Wimmera Mallee Official Visitor Guide

Wimmera Mallee

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Acknowledgement of Country

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism acknowledge the traditional owners of country and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

Rocklands Reservoir





An agricultural region and heart of Victoria that changes its colours from season to season, from sunrise to sunset. While our expanse covers a large portion of the state, we are the unknown — the hidden gem. We're for going against the grain, from the world-famous Silo Art Trail to pink salt lakes, sprawling national parks, and quirky country towns. No two Wimmera Mallee trips are the same.

Nestled in northwestern Victoria, the Wimmera Mallee is a region defined by its sweeping plains, vast horizons, and rich tapestry of cultural and natural treasures.

As one of Victoria's best kept secrets, it invites visitors to slow down and explore landscapes that range from rugged desert parks to fertile farmlands.

For every visitor, traveller, adventurer, family... the Wimmera Mallee offers a unique experience to seek something different, an opportunity to choose your own adventure, to see the other side of Victoria and explore on your terms.

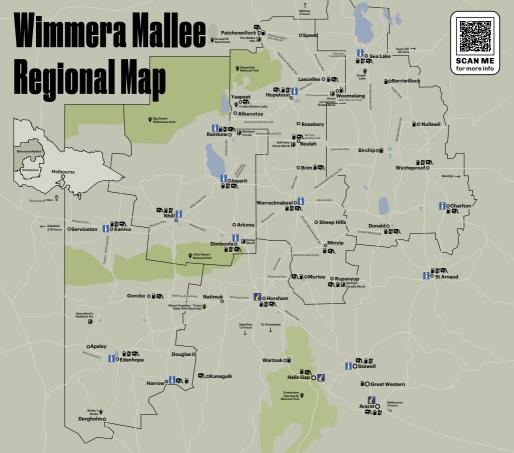


Visitors can uncover stories of community and innovation on the iconic Silo Art Trail, connect with nature in expansive national parks, or enjoy the warmth of rural hospitality. Discover hidden getaways waiting for you in

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the Wimmera Mallee.



Travelling here

The Wimmera Mallee region is well serviced by major highways, (Sunraysia Highway, Henty Highway, Calder Highway, Wimmera Highway and the Western Highway) whether travelling from Melbourne, Adelaide or NSW.

Train

The Overland train runs twice a week from Adelaide (Sunday, Thursday) and twice a week from Melbourne (Monday, Friday). It stops in Nhill, Dimboola and Horsham in the Wimmera Mallee.

V/Line offer a rail service to Ararat, and buses connecting to Horsham, Dimboola and Nhill as well as Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and smaller Wimmera Mallee towns. Visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007 for more info.

Road

Melbourne to Horsham — 4.5hrs Adelaide to Horsham — 4.5hrs Portland to Horsham – 2.5hrs Mildura to Warracknabeal – 3hrs Echuca to Charlton – 2 hrs Adelaide Airport – Nhill 4hrs

Air

Tullamarine International Airport and Avalon Airports (Melbourne) and Adelaide airport are the closest airports to the Wimmera Mallee.

Coach

V/Line operate a coach service from Melbourne to Halls Gap via Ballarat, to Mt Gambier via Dunkeld, Hamilton and Coleraine.

Ballarat O



Some places tell their stories in museums, while others paint them on the landscape. In the Wimmera Mallee, history stands tall in grain sheds, creativity spills out of small-town galleries, and the unexpected is always just around the corner.

Art, history, and the unexpected are just the beginning. Out here, discovery is never-ending, and there's always more waiting beyond the horizon.



Where art finds a home

Art isn't just framed here. It's woven into the region's identity. At Turbo Gallery in Rainbow, exhibitions bring contemporary creativity to the heart of town. Gallery Central Inc in Horsham champions regional artists, giving them a space to showcase bold and thought-provoking works. In Nhill, Paw Po is keeping tradition alive through handcrafted Karen textiles, each piece woven with history and meaning. At Rupanyup Living Hub, creativity and community come together, with local artists filling the space with colour and character.





Step into the past

History here isn't locked away behind glass. It stands tall, spreads wide, and invites you to walk through it. The **Murtoa Stick Shed** is one of a kind, an awe-inspiring relic of wartime innovation, its towering wooden beams stretching skyward. At the **Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre**, restored aircraft and interactive displays bring stories of the skies to life. In Charlton, the **Golden Grains Museum** traces the pioneering spirit of the region, while **Woods' Museum** in Rupanyup is packed to the rafters with rural relics, each one a snapshot of life on the land.

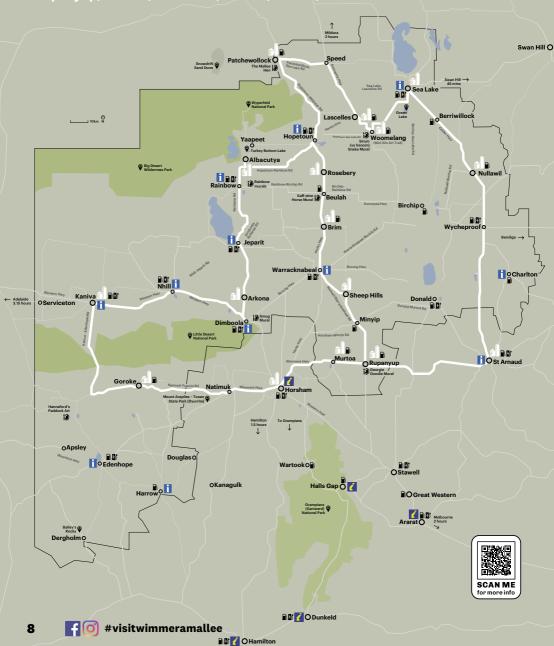
A little bit offbeat

The Wimmera Mallee was made for the curious, here the extraordinary hides in plain sight. At **Sky Mirror**, Sea Lake, the landscape transforms into a dreamlike reflection of the sky, shifting with the light and the changing seasons. In Dimboola, **Tiny Goats & Co.** proves that adventure comes in all sizes, with a playful herd of miniature goats ready to steal the spotlight. **Trickbots** takes a different approach to discovery, turning robotics into hands-on fun for curious minds of all ages.



Silo Art Trail

The Silo Art Trail is Australia's largest outdoor gallery, linking Brim, Rosebery, Albacutya, Patchewollock, Lascelles, Woomelang, Sea Lake, Nullawil, Sheep Hills, Rupanyup, Murtoa, St Arnaud, Goroke, Kaniva, Horsham and Arkona.



Providing an insight into the true spirit of the Wimmera Mallee, the trail recognises and celebrates the region's people through a series of large-scale murals painted onto grain silos, many of which date back to the 1930s.

The project saw a team of renowned artists from Australia and across the world visit the region, meet the locals and transform each grain silo into an epic work of art; each one telling a unique story about the host town.



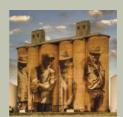
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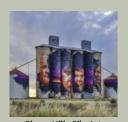
Rosebury Silo Art



Rupanyup Silo Art



Sea Lake Silo Art



Sheep Hills Silo Art



St Arnaud Silo Art



Murtoa Silo Art



Woomelang Mini Silo Art Trail



The enchanting region of the Wimmera Mallee is home to some of the most stunning natural wonders of Australia. Be immersed in serene lakes, sweeping landscapes, stunning native flora and incredible, diverse wildlife that thrive in this unique paradise. For the full seven wonders please check out our website here.



Lake Tyrrell

Lake Tyrrell is one of the great natural wonders of Victoria. The captivating salt plains turn into a vividly bright shade of pink thanks to naturally occurring algae living in the lake's salt crust. The kidney-shaped lake covers an enormous 20.860 hectares (around 200 square kilometres!), making it Victoria's largest inland salt lake.

During the day, the mesmerising formations on the 120,000-year-old lake bed are astonishing, while after dark, the reflective surface of the lake captures the beauty of the southern hemisphere's constellations above.

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Stargazing

The Wimmera Mallee offers a stargazing experience like no other. With its vast open spaces and minimal light pollution, this region offers the perfect canvas for a breathtaking show of stars. Gaze into the glittering sky anywhere in the region to be greeted with a stunning display of constellations, planets and perhaps even, a meteor shower.

For the seasoned stargazer or curious newcomer alike, the Wimmera Mallee is an ideal destination to bask in the wonders of the universe. So rug up and grab a blanket, a hot drink and snuggle up for a mesmerising night under the stars.

Flora & Fauna

The Wimmera Mallee region is a true haven for unique flora and fauna that thrive in this gentle paradise. One such plant is the Mallee Eucalyptus, renowned for its twisted trunk, which serves as natural shelter for a range of wildlife.

Pink Lake

Keeping with the theme of perfectly pink lakes, Pink Lake Dimboola is positioned along the Western Highway and is another world-famous wonder of the Wimmera region. Located a quick 10-minute drive away from the artsy town of Dimboola, this lake is a favoured hotspot for budding photographers.

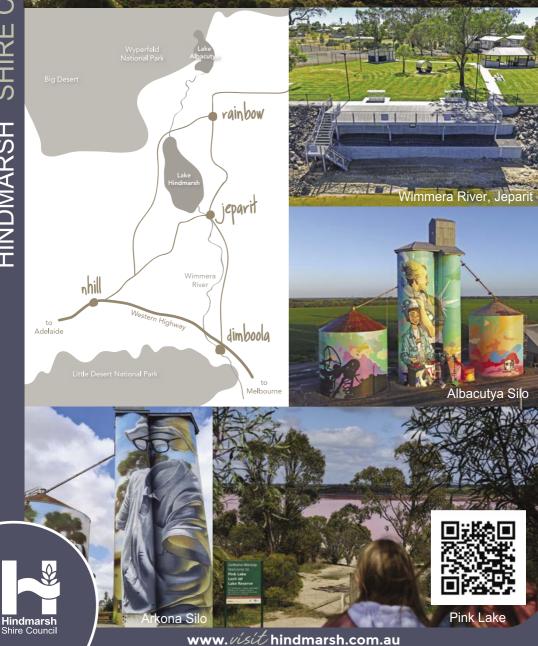
Aim for a still day with little wind to best capture the spectacular water reflections. Enjoy capturing the vibrant yellow of the canola fields in bloom to contrast against the bubble-gum pink lake. The canola plains are in bloom from August into early September.





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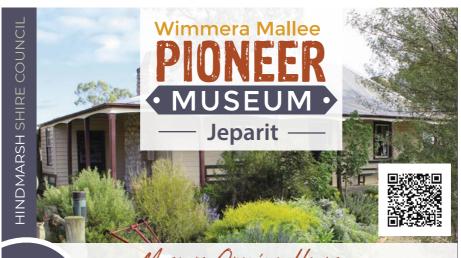














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The landmark Rex Theatre in Charlton

provides cinema and live performance for rural and regional communities in the north western region of Victoria.

30–34 High Street, Charlton rextheatre.org.au

NHILL AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE



Discover highlights of Nhill's 100 years of aviation. Photos, memorabilia and a Heritage Walk capture stories of the WW2 RAAF Base days. Vintage aircraft on display include a locally restored Avro Anson, Wirraway, Tiger Moth & De Soutter.

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Expect the unexpected in Dimboola. The Dimboola Imaginarium is a whimsical gift shop and accommodation set in the former National Bank of Australasia building. Immerse yourself in the heritage and grand architecture of Dimboola's past, and be transported to another place and time. It was recently featured in Condé Nast Traveller magazine.



SEA LAKE MOTEL



Sea Lake Motel is the choice for those that like a little luxury along the Silo Art Trail. Salt Water Swimming Pool Indoor/Outdoor 'Milky Way', Kitchen Dining room. Queen Rooms - King Rooms - King Suites and Cottages all fully equipped with Private Bathrooms, Smart TV's, Heating cooling and Luxurious White Linen 93 Railway Avenue, Sea Lake 0418 487 188

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