Explore, Discover, Uncover - Regional Attractions

Horsham, Wartook Valley, Dadswell’s Bridge, Natimuk & Mt Arapiles

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Horsham is the capital of the Wimmera Region - a vibrant city in which to live, work and play, with a regional growing population of approximately 20,000. Horsham boasts a diverse business base that includes agriculture industries, health services, education, manufacturing, retail, arts & culture and tourism.

Travel time to Horsham from:

- Melbourne: 3.5hrs
- Adelaide: 4.5hrs
- Ballarat: 2hrs
- Bendigo: 2.5hrs
- Mildura: 3hrs
- Warrnambool: 2.5hrs

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1 MacKenzie Falls Walk
Located in the Grampians National Park, MacKenzie Falls is one of Victoria’s largest waterfalls and flows year round. Take an easy stroll to a viewing platform overlooking the falls or take a more vigorous route down the stairs for a close encounter with the cascading falls.

2 Beehive Falls
Enjoy peace and tranquillity at this pretty waterfall. An undulating path leads to the base of the falls where seasonal rains fill fern-lined rock pools.

3 Zumsteins Picnic Ground & Fish Falls
People and families have gathered at Zumsteins for 100 years surrounded by bush and native animals. Stroll along the beautiful created boardwalks and enjoy the picnic area. Fish Falls - follow the walking track from Zumsteins through the open bush alongside the river. A short steep section at a terraced ledge reveals the beautiful Fish Falls, that flows all year round on the MacKenzie river.

4 Mt Zero
Proceed to the top of Mt Zero for wonderful panoramic views of the Wimmera plains and the northern end of the Mt Difficult Range. See interesting rock formations and great wildflowers in early spring to early summer.

5 Hollow Mountain & Gulgurn Manja (Aboriginal Art Site)
The track climbs steeply over rocky ledges and past wind scoured caverns to a rocky summit which offers amazing views over Mt Stapylton and Wimmera Plains. Gulgurn Manja - the track gently winds its way through Stringybark forest to a rocky shelter. The shelter means “hands of young people”.

6 Mt Arapiles
Drive, walk, cycle or climb to the summit of the dramatic quartz and sandstone landmark that is Mt Arapiles, and take in soaring views of the surrounding Wimmera plains. Mt Arapiles is world renowned as a rock climbing mecca.

7 Horsham Golf Club
Horsham Golf Course has long had a reputation as one of the best golf courses in Victoria and Australia. It has regularly been listed in the top handful of courses in country Victoria and is consistently in the top 80 in Australia.

8 Wimmera River Walk
Points of interest along the way include a war memorial, soundshell and Apex Island. Towards the western end of Barnes Blvd, near the weir you’ll find a lovely family BBQ and playground area. On the downstream side of the weir are walking tracks and a boardwalk throughout the surrounding wetlands.

9 Horsham Botanic Gardens
Designed in the 1870s by William Guilfoyle, Curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. Clubs and individuals have donated trees and shrubs over the years and several thousand thrive in this peaceful haven. Children’s playground and picnic facilities are included amongst trees, lawn areas, rose gardens and floral displays beside the Wimmera River.

10 Horsham Art & Culture / Framing the Wimmera
Take time and experience the Public Art & Heritage trail located in and around the Horsham CBD. One of the region’s newest projects is Framing the Wimmera. This is all about positioning your camera lens to capture the beauty of the environment. There are four locations where Framing the Wimmera has been placed. Refer to page 7 for locations.
Horsham is the capital of the Wimmera. A lively city, with an excellent opportunity for shopping, dining and entertainment. The city offers a number of accommodation options along with a very robust business sector.

Horsham has facilities to professionally host conferences, seminars and or events. The venues are as diverse as the region’s natural attractions. From the intimate corporate style meetings to large theatre style seating and expos venues.

Take time out and visit the Horsham Botanic Gardens, designed by William Guilfoyle, who designed Melbourne’s Botanic Gardens. The gardens has a fantastic playground for children with picnic tables and free BBQs.

The beautiful Wimmera River flows through the southern end of town with parklands and ancient red gum trees that line much of the river. You will find a number of walking tracks and boardwalks through the surrounding wetlands. Take an easy stroll or pedal your way along the river and find points of interest along the way.

Discover the Public Art and Heritage Trail located in and around the CBD including the Gardens River Trail.

Base yourself in Horsham and explore the regions nearby attractions. The Grampians National Park and Wartook Valley is located 30 km south-east, while Natimuk and Mount Arapiles is widely regarded as one of the top rock climbing areas in Australia and only a short drive west of Horsham. The area is also a great location for bushwalking, camping and bike riding.

Choose from a wide range of accommodation including contemporary country guest houses, motels, apartments, bed and breakfast establishments to caravan parks and camping spots.

The Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre offers expert, friendly advice to help you plan your holiday escape. The Centre is the one stop shop for information on the Horsham and Grampians Region as well as providing an array of local produce from the region.
Places to Eat

Experience and indulge in some of the delicious regional local produce at the many restaurants, cafés and hotels in the city’s precinct.

There are a number of restaurants that will surely satisfy your palate including Thai, Indian, Italian, Chinese and Mexican.

Chefs combine excellent local produce with creativity and technical capability to deliver true dining experiences.

If it’s coffee and cake that you are looking for, then Horsham is the place for you with our many cafés. Enjoy the aroma of freshly ground coffee beans, a latte, espresso, cappuccino and a variety of teas.

Whatever your culinary taste, you will find the perfect meal for you and your family to enjoy.

Places to Shop

Horsham has established itself as a major retail centre for the Wimmera. It provides a diverse retail experience for you to explore and enjoy.

The city shopping precinct provides you with a range of speciality stores, from the ultimate beauty therapy and wellbeing services to discovering unique and modern giftware.

Experience the latest in fashion, footwear, jewellery and sportswear.

You will also find a full range of health and personal services such as hairdressing, eye care, podiatrist, pharmacists and physiotherapists.

For street locations within the Horsham CBD refer to map on page 32.
Art & Culture

The region is renowned for its dynamic arts community. There is always something exciting happening! You will find festivals, musical performances, a dynamic art gallery, excellent theatre and many vibrant art workshops.

Art Festivals

Art Is... Festival is held annually in June over 10 days. Art Is... engages rural communities with quality art experiences and art making. The festival provides opportunities for visiting professional art companies to engage with rural communities. [www.artis.wimmera.com.au](http://www.artis.wimmera.com.au)

Nati Frinj is a three day biennial festival drawing on the talents of artists and community support from the small township of Natimuk. [www.natifrinj.com](http://www.natifrinj.com)

Public Art

Horsham has a vibrant Public Art Collection - the Tim Jones scar tree sculpture near City Gardens Estate, Angi Polglaze’s totem pole, the Wimmera Burnt Creek Meeting Place in Roberts Place, Gallery Alley, Post Office Bell and a dazzling artistic mural in Bradbury Lane and Jos Lane just to name a few. Mosaics and murals by school children can be viewed at Horsham North, Horsham West, and Ss Michael and John’s Primary Schools.

Framing the Wimmera

In 2005, local artist Greg Pritchard installed a large wooden frame outside Natimuk that captured an iconic
view of Mt Arapiles (see framed image below). Inspired by the success of this installation, Horsham Rural City Council has commissioned four permanent structural frames. View map on page 35.

Site Location - Framing the Wimmera

Google Maps Reference/Street Reference
Arapiles View / Natimuk
-36.744370, 141.930513
Wimmera River View Three Bridges Road
-36.759808, 142.115432
Toolondo Reservior View
-36.992.758, 141.937393
Grampians View Brimpaen/Laharum Rd
-37.035513, 142.279030

Galleries

The newly renovated Horsham Regional Art Gallery is home to a nationally significant collection of Australian photography charting its history from inception to today. Visit to experience our nations changing face, see how artists depict the big sky of the Wimmera and our annual program of 18 exhibitions. Open Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 1-4.30pm, closed Mondays and Public Holidays. www.horshamartgallery.com.au

The Goat Gallery located in the township of Natimuk, boasts a diverse visual art program of exhibition, events and workshop showcasing local and visiting artists. Opened weekends from 1-4pm or by appointment. Call 0418997785 or visit www.goatgallery.com.au

The Makers Gallery and Studio is the only gallery in the region which has a focus on locally made art and craft items. Artists offer the visitors exciting exhibitions of art works from patchwork, quilting, jewellery, woodwork, photography, oil and water colour paintings. Open Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am to noon.

Performing Venues

The newly constructed performing arts centre known as the Horsham Town Hall will mark the beginning of a new era in Horsham and the region.

The facility combines heritage features with a modern design. This unique venue has been redeveloped to create a modern, accessible, community arts and conferencing facility.

The Horsham Town Hall has the capacity to host large scale and professional events, with a 520-seat performing arts centre featuring the latest in sound and lighting technology. www.horshamtownhall.com.au

Developed by the community, Wesley Performing Arts Centre offers that intimate space and boasts perfect acoustics for seminars, music and theatrical performances. This beautifully transformed 1912 Wesley Church provides an ideal venue for events.

The Sawyer Park Sound Shell is located next to the Wimmera River and is used for large outdoor events and community festivals.
Galleries & Architecture

Horsham Regional Art Gallery
Location: 80 Wilson St
Phone: 03 5382 9575
Open: Tues to Friday 10am - 5pm Weekends 1pm to 4pm
www.horshamartgallery.com.au

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The Goat Gallery - Natimuk
Privately owned art gallery showcases the work of local and regional artists. Exhibitions change monthly.
Location: Main St, Natimuk
Phone: 0418 997 785
Open: Weekends 1pm - 4pm or by appointment
www.goatgallery.com.au

The Maker’s Gallery & Studio
Be inspired and visit the gallery supported by diverse local arts and craft groups.
Location: 28 McLachlan St
Phone: 03 5382 0349
Open: Tues-Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am to Noon

Fibre Works
Provides a range of unique hand dyed natural yarns and fibres for spinners, felters, knitters and the textiles artists.
Location: 65 Firebrace St
Phone: 0408 837 530
Open: Weekdays from 9am-5pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
www.fibreworks.net.au

Redrock Books & Gallery
Exhibitions held monthly works by local, regional & international artists.
Location: 65 Firebrace St
Phone: 03 5381 0866
Open: Weekdays 9am-5pm Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm
www.redrockbooksgallery.com.au

Architecture
The city also contains some important architecture, including the modernistic 1970’s Uniting Church with stained-glass windows to the more traditional Anglican Church featuring a beautiful wooden ceiling by Anderson.

Ss Michael & John’s Catholic Church is a 1987 award winning design by Greg Burgess (architect of Brambuk in Halls Gap)
Located at the corner of Urquhart & McLachlan Streets
Open: 8am-6pm

St John’s Anglican Church
1957 stained glass windows, sculpture by Leopoldine Mimovich & Wallace Anderson
Located at the northern end of Firebrace St
Open: 7am-5pm

Wesley Performing Art Centre
Began its life in 1912 as the Wesley Methodist Church. From 1998-1999 substantial redevelopment was carried out. Its centrepiece is a beautiful pipe organ and the interior is made of timber. Located on the corner of Roberts Ave and Urquhart St.

Former Cattle Sales Building
Interesting Art Deco Facade
Hamilton St (corner of Darlot St)

Old Flour Mill
A Wimmera Region Icon, Mill St

T&G Building
Art Deco Clock Tower
Firebrace St
Horsham Antiques & Collectables
You’ll find antique and Victorian furniture, china, glassware and Australian pottery. The gallery has its own resident artist, specialising in Australian investment art (including works of Pro Hart).
Location: Western Hwy Horsham
Phone: 03 5382 1233
Open: Mon-Sun Noon-5.30pm

Burnt Greek Collectables & Antiques
A mixture of old wares and bric-a-brac plus paintings and prints housed in a recycled brick building.
Location: 8993 Western Hwy Horsham
Phone: 03 5382 0429
Mobile: 0427 879 230
Open: Thurs-Sun 10am-5pm or by appointment.

Hock Inn Garage Sales
Visitors will find antiques among the bric-a-brac, recycled timber, and many other unusual bits and pieces.
Location: Western Hwy Horsham
Phone: 03 5381 1167
Open: Mon-Sun 9am-5.30pm

Eternal Treasures
Locally sourced antiques, art and hand crafted good and collectables. You will find unique gifts and treasures.
Location: 140 Firebrace St Horsham
Phone: 03 5382 6962
Closed: Tuesdays
Open: All other days from 10am Sunday from 11am

Shabby Shak
A place where you can buy & sell second hand goods, from antiques furniture, books general goods.
Location: 3 Sloss Street, Horsham
Phone: 0498 104 350
Open: Fri 10.00am - 6.00pm, Sat 8.00am - 4.00pm, Sun 10.00am -4pm

Haven Market
First Saturday of the Month
Located on the outskirts of town, the Haven Market offers a variety of stalls from crafts to local produce. There’s entertainment for the kids and live music for the adults.

Jung Market
Last Saturday of the Month
Venture out a little further to a country market with a difference. Nestled at the Jung Reserve, this market entices local and Melbourne traders selling clothes, crafts, fruit and veg, and so much more.

Natimuk Farmers Market Plus
Held Quarterly
The Natimuk Farmers Market Plus creates a community meeting place where people can gather to support and enjoy quality artists, regional produce and goods in a vibrant musical atmosphere.
Accommodation

Visitors to the Horsham region will find an array of family friendly accommodation. The options are sure to meet everyone’s needs.

Horsham offers affordable motels, hotels and central caravan parks.

You will also find high end luxury executive apartments and motels all situated within walking distance of the central business district and conveniently located close to city attractions, restaurants, cafés and shopping.

If you’re looking for peaceful, charming, relaxing and scenic accommodation then why not take a short drive to either Wartook Valley in the Grampians, Dadswell’s Bridge along the Western Highway or Natimuk, just west of Horsham.

You will find self contained facilities, cottages and tourist caravan parks that welcome families who are looking for a convenient and fun stay.

Find a full listing of all accommodation facilities on the back of this guide or contact the Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre on 1800 633 218.
Events

Horsham hosts various events and festivals throughout the year. Visitors can experience arts, culture, sports, music and agriculture events.

January
Horsham Harness Racing Cup
Australia Day Celebrations
Australia Day Pool Party
Jung Market

February
Horsham Flying Club Cross Country Gliding Competitions
Horsham Triathlon
Horsham Motorsport Blue Ribbon Raceway
Haven & Jung Market

March
Wimmera Machinery Field Days
Horsham Car & Bike Show
Horsham Fishing Competition
Horsham Motocross Competitions
Horsham Motorsport Blue Ribbon Raceway
Haven & Jung Market

March
Country Music Festival
Natimuk Farmers Market Plus
Haven & Jung Market

April
Horsham Market & Swap Meet
Horsham Motorsport Blue Ribbon Raceway
Haven & Jung Market

May
Mother’s Day Classic Run/Walk
Haven & Jung Market

June
Art is...Festival
Horsham Motorsport Blue Ribbon Raceway
Natimuk Farmers Market Plus
Haven & Jung Market

July
Wimmera Rockers Danceworld
Haven & Jung Market

August
Championship Dog Show
Calisthenics Country Competitions
Haven & Jung Market

September
Motocross Competitions
Horsham Rockers Rock & Roll
Adventure Junkie Winter Challenge Race
Haven & Jung Market

October
German Festival
Horsham Show & Equestrian Event
Grampians West Bush Fest
Spring Orchid Show
Spring Garden Show
Wimmera Racing Natimuk Farmers Market Plus
Haven & Jung Market

November
Geranium & Pelargonium Show
Nati Frinj Festival - Bieannual
Kannamaroo Festival
Haven & Jung Market

December
Makers Gallery Christmas Market
Carols By Candlelight
Horsham Santa Day Races
Haven & Jung Market

For more information on events visit: visithorsham.com.au
Family Activities

The Horsham Aquatic Centre is a Council owned facility and managed by the YMCA. The centre includes indoor and outdoor swimming pools with full gym facilities. The qualified staff along with modern fitness equipment offers a great health club catering for all your training goals.

Centre Cinema boasts 3 theatres for your convenience and has the latest movies for you and your family to enjoy.

Why not try your hand at the stunning and challenging Stone Forest Adventure 18-hole mini golf course located behind Toy’s Restaurant on the Western Highway.

For the younger children, visit Kids Capers Play Café with colourful play equipment and various activities that will stimulate the senses and encourage creative play. Watch the kids having fun while the parents enjoy the friendly café facility.

Horsham Lanes & Games is a place for family fun. The facility houses 12 ten pin bowl lanes and a variety of computer games.

The Public Art & Heritage Trail has been divided into two distinct precincts, the CBD Trail and the Garden River Trail. This is a 4.5 km walk through the city’s historic areas, with a focus on artworks and memorials that commemorate Horsham’s history.

Discover Horsham’s Walking Trails by riding, walking, jogging along one of the many trails. The trails aim to promote active and healthy lifestyles as well as our beautiful city, the Wimmera River, Wotonga Basin, Botanic Gardens and so much more. Many of the trails are flat to gently undulating making it excellent for a leisurely walk or jog.

Taste local wines and visit two cellar door only 10 minute drive from Horsham located in the Lower Norton area. Barangaroo Boutique Wines, offers the medal winning Vermentino, relax in a Tuscan setting in the outdoor tasting area with views of the Grampians and Mt Arapiles. Norton Estate Wines, produces some of Australia’s finest boutique wines and is one of Western Victoria’s finest producers of boutique vines. Their wines have achieved many accolades since the first wines were release.
Walk the many trails and take in the scenery, open spaces and natural environment.

Visit the Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre for details on walks in and around the CBD or simply go to www.visithorsham.com.au to download your copy.

Wimmera River/Lawrie Rudolph Walk - Stroll or pedal along the scenic walk as it follows the Wimmera River. Points of interest include a War Memorial, the Soundshell and Apex Island which can be accessed from a footbridge.

Sawyer Park was the original location of Brick Works, where you’ll find a replicated kiln that has been placed. The Park is home to our War Memorial and Cenotaph. BBQ and toilet facilities are available. The area is also known as the first timbered site of the Horsham Weir from 1875 - 1959 and formed part of the swimming hole.

Apex Island is also known as Adventure Island playground offering a giant slide and unique playground equipment. Towards the western end of Barnes Blvd is the new weir and Weir Park providing another great playground, BBQ and toilet facilities. The park is located at the start of some beautiful walking tracks and boardwalks through the surrounding wetlands.

Weir Park was formerly Jaycess Park and built in 1968. View a double Canoe Tree and its history. Horsham’s First Urban Storm Water Wetland was built in 1999 with a 1.2km walk called the Yanga Track.

On the northern end of town is the Horsham Police Paddock features all abilities fishing platforms. The area offers recreational opportunities for walkers, cyclists, anglers, bird watchers in a natural woodland setting. The reserve features a black box swamp, and remnants of the area’s endemic vegetation.

The Police Paddock has three major functions. It provides a recreational and tourism focus, a habitat for native wildlife, and collects drainage water from residential areas, which is then used for watering Council’s parklands.

The Police Paddock is a great place to picnic, with easy access parking close to the lake. The new environmental toilet is to caters for all abilities.
Whether your passionate about lawn bowls, croquet, tennis, swimming, skiing, boating, cycling, walking, golfing, you will find it all in Horsham.

Horsham Golf Club has long had a reputation as one of the best golf courses in country Victoria and is ranked in the top 50 public access golf courses in Australia. Located just 5 mins from Horsham CBD, the Horsham Golf Club new modern function rooms are available to meet your every need along with a stunning view of the golf course.

**Horsham Parks and Gardens**

May Park located only Dimboola Rd is one of the most popular parks in Horsham with a large open lawn area and sheltered BBQ and toilet facilities.

Sawyer Park is located along the banks of the Wimmera River, featuring large open spaces and coin operated BBQs.

Weir Park boasts picturesque river views including ample open space for children to run and play.

Horsham Botanic Gardens offers large open lawn areas, picnic facilities, playground and beautiful floral and rose gardens.

**Green Lake Recreation Facility**

Horsham Yacht Club based at Green Lake is only 10kms from Horsham. The season runs from October to late April, featuring races held every Sunday. The Lake is also known for its Water Skiing during the summer months. Facilities include barbeques, picnic tables and toilets.

4-Wheel Driving is another way to see the region. Enjoy the adventure of off-road touring without the risk. Take on one of the pre-planned self drives either through the Grampians North West, Grampians National Park, Grampians Black Range, Western Grampians or Little Desert National Park. Visit the Horsham & Grampians Visitor Information Centre or www.visithorsham.com.au for more information.
Regional Waterways

With it’s gum tree lined banks, the Wimmera River is famous for its fishing competition held on the Labour Day long weekend in March.

Green Lake is used for a variety of water sports as well as being ideal for swimming, windsurfing and water skiing. This public recreation reserve has boat ramps, picnic facilities, barbecues etc. (Green Lake currently has low water levels.)

Taylors Lake located 20kms from Horsham is popular for boating, water skiing, swimming and provides good fishing for redfin and golden perch.

Natimuk Lake is popular for fishing and all kinds of water activities subject to water levels. When conditions are suitable it provides good fishing for Brown, Trout, Rainbow Trout an Redfin and is renowned for Yabbies. (Natimuk Lake currently has low water levels.)

Lake Toolondo is an extremely popular reservoir which offers great fly fishing, bait or lure fishing for brown and rainbow trout or redfin. The majority of fish are taken by boat fishing around trees. At the Northern end of the lake there is a boat ramp and toilets.

Rocklands Reservoir is a well known waterway for its various tourist activities and attractions. The reservoir boasts a good variety of fish species as well as bank fishing near the dam wall.

Lake Wartook is located in the Grampians and features beautiful clear water. It is the oldest rural reservoir in Victoria. The lake offers boat fishing as well as bank fishing off the wall. The reservoir is an anglers haven for catching brown trout and redfin.
Wartook Valley offers magnificent sunrises, sunsets and brilliant night skies. There is a wealth of wonderful walks and 4WD tracks to experience as well as an abundance of wildflowers, waterfalls, wild-life and rock formations.

The beauty and mystery of the Grampians National Park is best explored on foot providing visitors a close-up experience with the beauty of the natural environment.

The area famed for its mountain views and inspiring sandstone escarpments with panoramic views of surrounding plains, ancient rock art shelters, diverse animals and colourful wildflowers has made the area a popular holiday destination.

Many of the Grampians National Park waterfalls are located in the northern section and are easily accessible from Wartook.

**Waterfalls**

Beehive Falls (2.8km return) - A gently undulating walking track follows Mud Hut Creek upstream to a series of rock steps and on to Beehive Falls (best after rain). Enjoy the rock pools and ferns.

MacKenzie Falls (2km return) - An easy stroll from the carpark leads to a viewing platform overlooking the picturesque Broken Falls. To reach the base of the falls, follow the signs. Take care as this walk has many steps and is steep and slippery in sections.

Fish Falls (4.6km return) - This is a small waterfall that flows all year round on the MacKenzie river. The gravel walking track from Zumsteins meanders through the bush alongside the river.

**Walks**

Zumsteins River Walk to MacKenzie Falls (7km return) begins at the beautiful Zumsteins picnic ground, follow the track to Fish Falls or continue onto MacKenzie Falls.

Mt Zero (2.8km return) commence from the picnic area, track markers will guide you up the rocky hillside. Enjoy views of Mt Stapylton and surrounds.
Be Safe & Be Prepared
When walking in the park:

- Always carry a good quality map
- Plan your walk and never walk alone
- Keep to the walking tracks, mind your footing as some walks may involve slippery surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping
- Wear appropriate clothes, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear is essential
- Always carry plenty of water. In summer most creeks in the Northern Grampians are dry
- Mobile phone service is limited in the Grampians
- For further information contact Parks Victoria on 13 19 63

Mt Stapylton (4.6km return) walk suited for the energetic walkers can involve slippery track surfaces, rock hopping and rock scrambling. Track markers guide the way up the steep rock slope of flat Rock to a splendid vantage point overlooking the natural amphitheatre.

Hollow Mountain (2.2km return) The track climbs gradually through a wide open gully surrounded by rocky cliffs and past wind scoured caverns to a rocky summit which offers views over Mt Stapylton and Wimmera Plains.

The Balconies Walk (1km) is relatively an easy walk. It starts at Reeds Look and is one of the most photographed areas in the Grampians with exceptional panoramic views of the Victoria Range and valley. In spring time you will see native wildflowers and birdlife.

Aboriginals Art Shelter - For thousands of years, Aboriginals lived in the Grampians. You will find Aboriginal Art Sites concealed in the mountains. Explore Gulgurn Manja by starting your walk from Hollow Mountain car park this is a 1km re-turn trip. There is the Billmina Shelter Loop and Manja Shelter in the western part of the Grampians off the Henty Hwy or visit the Bun-jil’s Shelter located near Stawell.
Wartook Valley home to many birds and mammals species including echidnas, wallabies, kangaroos, emus, deer and lizards like skinks and goannas. Catch a glimpse of the wedge-tailed eagles as they soar high, and see parrots, lorikeets and honeyeaters feeding on forest plant.

The region is one of Australia’s richest flora areas. Wildflowers bloom beautifully from late winter through to summer. Heathlands come to life with colourful shows of Grampians Boronia, Blue Pincushion, Parrot-pea and Thryptomene along with a multitude of other shrubs.

The area offers peace and tranquillity as well as adventure all in close proximity to the National Park. Wartook Valley offers horse riding, rock climbing, abseiling, fishing, mountain biking and quad bike tours.

The Laharum area is known for it olive groves the heritage trees and organic farming along with a Mediterranean climate produces award-winning olive oils. Take time and visit the olive groves and discover how organic olive oil is made and taste the region’s finest olives and award winning oils.
4-Wheel Driving

The diverse terrain of the Grampians National Park is perfect for 4WD, the majority of access roads through the Grampians are sealed roads however, there are plenty of 4WD tracks to explore. Self drive tours will lead you into the Grampians National Park, Black Range State Park, Western Grampians and the Little Desert National Park where there are extensive networks of sealed, dirt road and 4WD tracks.

Grampians 4WD tour leads you to McKenzie Falls, Reeds & Boroka lookouts, Halls Gap and Heatherlier Quarry. Black Range 4WD has beautiful wildlife and Aboriginal cultural sites. Western Grampians 4WD includes the Chimney Pots, a unique rock stack and Aboriginal cultural sites. Little Desert National Park is an interesting 4WD experience with subtle changes in the vegetation and sand.

When 4-wheel driving in the area, it is recommended that you purchase detailed maps. Collect your Great Outdoors Guide from the Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre located at 20 O’Callaghan Parade, Horsham or call 1800 633 218.

visithorsham.com.au
**Wartook Attractions**

Grampians Horse Riding Centre
430 Schmidts Rd Brimpaen
03 5383 9255
Booking essential
www.grampianshorseriding.com.au

Grampian Mountain Adventure Company
Rock Climbing & Abseiling
0427 747 042
Bookings essential
www.grampiansadventure.com.au

Grampians Olive Co
(Home of Toscana)
376 Olive Plantation Rd Laharum
03 5383 8299
Open daily 11 am to 4pm
www.toscanaoilies.com.au

Grampians Quad Bike Adventures
130 Schmidt Rd Brimpaen
03 5383 9215
Bookings essential
www.grampiansquadbikes.com.au

Old Rosemont Quilts
138 McTavishs Rd Laharum
03 5383 6229
By appointment only
www.oldrosemontquilts.com.au

Valentine’s Woodworks
748 Winfields Rd Laharum
03 5383 8227
Open most weekends
www.valentineswoodworks.com.au

Victorian Inland Charters
Guided fishing tours Grampians lakes
0438 132 130
www.victorianinlandcharters.com.au

Wartook Gardens
2866 Nth Grampians Rd Wartook
03 5383 6200
By appointment only
www.wartookgardens.com.au

Wartook Views
Private collection of fully restored horse drawn vehicles
3036 Nth Grampians Rd Wartook
03 5383 6242
By appointment only

**Wartook Services**

Deirdre’s Laharum Grove
1603 Winfield Rd Laharum
0429 136 319
Open Thursday to Sunday
www.laharumgrove.com.au

Happy Wanderer Fuel & Store
2493 Nth Grampians Rd Wartook
03 5383 6210

The Wander Inn
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03 5383 6377
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Dadswell’s Bridge is located along the Western Highway with the majestic Grampians mountain range as a backdrop.

The area is famed for the Giant Koala - one of the Australian big things. A popular attraction for all ages with a small zoo and koalas on site.

The tourist precinct at Dadswell’s Bridge consists of The Giant Koala, a gift shop with tourist information, a take-away business, as well as an Indian restaurant.

You will find a range of accommodation from a caravan park with cabins and camp sites perfect for a family, self contained log cabins, farm stay houses and a hotel/motel facility.

Mt William Creek Nature Trail (2kms return)
Explore the area by walking the Nature Trail - a community project completed by local volunteers and supported by a number of government bodies.

The trail starts from the Giant Koala near the bridge.

There are a number of sections to the walking trail from vegetated banks that provide habitat and protection for wildlife to various vegetation such as shrubs, Daphne Heath, Emu Heath, Sticky Hop Bush and Golden Wattle just to name a few. The area is also rich in flora with over 25 species of grasses and groundcover plants.

Places to visit:
Giant Koala
5829 Western Hwy Dadswell’s Bridge
03 5359 5230
www.thegiantkoala.com.au

Deutscher’s Turkey Farm
5828 Western Hwy Dadswell’s Bridge
03 5359 5220
Open Monday to Friday & by appointment
www.deutscherskurkeyfarm.com

Dadswell’s Bridge Indian Restaurant
5835 Western Hwy Dadswell’s Bridge
03 5359 5251
Natimuk is a picturesque township situated in the shadow of the world famous rock climbing mecca of Mt Arapiles.

Natimuk is situated west of Horsham and south of the Little Desert with its historic buildings that still grace the main street. Experience the Heritage Trail that covers a range of sites and buildings, learn about the history of the region at the museum or view a collection of agricultural equipment on display at the Machinery Museum.

The town centre is forever growing in popularity for its community arts and cultural scene.

The Verj - Natimuk’s township underwent a transformation bringing together a wide cross-section of the community to collaborate on the redesign and use of the town’s central median strip.

Using art, active participation and sustainable principles, the community created a new space that is functional and inviting, drawing on the towns’ heritage.

One of the key components of The Verj is a sculpture known as “The Thing” created by artist Sam Deal, Kinetic Sculptures. “The Thing” is made from local farm machinery. Sam’s sculptures are constructed from recycled steel, cast iron and canvas and achieve independent movement through weight and balance.

“The Thing” featured above was photographed by Dave Jones.
Nati Frinj Festival is a biennial arts festival that promises to delight and inspire you with visual performance and arts events. The festival involves many local residents and provides artists and festival visitors alike to experience the warmth of a tiny rural community. The biennial three day festival kicks off with cheekily named Hay & Thespian Mardis Gras Parade. This quirky, creative and colourful parade is made up of locals and visiting artists making there way down the main street.

Natimuk Goat Gallery is a privately owned art gallery showcasing works of local and regional artists with exhibitions changing each month. The Goat Gallery is open for viewing on weekends from 1 - 4pm. www.goatgallery.com.au

Natimuk Farmers Market Plus is known as the people’s market showcasing local and regional produce. Markets are held throughout the year. Dates can be obtained from the Horsham & Grampians Visitor Information Centre.
Mt Arapiles is a rock formation that rises above the Wimmera plains in Western Victoria and located within Tooan State Park.

There are many ways to explore the world famous Mt Arapiles. Drive or ride to the summit and take in the scenic views over the wheat plains or walk one of the paths leading to the summit. The walk up central gully leads to a lookout with great views of the surrounding area with the Grampians in the distance.

Mt Arapiles is widely regarded as the top rock climbing area in Australia and world renowned. Its old cliffs are weather beaten, yet the walls of the gullies are incredibly steep and smooth. The quality of the rock and the variety of climbs makes it attractive for beginners through to experienced climbers. More than 2000 routes have been developed on the many cliffs and pinnacles.

Rock climbing should only be undertaken by trained and experienced climbers or under the guidance of skilled and qualified instructors.

Local climbing guides in Natimuk are available to take individuals or groups rock climbing.

Mt Arapiles Tooan State Park is a habitat for a variety of mammals. Kangaroos can be seen grazing the lower slopes and possums are seen at night foraging in the tree canopies. The park is an invaluable resource for nature conservation along with about 14% of the states flora species.

The area provides the day visitor or the overnight camper with toilet and picnic facilities all located in the main campground. There are no shower facilities at the campground.

Campsites can be booked online at www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay or by calling 13 19 63.
Arapiles Bike Trail is a 33km off-road recreational trail looping through the natural landscape of Natimuk, Mt Arapiles, Mitre Rock and Natimuk Lake.

You will find interpretive signs with stories along the trail. The trail can be completed as a loop or divided into smaller sections.

Natimuk to Mt Arapiles is a 10km ride commencing at the rotunda near the skate park in Natimuk. Follow the Natimuk Creek out of town to Gladigau Rd and into the campground at Mt Arapiles.

Mt Arapiles to Mitre Rock is a short 3.3km undulating ride along a 4WD track. The track follows the base of Mt Arapiles from Centenary Park before crossing Natimuk-Frances Rd to reach Mitre Rock.

Mt Arapiles to Vinegar Hill is an 8km ride trail heading north through the Mitre Lake Reserve toward Vinegar Hill with magnificent views. There is no formed trail and riders may have to negotiate fallen trees and variable ground conditions. Not suitable in wet conditions.

Mt Arapiles to Natimuk Lake a is 23km ride of undulating terrain. This scenic section takes you along the base of Mt Arapiles to Mitre Lake and back along the edge of Natimuk Lake to the Natimuk Caravan Park, providing showers, BBQ and camping facilities. Not suitable in wet conditions.

Natimuk to Natimuk Lake is a 3.7km trail from the Old Courthouse car park that follows the Natimuk Creek.

For further information on the Arapiles Bike Trail go to visithorsham.com.au Click on Natimuk / Mt Arapiles
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Best Westlander Sundowner
100 Stawell Rd
03 5382 0191
www.bestwestlander.com.au

Comfort Inn Capital
109 Firebrace St
03 5382 0125
www.capitalhorsham.com.au

Comfort Inn May Park
2 Darlot St
03 5382 4477
www.mayparkmotorlodge.com.au

Country City Motor Inn
11 O’Callaghans Parade
03 5382 5644
www.horsham-countycity.com.au

Darlot Motor Inn
47 Stawell Rd
03 5381 1222
www.darlotmotorinn.com.au

Glynlea Motel
26 Stawell Rd
03 5382 0145
glynlea@bigpond.net.au

Golden Grain Motor Inn
6 Dimboola Rd
03 5382 4741
bw90372@bestwestern.com.au

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118 Baillie St
03 5381 7555
www.horshaminternational.com.au

Horsham Mid City Court Motel
12 Darlot St
03 5382 5400
www.horsham-midcity.com.au

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5 Dimboola Rd
03 5382 5555

Majestic Motel
56 Stawell Rd
03 5382 0144
www.majesticmotelhorsham.com.au

Olde Horsham Motor Inn
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03 5381 0033
www.oldehorsham.com.au

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03 5382 5944
www.ploughmansmotorinn.com.au

Smerdon Lodge Motel
42 Dimboola Rd
03 5382 3122

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03 5382 4691
www.townhousemotorinn.com.au

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Hutchinson’s Rd Quantong
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0447 502 503

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0427 340 750

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11 Henry St
0427 030 728

Horsham Apartments@Wembley
142 Baillie St
0457 165 797

Kurrajong House
4 Kurrajong Crt
0428 824 316

May Park Executive Apartments
1 Darlot St
03 5381 1966
www.maypark.com.au

Mundimarlin
37 Wotong Dr
03 5382 3202
www.mundimarlin.com

Oatlands House, Trackside & Hideaway
03 5382 3509

Ploughman On Ivy & Ploughman On Wallis
03 5382 5944
www.ploughmansmotorinn.com.au

Searle House
38 Searle St
0422 194 025

Seven on Williams, Fourteen on Begg and Kuranda
0417 081 794

Sylvania Park
Lubeck Rd
03 5382 2811
www.sylvaniapark.com.au

The Shack
Riverside East Rd
0427 505 553 (text only)
Horsham Hotels / Accommodation

Dooen Hotel
Henty Hwy Dooen
03 5384 7230
www.dooenhotel.com.au

The Royal Hotel
132 Firebrace St
03 5382 1255

White Hart Hotel
55 Firebrace St
03 5382 1231

Horsham Caravan Parks

Horsham Riverside Caravan Park
190 Firebrace St
03 5382 3476
www.horshamriverside.com.au

Wimmera Lakes Caravan Park Resort
9161 Western Hwy
03 5382 4481
www.wimmeralakes.com

Natimuk Accommodation

Natimuk Hotel / Cabins
65 Main St
03 5387 1300

Natimuk Studios
105 Main St
0402 766 266

Natimuk Caravan Park
Lake Rd
0407 800 753

Dadswell’s Bridge Accommodation

Grampian’s Edge Caravan Park
Western Hwy
03 5359 5241
grampiansedgecaravanpark.com.au

Dadswell’s Bridge Hotel / Motel
Western Hwy
03 5359 5251

Old Dadswell’s Town
Western Hwy
03 5359 5299
www.olddadswelltown.com.au

Orchid Lane Cottages
Western Hwy
03 5359 5209
www.orchidlanecottages.com.au

Wartook Accommodation

Banksia Park B&B
65 Carters Dr
03 5383 6209
www.banksiapark.net.au

Bracken Lodge
3031 Nth Grampians Rd
03 5383 9221
www.grampiansgrelcorun.com

Mandala Stonehouse Retreat
Nth Grampians Rd

Meringa Springs Small Luxury Lodge
2974 Nth Grampians Rd
03 5383 6363
www.meringasprings.com.au

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03 5383 6260
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Asses Ears Wilderness Lodge
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03 5383 9215
www.assesearsloge.com.au

The Grelco Run
520 Schmidt Rd
03 5383 9221
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Mount Zero Accommodation

Mt Zero Log Cabins
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03 5384 3226
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Capital Bistro
109 Firebrace St • 03 5382 0125
Ducks Nuts
118 Baillie St • 03 5381 7555
Ginger Chilli Modern Asian Cuisine
Shop 3 120 Wilson St • 03 5347 0208
Bonnie & Clydes
77 Pynsent St • 03 5382 1101
Horsham Golf Club Blue Wren Bistro
304 Golf Course Rd • 03 5382 1652
Horsham Masala Indian Restaurant
24 Firebrace St • 03 5381 7699
Horsham Palace Chinese Restaurant
49A Roberts Ave • 03 5382 5671
Horsham Sports & Community Club
179 Baillie St • 03 5382 6262
Jade Lantern Chinese Restaurant
49B Roberts Ave • 03 5382 5115
Moe’s Bar & Grill
110 Firebrace St • 03 5382 0399
Olde Horsham Restaurant
Western Hwy • 03 5382 6999
Tasty Express Chinese Restaurant
39 Firebrace St • 03 5382 4491
Thai Basil Restaurant
41 Darlot St • 03 5382 2694
Toy’s Garden Restaurant
50 - 54 Stawell Rd • 03 5382 2530

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Alley Café
120 Wilson St • 0432 663 692
Axis Worx Café
134 Golf Course Rd • 03 5382 0333
Café 100
100 Firebrace St • 03 5382 2004
Café Chikea
30A Pynsent St • 03 5382 3998
Café Jas
37 Roberts Ave • 03 5382 3911
Café Red
87 Firebrace St • 03 5382 0517
Da Mena’s Pizza & Pasta Café
4 Firebrace St • 03 5382 4167
Figtree Café
59 Firebrace St • 03 5381 1823
Café 22
22 Horsham Plaza • 0418 586 709
UpTempo
6 Dimboola Road • 03 5347 0038
The Cheeky Fox
27 Firebrace St • 03 5381 1955
Nourish’d
34 Roberts Ave
Thipatiy
41 Roberts Ave • 03 5382 2320
YMCA Café
Hamilton St • 03 5382 2576

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83 Wilson St • 03 5382 1057
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68 Wilson St • 03 5382 5300
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Henty Hwy Dooen • 03 5384 7230
Exchange Hotel
100 Firebrace St • 03 5382 2004
Royal Hotel
132 Firebrace St • 03 5382 1255
Victoria on the Park
16 Dimboola Rd • 03 5382 1162
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1 Dimboola Rd • 03 5382 5869
Hungry Jacks
9 - 13 Dimboola Rd • 03 5382 7946
McDonalds Family Restaurant
32-36 Dimboola Rd • 03 5381 1419
Horsham Bakeries
Bakers Delight
50 2b Darlot St • 03 5381 2115
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13 Bennett Rd • 03 5382 3059
Brumby’s
Shop 3 Horsham Plaza • 03 5382 6124
Conway Pies
51 Pynsent St • 03 5382 0847
The Oven Door
40 Firebrace St • 03 5382 0957
Waack’s Bakery
66 Firebrace St • 03 5382 0045

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21 Firebrace St • 03 5381 1038
Chicken Chef
16 Firebrace St • 03 5382 6388
Rockin’ Robins Food Bar
58 Wilson St • 03 5382 2989
SuperFeast
88 Firebrace St • 03 5382 1158
Domino’s
23a Firebrace St • 03 5362 5422
Horsham Kebab Station
14 Firebrace St • 03 5381 2789
Poseidon Fish & Chip Shop
5b Firebrace St • 03 5382 4410

Natimuk
Natimuk National Hotel
Main St Natimuk • 03 5387 1300

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Deirdre’s Restaurant
at Laharum Grove
1603 Winfields Rd Laharum
0429 136 319
The Wander Inn
2637 Nth Grampians Rd Wartook
03 5383 6377

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03 5359 5251
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Western Hwy Dadswell’s Bridge
03 5359 5230
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CFA 000
Police 000
Police - Roberts Avenue 03 5382 9200

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Wimmera Base Hospital
Baillie Street • 03 5381 9111

Medical Services
Lister House Clinic
146 Baillie St • 03 5382 0011
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6-12 Read St • 03 5381 9167
Tristar Medical Group
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51-53 Firebrace St • 03 5382 4433
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0439 424 112
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There are a number of parks (unmetered) where cars and caravans can park without a time restriction. (See locations marked on CBD maps).

**Caravan & Motorhome Dump Points**

- Located in Firebrace St in front of the Horsham Caravan Park.
- Located at Wimmera Lakes Caravan Resort, Western Hwy

**Caravan & Motorhome**

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

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- McLachlan St (north of Coles carpark)
- Wilson St (western end)

**Horsham and Grampians Visitor Information Centre**

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Day Trips - Centre yourself in Horsham and explore the region.

Travel south and explore the Grampians National Park/Wartook Valley.

Travel west and explore Natimuk/Mount Arapiles area.

Travel north west and explore the Little Desert National Park.

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