

Information & Emergency Contacts

Fire Danger Information

Fire restrictions can be applied across Victoria by Country Fire Authority (CFA) where fire danger is high. Typically this is over the period of November through to April. The Wimmera Mallee Region falls within the 'Wimmera' and 'Mallee' Fire Ban Districts.

A Total Fire Ban is declared for the district by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and could be difficult to control. A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day. For more information on Fire Danger and Total Fire Bans go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria

Visitors should be aware of and prepare themselves and their vehicles for all hazards in Victoria's parks. Some parks may be closed due to weather conditions. Check www.bom.gov.au before you leave and throughout your trip. Register your trip by completing the trip intentions form on www.police.vic.gov.au.

Victoria's climate is harsh; make sure you survive by being sun smart and always carry drinking water with you. Always make sure you let someone know the details of your trip.

If you are travelling and enjoying the many water spots around the Wimmera Mallee, make sure you are safe and have all relevant boat and fishing licences.

Please be aware there may be minimal or no mobile phone range in some areas. For more tips go to parkweb.vic.gov.au.

Camping

Please make every effort to protect the local environment. Only camp in designated camp grounds. Please ensure that you take all your rubbish with you after your stay.

Emergency Contact Numbers

POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	000
VICTORIAN SES (State Emergency Service)	132 500
RACV Roadside Assist	131 111
Parks Victoria	131 963
Victorian Bushfire Information Line	1800 240 667
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606 024



Murtoa

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Country culture is alive and well in this Wimmera township, located 20 minutes from Horsham. Aboriginal for "Home of the Lizard", the land around Murtoa was occupied by squatters McPherson and Taylor in early 1844 and incorporated into their "Stations" Longerenong and Ashens covering over 200,000 acres. Murtoa is home to the famous Stick Shed, a massive grain storage facility built using 560 tree trunks. Murtoa surrounds picturesque Lake Marma and features many period buildings. It also possesses many sculptures and boasts a wide range of facilities and services.

www.murtoa.net

Nhill

Midway between Melbourne and Adelaide, Nhill, an Aboriginal word meaning 'Abode of the Spirits, signified by early morning mist rising over the water', is a thriving country town offering a picturesque place to stop, explore and recharge. Surrounded by natural wonderlands in the Big & Little Desert National Parks, the central part of Nhill offers a wide range of shopping facilities, as well as parks and gardens within the median strip. Enjoy a game of golf on the greens, utilize the numerous sporting facilities or just sit back and relax in one of the beautiful cafes and restaurants around town.

www.visithindmarsh.com.au

Nullawil

Nullawil is a small Mallee town on the Calder Highway where many travellers stop to enjoy the amenities at O'Brien Park. Nullawil is also home to Auchmore Homestead, a farm based museum located on the edge of town, showing the pioneering history of the Mallee.

Patchewollock

Check out Fintan Magee's mural of local farmer 'Noodle Hulland' on the silos. The incredible artwork is part of the Silo Art Trail. Patchewollock is famous for the "Patche Pub", the local watering hole and huge Mallee Fowl sculptures.

Rainbow

An oasis in the middle of vast agriculture and wilderness areas, Rainbow offers unique gardens, a vibrant main street and spectacular hand-painted murals for visitors and locals alike. Taking its name from the lunette "Rainbow Rise" west of town, once covered with wildflowers, the silhouette of palms and silos beckons everyone to enjoy the 'Metropolis of the Mallee'. Rainbow is home of the Yurunga Homestead, an Edwardian style homestead made of brick and limestone, displaying furniture, antiques and historical artefacts.

www.visithindmarsh.com.au

Rupanyup

Famous as the 'Town with Pulse', the wide main street is unique to this Wimmera town. Check out Julia Volchkova's artwork on the Silos. Home to the amazing Woods' Farming and Heritage Museum, an iconic collection of farming and household memorabilia. Rupanyup Living, Home and Giftwares is located in Cust's Store and the building is an example of an old-style general store.

www.rupanyup.com.au

Sea Lake

Sea Lake is the heart of the Mallee, home to the annual Mallee Rally, and entrance to the famous Lake Tyrrell. Scenic opportunities for photography and visual pleasure abound, with water reflections on Lake Tyrrell creating an endless skyline during the day and stars above and below during the night. It is far enough away from the city hustle and bustle, yet fully connected with the touch of an internet finger and an easy highway drive! Why not stop awhile and enjoy the local hospitality.



Kaniva

Serviceton

Located only 2km from the South Australian border Serviceton was established 1887 in the "disputed Territory" as a midway railway junction between the capitals of Victoria and South Australia. Stop for a swim or a fish at the Serviceton Reservoir or visit the majestic Historical Railway Station.

Sheep Hills

The huge silo painting at Sheep Hills was completed by internationally renowned street artist, Adnate. Famous for his work with Aboriginal communities across Australia, Adnate completed the mural in December 2016. The four indigenous faces now watch over the tiny community of Sheep Hills.

Speed

With a tiny population of 45, this proactive Mallee community successfully campaigned alongside the Transport Accident Commission to have their township named "SpeedKills" for a month in 2011. The campaign began with Facebook and required people to "Like" the SpeedKills page. There were 10,000 "likes" within 24 hours and this enabled the exclusive name change that was one of the most successful road safety campaigns ever run by the Transport Accident Commission. Speed is also home to the Mallee Machinery Field Days held annually on the first Wednesday and Thursday of August.

Warracknabeal

Located on the Yarriambiack Creek, the name Warracknabeal comes from the Aboriginal word "Werracknabeal" meaning 'place of big gums shading the waterhole'. The gorgeous Yarriambiack Creek flows through Warracknabeal, lined with gum trees and occupied by wildlife. The creek offers recreational picnic areas, fishing and water activities. Warracknabeal boasts a proud agricultural history at the Wheatland Museum and the Historical Society in Scott Street. The vibrant retail sector compliments the mixture of historical buildings around the town.

Watchem

Watchem is located 317km from Melbourne and situated on the edge of a picturesque lake with ample camping facilities.

Woomelang

Featuring two free camping locations, cafe, travellers rest and Op Shop, this small Mallee town is worth a visit. Cronomby Tanks is a popular spot for fishing, enjoying the walking tracks and picnics. Check out the iron artwork by Phil Rigg at the Travellers Rest and Cronomby Tanks.

www.woomelang.com

Wycheproof

As only one of three towns in Australia with a 'street running' train line Wycheproof is a unique place to visit. The main street, Broadway, is shared by pedestrians, vehicles and trains. During harvest trains can run twice a day. Wycheproof is home to the world's smallest registered mountain Mt Wycheproof which soars 43m above the surrounding plain. With quintessential country hospitality, Wycheproof can cater for a short stop over or extended visit. You may just like it that much you'll stay forever.

Yaapeet

Yaapeet is a small town in the Southern Mallee about 30km west of Hopetoun and provides access to Lake Albacutya Regional Park and Wyperfeld National Park.



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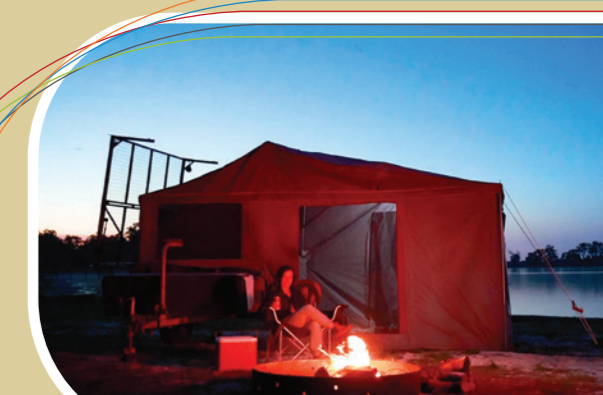


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Wimmera Sunset



Lake Lascelles



Brim

Discover the Wimmera Mallee

Welcome to the Wimmera Mallee, where rivers, deserts, wetlands and lakes are all within arm's reach. The Wimmera Mallee is home to tranquil camping grounds and caravan parks. Whether it's for a night, a weekend, or longer, there is camping and caravan accommodation and facilities to suit your needs.

The Wimmera Mallee is widely regarded as the agricultural heart of Victoria and is a stone's throw away from some of the best rural natural attractions in Australia. Behind historic buildings and charming townships are the rich stories of time gone by, just waiting for you to discover. Take the time to shop in rustic boutiques perfect for finding that special memory of your lazy weekend or a unique gift for someone special. Explore the highlights of this region from walking and bike trails, water skiing and fishing hot spots, unique accommodation options and so much more.

Our friendly locals will make the Wimmera Mallee feel like your home away from home. Discover hidden getaways waiting for you in Victoria's very own Wild West, the Wimmera Mallee.

Explore Victoria's West

Apsley

Apsley is a little treasure, located between Melbourne and Adelaide on the Wimmera Highway, 10.5 km from the South Australian border. Apsley is one of Victoria's oldest towns beginning as a key postal town at it was the cross roads between east, west, north and south and the colonies of Victoria and South Australia. Surrounded by beautiful red gums, wetlands, flora and fauna, all still found in their natural environments, Apsley offers something for everyone.

www.apsley.vic.au

Beulah

Beulah is conveniently located on the Henty Highway. Make your way to the Business Centre to taste local produce. Murals depicting Beulah's heritage scatter the township and a tour booklet can be purchased from the Beulah Business and Information Centre. Check out Kaffeine's Horse Mural adjacent to the Hotel.

Birchip

Birchip is the perfect place to stop for lunch if you are travelling along the Sunraysia Highway. Birchip has a family friendly park in the centre of town near local eating houses and the famous Mallee Bull. Birchip is a small rural town with a strong sense of community. It is home to world renowned farming research group, the Birchip Cropping Group. Birchip holds many annual events including the Mallee Root Roundup B&S Ball and the Birchip Harness Racing Cup.

Brim

Brim is an aboriginal word for "spring or well of water" and the township is located on the Henty Highway. Brim is home to Redda's Park on the banks of the Yarriambiack Creek and features outstanding camping facilities. There are sporting and recreational opportunities to take advantage of while visiting, including golf in the winter, lawn bowls in the summer and tennis all year round. Be sure to visit Guido Van Helten's huge mural on the silos depicting local farmers.

Charlton

Charlton is located in north central Victoria on the Calder Highway midway between Melbourne and Mildura. It is situated in the valley of the Avoca River in the last of the foothills of the Victorian highlands. Charlton is the 'Hub' for surrounding communities being centrally located and providing easy access for day trips to the surrounding towns of Donald and Wycheproof. Charlton welcomes visitors to the town and invites all to stay a while and enjoy the river's natural beauty, our heritage style buildings and the town's friendly hospitality.

Culgoa

Culgoa is a small quiet town situated just off the Calder Highway between Wycheproof and Sea Lake. Why not pull-in and enjoy a walk along Tyrrell Creek while staying at the free caravan and camping area conveniently located next to the Kaneira Hotel. This is a relaxing stop on your journey around the Wimmera Mallee.

Dimboola

Dimboola is situated on the Wimmera River and was previously known as 'Nine Creeks'. The 'Gateway to the Little Desert', Dimboola is the setting for Jack Hibberd's renowned play, Dimboola. The area was traditionally known as 'Watchegatcheca' by the local Aboriginal People which means 'wattle tree and white cockatoos'. The name Dimboola comes from the Ceylonese/Sri Lankan word Dimbula which means 'land of figs'.

www.visithindmarsh.com.au

Donald

Donald is a town with beautifully manicured parks and clean facilities located on the Richardson River, at the junction of the Sunraysia and Borung Highways. Explore the town with its lively spirit and big heart while visiting; the Bullock's Head Lookout, the Commonwealth Games fish, old Police Camp, Lions Train Park or Kooka's Country Cookies & Waratah Biscuits. Just out of town you can visit Lake Buloke, popular for duck hunting or Mt Jeffcott for flora and fauna lovers.

Edenhope

Built on the banks of Lake Wallace, Edenhope is located half way between Melbourne and Adelaide on the Wimmera Highway. You will be fascinated with Edenhope and the surrounding areas which are dotted with chains of wetlands, lakes and majestic Red Gums. A great place to stop and explore with inviting cafes, a range of facilities and services, a great park for the kids, a picturesque walking track around Lake Wallace and a range of sporting facilities including tennis, bowls and golf. Find a hidden treasure in the antique store or visit the heritage listed old Court House and wooden prison lock up cell at the information centre.

www.edenhope.net.au

Goroke

Goroke is home to Silo Art by artist Geoffrey Carran. The word Goroke is the local Aboriginal word for magpie, so the native bird was a great fit for the design. Situated on the edge of the Goroke State Forest, this is the perfect area for nature based tourists to enjoy four wheel driving, bird watching and bush walking through the beautiful untamed country joining the Little Desert National Park. Enjoy nearby wetlands including Lake Charlegrark, a favourite with water sports enthusiasts and famous for its record size Murray Cod and Lake Ratzcastle, both delightful peaceful and tranquil natural lakes in bush settings, where you can stay-awhile either in local accommodation or camping under the stars.



Dimboola



Watchem Lake

Harrow

Nestled in a valley beside the picturesque Glenelg River, historic Harrow lays claim to the title of Victoria's oldest inland township. Be sure to allow time to visit the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre. This state of the art interpretative centre commemorates Australia's first Aboriginal cricket team to tour England in 1868, and is a 'must see' for cricket enthusiasts and history buffs. Discover bygone motor vehicles at the Harrow Transport Museum or explore the old log jail and other buildings dating back to the 1840's. During the year you can join the local players at the 'Harrow by Night' Sound and Light Show, an interactive cabaret style performance that brings Harrow's history to life.

www.harrow.org.au

Hopetoun

Home of the unique Mallee Bush Retreat located on the foreshore of Lake Lascelles, this little township has more to offer than first appears. Hopetoun is named after Lord Hopetoun the Governor of Victoria and later Australia's first Governor General who often visited Lake Corrong Homestead as a guest of Edward Lascelles. Settle in, take a break and enjoy this magical destination.

www.hopetounvictoria.com.au

Jeparit

Jeparit is well-known as the birth place of Sir Robert Menzies. The town was gazetted in 1889 as 'Jeparit', from an Aboriginal word said to mean 'home of small birds'. Here the Wimmera River meets the largest freshwater lake in Victoria, Lake Hindmarsh. With 13km of walking tracks meandering along the river banks and looping around the town. Jeparit is a great destination for fishing, water skiing and camping.

www.visithindmarsh.com.au

Kaniva

Kaniva is an inviting country town on the far west border of Victoria, situated approximately half way between Melbourne and Adelaide, on the Western Highway. The diverse flora and fauna of the desert parks is the inspiration for Kaniva's silo art painted by David Lee Pereira. Kaniva is a great place to break your journey, take the time to enjoy the arts, crafts, cultural, heritage and agricultural experiences Kaniva has to offer. Kaniva is home to a variety of unique annual events. History buffs can visit the Kaniva Museum or Serviceton to explore the National Trust heritage Railway Station and Customs House. Kaniva also provides access to the Big and Little Desert National Parks.

www.kaniva.info

Lascelles

Check out Rone's Mural of Local Farmers on the Silos. Lascelles is the abode of the renowned Minapre Hotel, built in 1926 after the original Hotel was destroyed by fire. This grand country pub provides a meeting place for the small township of Lascelles and the farming region beyond and is famous for its icy cold beer. Admire the artwork by renowned iron sculptor Phill Rigg at the Drovers Hut Gallery.

Minyip

Minyip is celebrated for being the place where the Flying Doctors television series was made and to this day the series is still very popular all over the world. Buildings and locations used for filming the Flying Doctors are still identifiable and many visitors still stopover in Minyip for this very reason. Aboriginal for "Ashes", Minyip had its early origins as part of a squatter's "run" until the township was established in the early 1870's and the sale of town blocks in 1875 attracted ex-miners and many South Australian farmers to the district.

www.minypvictoria.com.au



Goroke