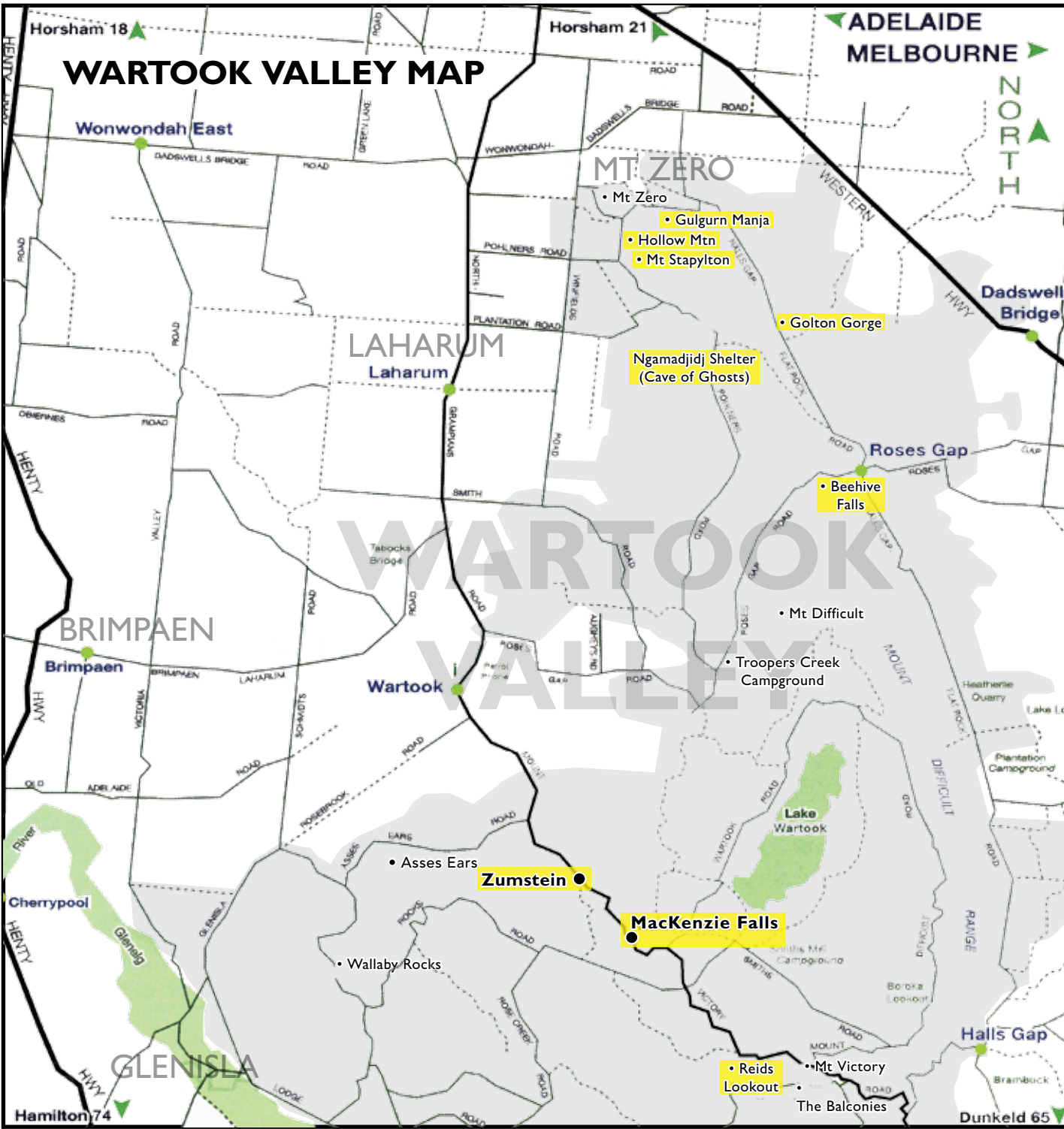
If you are planning an extended walk from the campground, please tell someone where you are going and when you aim to return. Trip intentions can be registered at Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre.

Campfire Guidelines

- Light fires only in the fireplaces provided or use a portable gas or fuel stove
- Ensure fires are never left unattended and are completely out before you leave
- During summer and autumn Total Fire Bans are common, this means no fires are to be lit including portable cooking appliances.
- Always check for Total Fire Ban (1800 240 667) and fire conditions prior to your walk and carry a small radio or mobile phone.

Hiking Guidelines

- Stay on track – prevent trampling
- Use a fuel stove – it's better for the bush
- Carry it in, carry it out, don't bury or burn it.
- Leave hike-in campsites as you find them
- Carry out human waste where possible otherwise bury human waste 15cm deep, 100m from water and campsites.



Horsham Caravan Parks

Horsham Caravan Park

The park is adjacent to the Botanical Gardens and the Wimmera River used for fishing and canoeing, within easy walking distance of the town centre. Park facilities range from cabins, caravans, to powered and unpowered sites. Pets are welcomed, there is a playground, tourist information section and large grassed shady areas.

Wimmera Lakes Caravan Resort

The Resort offers accommodation to suit every taste and budget, ranging from fully self-contained cabins and caravans to powered and unpowered camping sites. You will certainly find the type of accommodation to suit your family needs. The resort features facilities such as solar heated pool, playground, recreation room and camp kitchen.



Natimuk Lake

The caravan park is located at Lake Road, Natimuk and is suitable for caravans or camping. There are cabins, powered sites and unpowered sites. The park is located in a quiet rural setting about 4km from Natimuk. (Currently the lake is dry)

Dadswells Bridge

Grampians Edge Caravan Park is situated near the Big Koala in Dadswells Bridge. The park offers cabins, no ensuites but an amenities block is just a short walk away. There are ample powered and unpowered sites available. Facilities range from camp kitchen, swimming pool, tennis/volleyball court, camp kitchen, games room and so much more.

Shady Campsites with great views, and plenty of room for family to enjoy this beautiful region of Victoria.

Toolondo Caravan Park

The Wash Tomorrow Caravan Park is located at Telangatuk East Road Toolondo. The park has powered and unpowered sites and is located in a quiet open bush setting with lake Toolondo reservoir nearby.



Wartook Valley  
Caravan Parks

Happy Wanderer Holiday Resort

Tourist resort has easy access to local attractions in the Grampians National Park, such as McKenzie Falls, Zumsteins Falls, Wartook, Boroka Lookout and Troopers Creek Lookout.

The park provides on-site cabins, powered and unpowered caravan sites. Features are in-ground solar-heated swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts and a playground. The park includes a general store, petrol, liquor, wood barbeques, and laundries.

Emu Holiday Park

A fully operational park featuring cabins, camp kitchen, laundry, powered and unpowered sites, recreational room and separate male and female amenities block. The park has easy access to McKenzie Falls, Zumsteins and numerous walks. Emu Holiday Park is also a release site for injured and orphan wildlife, and also operates as a wildlife shelter.

Places to Visit

Reed Lookout

From this lookout there are panoramic views over the Victoria Valley and to Lake Wartook. The 2km easy return walk to The Balconies starts from Reed Lookout Carpark. There are no picnic or toilet facilities at this site.

MacKenzie Falls

The track to the base of MacKenzie Falls is relatively steep in sections, but MacKenzie Falls Loop Walk is a wheelchair accessible track beginning at the car park and winding through the bush to a viewing platform overlooking the Falls. The picnic area has a kiosk, picnic benches and accessible toilets.

Ngamadidj Rock Art Shelter

This is a 500m loop walk to access the nearby Ngamadidj rock shelter an Aboriginal art site is located near Stapylton Campground (campground currently closed). At Ngamadidj, there are several white figures painted beneath an overhanging rock. Ngamadidj means white person portrayed in the paintings.

Hollow Mountain

Explore the breathtaking beauty on a grand scale. Massive rocks and cliffs tower over the farmland of the Wimmera plains. The track enters a densely vegetated gully. Climb between fallen boulders and along exposed ledges to a barren rocky outcrop. A short uphill scramble completes the climb to the mountain's wind-eroded caverns. From the upper end of the caves a natural rock window leads onto a ledge perched high above the huge amphitheatre where you can take in a breathtaking view of nearby Mount Stapylton.

Zumsteins River Walk to MacKenzie Falls

Start at the beautiful Zumsteins picnic ground the walk is shady and serene with wonderful spectacular cliffs, follow the track to Fish Falls or continue on to Mackenzie Falls (return to same route).

Beehive Falls

Beehive Falls is a vastly visited tourist attraction of this region. From the roadside car park at Roses Gap, follow a gently undulating walking track that follows Mud Hut Creek upstream to a series of rock steps and onto Beehive Falls (best after rain), enjoy rock pools and ferns. The base of the falls makes a peaceful resting spot. Whether you are looking for a peaceful picnic or some water activities, at the rock pools near Beehive Falls (return to same route).

