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Silent Street

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# DISCOVER THE GRAMPIANS REGION

## Welcome!

Whether you're a wine taster, outdoor explorer or food finder, the Grampians region has an adventure waiting for you. With diverse areas to explore and stories to uncover, your paths for discovery are endless. The Grampians — discover it your way!

### EXPLORE

Explore the great outdoors and jump right into the Grampians with magnificent sights and a multitude of activities. Discover the best of the Grampians region at your own pace by following one of our popular touring routes. Pack up the car and head deep into the countryside to uncover stunning natural attractions, rich heritage and great food and wine.

### BIG NATURE

Discover vibrant wildflowers, rugged mountains and majestic waterfalls, while getting up close to the natural inhabitants such as kangaroos, wallabies and emus as you go. Renowned for rugged mountain ranges, rich cultural heritage and breathtaking views, the Grampians National Park is one of Victoria's most popular destinations.

### WILDFLOWERS

Step into the 'Grampians garden'! Wander through diverse landscapes, vivid wildflowers that change with the seasons, taking in everything from sub-alpine forest and woodlands to heathlands, swamps and riverine territory. Once described as the 'Garden of Victoria', the region is home to a dazzling array of native flowers — more than one third of Victoria's flora.



**View of Lake Wartook**  
Photo by Julian Kingma

## **ADVENTURE AWAITS**

Get your heart racing with an abseiling course or rock climbing adventure. Or why not saddle up and take a ride on the wild side on a horse riding tour. Local adventure companies offer guided walking, rock climbing and abseiling and quad bike tours as well. A range of bushwalks through to more challenging hikes are waiting for you to experience.

## **FUN EVENTS**

Spectacular natural beauty meets outstanding food and wine, art, music, sport, history and more. The Grampians region is home to a range of vibrant festivals and events throughout the year. Every event provides a fantastic opportunity to truly experience our breathtaking natural assets, diverse communities and the local hospitality.

## **FOOD & WINE**

It's a foodie heaven in the Grampians, with some even calling it the "Gastronomic Grampians". You can taste your way around the region, with the option of five-star dining, cosy cafés, farm gate provedores and farmers' markets. The Grampians vineyards are world famous and award-winning. Share a tasting platter at a winery cellar door or pack a picnic.

## **ART, HISTORY & CULTURE**

The Grampians has an intriguing history that can be explored at museums, institutions and galleries across the region. The natural beauty of the Grampians is an artist's delight. Gariwerd (Aboriginal name for Grampians) is pivotal to many ancient stories and the region has the largest number of Aboriginal rock art sites in southern Australia.

## Travelling by car

The Grampians region is well serviced by major highways, whether travelling from Melbourne, Adelaide or the Great Ocean Road.

Melbourne to Ararat — 2 hours

Melbourne to Halls Gap — 3 hours

Melbourne to Hamilton, via Dunkeld — 3.5 hours

Melbourne to Horsham — 3.5 hours

Adelaide to Horsham — 4.5 hours

Adelaide to Hamilton — 5.5 hours

Twelve Apostles to Dunkeld — 2 hours

## Travelling by train/bus/plane

There are many public transport options operated by Public Transport Victoria including rail service to Ararat, Horsham and Stawell, connecting to Melbourne and Adelaide. v/Line operate a coach service to Hamilton and both coach and tour operators can connect you to the region's attractions. Visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or call **1800 800 007**. Tullamarine International Airport Melbourne and Avalon Airport are the nearest airports.

## Mobility access

An 'all-terrain, single wheeled, TrailRider wheelchair' is available to access a range of easy to medium level walking tracks. Parks Victoria can provide trained TrailRider Sherpas or the trailrider can be hired out by individuals. Advance bookings are required (usually 14 days). Phone Brambuk on **5361 4000**.



### Visitor Information Centres

Talk to a local at a Grampians Accredited

Visitor Information Centre

**Ararat:** 91 High St, 1800 657 158

**Dunkeld:** Parker St, 03 5577 2558

**Halls Gap:** Grampians Rd, 1800 065 599

**Hamilton:** Lonsdale St, 1800 807 056

**Horsham:** 20 O'Callaghan Pde, 1800 633 218





# GETTING HERE





# DISCOVER THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Grampians  
is a region of  
natural beauty,  
freedom, intrigue  
and adventure.

There are many  
reasons why the  
Grampians is a  
favourite holiday  
destination in  
any season.

Here are just a few..

## TOP TIPS

### WATERFALLS

- Mackenzie Falls
- Silverband Falls
- Wannon Falls
- Nigretta Falls
- Ferntree Falls
- Beehive Falls

### SCENIC LOOKOUTS

- Reeds Lookout
- Boroka Lookout
- Bluff Lookout, Mt Arapiles
- Mt Rouse
- Big Hill Lookout
- One Tree Hill

### LAKES

- Lake Bellfield
- Lake Fyans
- Lake Wartook
- Lake Bolac
- Green Hill Lake
- Lake Hamilton
- Lake Toolondo

### ROCK ART SITES

- Billimina
- Manja
- Bunjil Shelter
- Gulgurn Manja
- Ngamadjidj





## TOP ACTIVITIES

### ADVENTURE

- Bush Walking
- Abseiling
- Rock climbing
- Bouldering
- Camping
- Horse riding
- Quad biking
- Running
- Cycling
- Four wheel driving

### WATER

- Swimming
- Waterskiing
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Stand-up paddle boarding

### WALKS & HIKES

- Grampians Peaks Trail
- The Pinnacle Walk
- Mt Sturgeon
- The Piccaninny
- Mt Zero Walk

### SPORTING

- Golf
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Tennis

### LEISURE

- Pamper/massage
- Picnics
- Glamping
- Parks & gardens
- Lookouts
- Retail therapy



# DISCOVER OUR PARKS

## 2. LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

A desert only in name, this 132,000 hectare National Park features a diverse range of plants and animals. It stretches from the Wimmera River to the South Australian border and is popular for experienced four wheel drive enthusiasts.

## 3. MOUNT ARAPILES/ TOOAN STATE PARK

The rugged sandstone peaks of Mount Arapiles are recognised world-wide as a premier rock climbing destination. A sealed road to the summit takes visitors to a scenic viewing area.

## 4. MOUNT NAPIER STATE PARK AND BYADUK CAVES

Home to Mount Napier, the youngest volcano in Victoria, and the Byaduk Caves, considered Australia's most extensive and accessible set of lava caves. Walking tracks follow cave edges and have a number of viewing points.

## 5. ST ARNAUD RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Experience the relatively untouched Box Ironbark forest, and find a native ground orchid. The Upper Teddington Reservoir is a peaceful place for picnics and camping.



View from Mt Sturgeon  
Photo by Julian Kingma

# 1. GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK

Renowned for rugged mountain ranges, rich cultural heritage and breathtaking views, the Grampians National Park is one of Victoria's most popular destinations.

Famous for its spectacular scenery, the 168,000 hectare park is also regarded for its ecological diversity and south-eastern Australia's highest concentration of Aboriginal rock art.

When it comes to walks and hikes, there are many to choose from for all capabilities, taking you to spectacular waterfalls, lookouts, rock formations and escarpments.

## 6. LANGI GHIRAN STATE PARK

Granite peaks and sloping woodlands are a feature of the pleasant walk to the summit, with views of the surrounding plains in the east and the Grampians in the west. *Lar-ne-jeering* (Langi Ghiran) is from the *Djab Wurrung* language meaning 'home of the black cockatoo'.

## 7. BLACK RANGE STATE PARK

Central to the creation stories of the *Jardwadjali* people, this park contains a significant Aboriginal cultural site, *Mudadgadjiin*, and a diverse mix of flora and fauna. Over 100 bird species have been recorded here and wallabies and kangaroos are often seen here.

## 8. KANAWINKA GEOTRAIL

Victoria's south-western volcanic plains are part of Australia's most extensive volcanic province. The Kanawinka Geotrail takes you on a journey including Mount Eccles and the nearby tumuli. For more information, call into the Peshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre.

## 9. MOUNT COLE STATE FOREST

Mt Cole State Forest near Ararat is a walker's paradise. Walk through cool fern gullies and alpine plateaus to take in the views across to the Grampians. The park has seasonal waterfalls, shaded picnic grounds, campsites and 4WD tracks. Visit for the Beeripmo Walk.



# DISCOVER THE NORTH

**View from The Pinnacle**  
Photo by Rob Blackburn

Full of beauty and charm, this area is central to the region and possesses some of the world's most spectacular natural scenery and a rich heritage, with the picture-perfect township of Halls Gap at its centre. Exploring the north, you will find the stunning Grampians National Park, beautiful nature reserves, quaint towns and villages and sublime food and wine experiences.

The Grampians northern region is a great place for outdoor adventure and offers some of the most iconic natural attractions from **The Pinnacle**, to **Boroka Lookout**, to **Mackenzie Falls** and the famous **Reeds Lookout** and **The Balconies**.

Some of the prettiest towns and villages sit in the northern Grampians, each with their own unique attractions and atmosphere. Nestled in the heart of the **Grampians National Park**, **Halls Gap** is a delightful small village and the area is renowned for spectacular hiking, stunning views and inquisitive wildlife. **St Arnaud**, settled in 1855 is a former gold mining town with a rich heritage and a feeling of nostalgic whimsy. The township of **Stawell** is a mere 20 minutes drive from Halls Gap and plays host to the annual **Stawell Gift**, Australia's richest foot race and first run in 1878.

There's a wealth of stories here too, with significant Aboriginal heritage sites, art galleries, and a rich wine-making history playing home to **Great Western**, in the heart of the Grampians Wine Region with some of the world's oldest vines.

Discover vineyards, boutique wineries, great cellar doors, underground drives and the winemakers that, well, make it happen!

However you choose to explore the North, there's no shortage of places to stay, eat and enjoy yourself.



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## HALLS GAP

Nestled in the heart of the Grampians National Park, **Halls Gap** is a delightful small village with varied accommodation on offer and activities at your doorstep. The area is renowned for spectacular hiking, stunning views and inquisitive wildlife including kangaroos, emus, wallabies and birds. If you prefer to canoe, fish or birdwatch, **Lakes Bellfield**, **Lonsdale**, **Fyans** and **Wartook** are all within a short drive of town. For the more adventurous, opportunities abound with rock-climbing, abseiling, canoeing, 4 x 4 driving and quad bike adventures close by.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Visit any of the local cafes to get great coffee, or enjoy a sumptuous meal at one of the many restaurants in and around Halls Gap.
- Use Halls Gap as a great base to access the many hikes, lookouts and waterfalls, including the spectacular **Mackenzie Falls**
- Enjoy a day out at the **Halls Gap Zoo** and get up and personal with over 160 native and wild animals including cheetah, giraffe, meerkats, koalas and kangaroos.
- Call into **Halls Gap Estate** winery to enjoy complementary wine tastings, local produce plates and a beverage or two. Be sure to allow plenty of time as you won't want to leave!



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## ST ARNAUD

More than just a pitstop destination enroute to Mildura, **St Arnaud** is well worth lingering in a little while. Pull up a stool at one of the lively historic pubs, then work off your country pub meal with a wander through town. Take a stroll through the manicured gardens of **Pioneer Park** and the **Queen Mary Gardens**, and admire the town's cast-iron lace work verandas. Spot native wildlife and vibrant spring wildflowers, and venture down to the **Teddington Reservoir** to camp out or fish in the nearby lakes and rivers.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Visit the **Bible Museum** and check out the collection of bibles, stamps, tapestries and more. Don't miss the Museum's adjoining **Butterfly Garden** to see its many colourful residents fluttering about.
- Drive on out to **St Arnaud National Park** and follow the four-wheel drive tracks or walking trails.
- If you're in town in November, celebrate the town's history with the locals at the annual **St Arnaud Festival**. Local businesses and sporting club build and run their own floats.



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## STAWELL

Only 20 minutes drive from Halls Gap, the historic gold mining town of **Stawell** is the closest major commercial centre to the Grampians National Park. Stawell is famous for hosting the annual Stawell Gift, first run in 1878. Check out the track at Central Park from the **Stawell Gift** Hall of Fame which also showcases memorabilia of the most prestigious footrace in Australia. The 120 metre handicap race is held annually over the Easter long weekend. Travel to the nearby **Black Range State Park** and take the walk to **Bunjil's Shelter** — a huge rock overhang with ancient rock art depicting Bunjil, an Aboriginal spirit figure.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Take a break at pretty **Cato Park**, take a walk around the lake and kids can enjoy the playground.
- On the hour at 3, 6, 9 & 12 o'clock watch the animated **Town Hall Clock** chime and get a sense of the township's rich mining history.
- Stop in at one of the many cafes on Stawell's Main Street and take in the town's historic gold rush architecture and the striking Grampians mountain range in the distance.
- Visit **Big Hill lookout** for some of the best views over the Black Range and the Grampians National Park. A great place to have a picnic and watch the sunset over the town.



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## GREAT WESTERN

**Great Western** is a quaint and charming township located on the Western Highway between Ararat and Stawell. First settled in the 1840s by sheep graziers, Great Western rapidly developed through the discovery of gold and then the planting of grape vines. Today, Great Western is known internationally as an historic wine region producing award-winning wines.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- A region widely known for its magnificent Shiraz, stop into the internationally renowned **Seppelts, Best's** and **Grampians Estate** wineries.
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# Attractions



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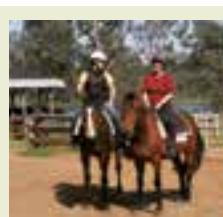
## Halls Gap - Grampians National Park

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## COME AND EXPLORE THE NORTHERN GRAMPIANS



### HALLS GAP

- Grampians National Park walks
- Scenic drives, waterfalls and lookouts
- Brambuk — The National Park & Cultural Centre
- Halls Gap Zoo
- Grampians Adventure Golf
- Art Galleries



### ST ARNAUD

- Bible Museum
- Pebble Church
- Pioneer Park
- Queen Mary Gardens
- Heritage Trail
- Wax Gardens
- Historical Society

### GREAT WESTERN

- Seppelt Winery
- Best's Winery
- Grampians Estate Winery
- Toll Gate Studio & Gallery



### STAWELL

- Stawell Gift Hall of Fame
- Bunjil Shelter
- Cato Park
- Old Courthouse Museum
- Railway Station Art Gallery
- Stawell Leisure Complex
- Heritage Trail
- Sisters Rocks



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**Mt Langi Ghiran Winery**  
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The eastern side of the Grampians has something to satisfy everyone, from adventure seekers to history buffs, and those who like to kick back and relax. Revisit the gold rush from a different perspective in Ararat, distinctive for being the only town in Australia to be founded by Chinese miners. And all within easy reach of the Grampians National Park and Halls Gap.

Explore the best of the east with sweeping landscapes and natural beauty from the scenic **Mount Cole, Mount Langi Ghiran State Park, Ararat Hills Regional Park** and the world renowned **Grampians National Park**, which is right on our doorstep. With great lakes and waterways to explore, fishing fans will be right at home.

For those who are fascinated with dark history, take a step back in time at the iconic **J-Ward Gaol** or **Aradale Asylum** or delve into a richer era and discover Ararat's place in the Victorian gold rush at **Gum San Chinese Heritage Museum**.

If food and wine is more your style then there is no shortage of fine restaurants and award winning wineries to indulge in. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at a local cellar door or cafe and tantalise the tastebuds on wines, beers and ciders made right here in the Grampians.

Accommodation including motel and camping options are aplenty in Ararat, from luxury glamping and modern motels to established caravan parks in the heart of town to the picturesque **Greenhill Lake**. If you prefer sites off the beaten track, the Eastern side of the Grampians have plenty to offer including

**Lake Bolac** and **Pomonal**.

Enjoy exploring the nearby rural towns of **Buangor, Willaura, Streatham** and **Moyston** — the birthplace of Australian Rules Football.

With so much to see and do, why not make **Ararat** your next holiday destination?





## ARARAT

Located at the foothills of the Grampians and surrounded by picturesque grazing country, **Ararat** is the centrepiece in a region of tranquil and inspiring natural attractions, including the Grampians National Park, Mount Langi Ghiran, Mount Cole, Mount Buangor and Ararat Hills Regional Park. Nearby is the **Grampians Wine Region**, an historic and expanding wine district renowned for high quality wines and scenic vineyards. Experience the abundance of diverse cultural and historical attractions, including the chilling **J-Ward Gaol** and **Aradale Asylum**, unique institutions that will captivate all who walk through their ghostly steel doors.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Pack a picnic and head to **Alexandra Gardens**, a top spot to take a break with its stunning green lawns, ornamental lake, colourful garden beds, playground, walking paths and BBQs, all within walking distance of shops. You can even cool off with a newly upgraded 50m outdoor pool and water play area.
- Drive up to **One Tree Hill Lookout** with unparalleled 360 degree views.
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## LAKE BOLAC

**Lake Bolac** is located on the Glenelg Highway/Ararat-Mortlake Road, 50 kilometres south of Ararat and is within easy driving distance to the Grampians National Park and The Great Ocean Road. An important service centre for the surrounding farms, the township is also an attraction in its own right. The freshwater lake is 27 kilometres around the foreshore and covers 1,460 hectares. When full, Lake Bolac is about 6 to 7 feet deep and is a popular boating, fishing and sailing area.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- The nearby **Narrapumelap Historic Homestead and Gardens** are considered one of rural Victoria's finest examples of French Gothic Revival. The Homestead is open to the public on Melbourne Cup and

Easter weekends and at other times by appointment.

- Every Autumn the **Lake Bolac Eel Festival** (pictured) takes over the town. This award winning festival includes prominent Australian performing artists, art, culture and a craft & food market on the lake foreshore.
- The town is also a great stop off for the family with a playground, internet facilities, Bendigo Bank branch and Medicare outlet.

## POMONAL

Stop to smell the wildflowers at **Pomonal**, a picturesque village set against the dramatic backdrop of the **Grampians National Park** and only a short 10 minute drive from **Halls Gap**. Famous for its native flowers and orchids, the area's rolling green hills make a gorgeous backdrop to nature walks, vineyards visits and farm gate expeditions.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Got a green thumb? Explore the dazzling wildflower gardens and nurseries on **Wildflower Drive**. Come in spring when the wildflowers are in bloom and check the date to make sure you're there for the **Pomonal Native Flower Show**.
- Explore the **Grampians National Park** from the east (or from Pomonal) by taking the Tunnel walking track over the **Mt William Range** where you will be rewarded with views across **Serra Range**. On the descent, stop by the historic water tunnel that goes through the Mt William Range to supply water from **Fyans Creek** to **Pomonal** and **Stawell**.
- Take the short drive out of Pomonal to get to **Halls Gap Zoo**. Pack a picnic for lunch and see native wildlife including wombats, emus, dingoes and possums in a native bushland setting.
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## MOYSTON

**Moyston** is a small village, only a 15 minute drive from Ararat near the Grampians mountain range. The discovery of gold in 1857 started a small gold rush and the establishment of a township. Wine lovers know the name for the red wine produced at surrounding vineyards, but Moyston is also the birthplace of Australian Rules Football.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Stop for a lunch break at the **Moyston General Store**. Sit on the large decking and enjoy the sunshine whilst you sip on a hot barista made coffee.
- Visit the monument of Thomas Wills, co-founder and captain of the Melbourne Football Club (1859), which commemorates the birthplace of Australian Rules Football

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## Ararat's Arts Future Unfolds

The landmark Ararat Town Hall precinct is now in the final stages of its first major upgrade in more than three decades. The \$7.735 million project has set the stage for this well-established arts precinct to become a premier arts and cultural destination for Western Victoria.

When completed in mid-2018, the building upgrade will result in a three distinct art gallery spaces, a new café, landscaped gardens, a revamped Town Hall entrance foyer, box office and bar and a new green room and technical theatre upgrade.

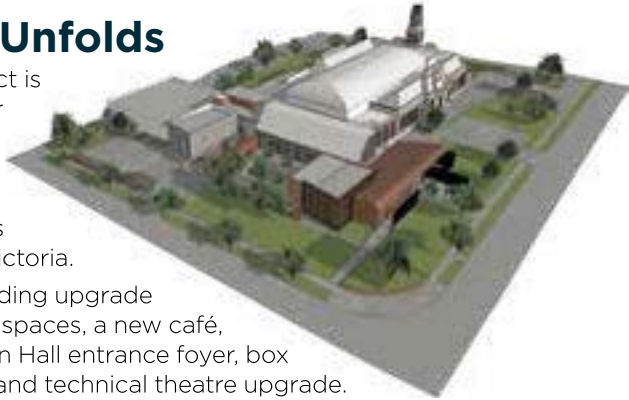
The new-look Ararat Town Hall precinct will launch with a fresh program of activities and events in August with exciting performances and exhibitions.

Ararat Gallery, which has a strong textile art specialisation, will introduce the public to its expanded gallery with *Kylie on Stage* — a world-class exhibition celebrating Kylie Minogue's spectacular stage costumes from 5 August – 7 October 2018.

The Ararat Arts Precinct redevelopment has been funded via a partnership between Ararat Rural City Council, the Victorian Government (\$5.2 million) and the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$945,000).

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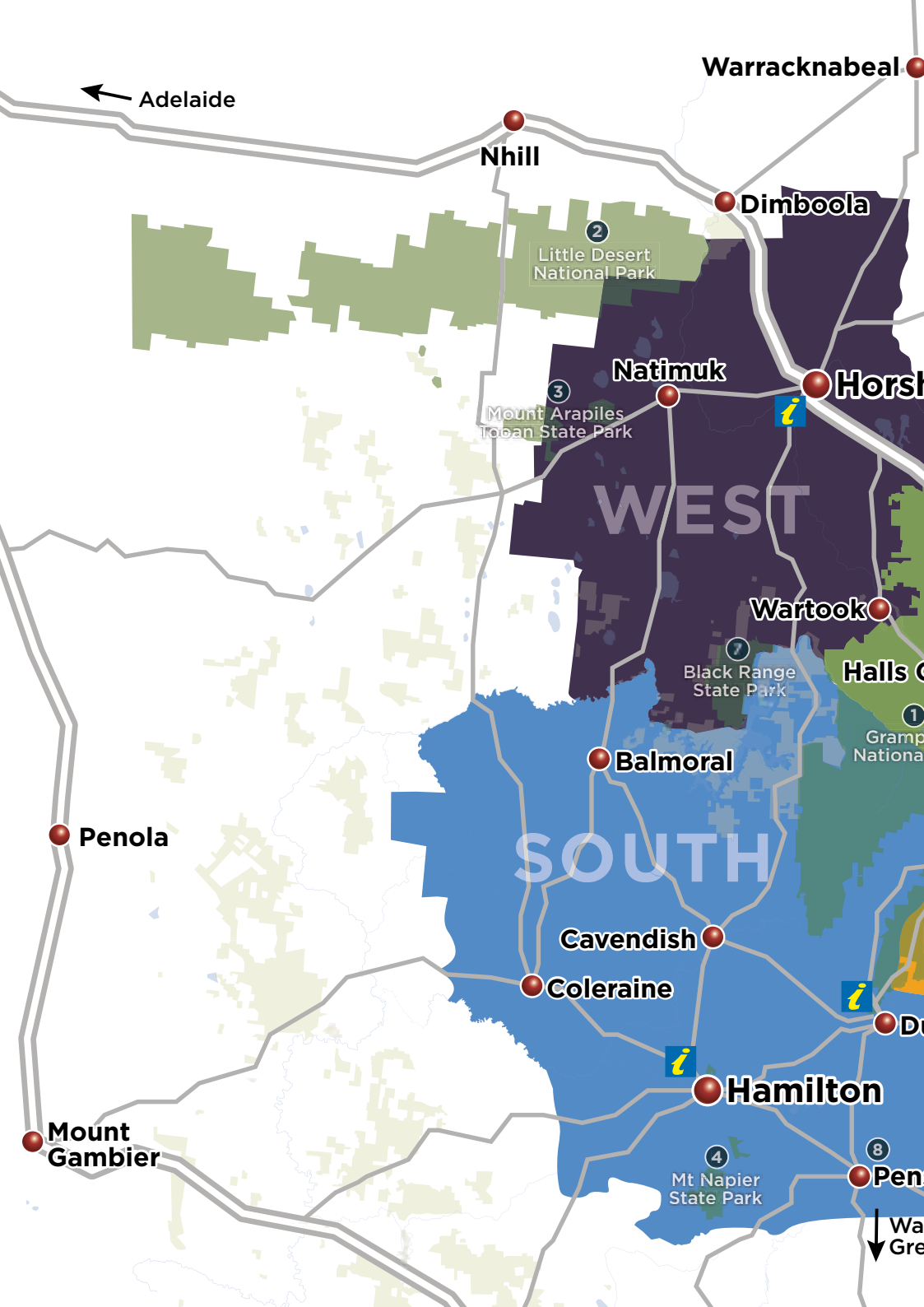
The romance of the Great Ocean Road, with its rugged coastline, lush forests and overpowering sense of freedom, is an unforgettable experience.

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# GRAMPIANS REGION MAP





A scenic landscape photograph showing two hikers walking away from the camera on a rocky trail. The hiker on the left is wearing a pink jacket and black leggings, while the hiker on the right is wearing a red jacket and black shorts. The trail is surrounded by lush green vegetation and trees. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain peak (Mt Abrupt) rises against a clear sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

# DISCOVER THE SOUTH

**View to Mt Abrupt**  
Photo by Julian Kingma

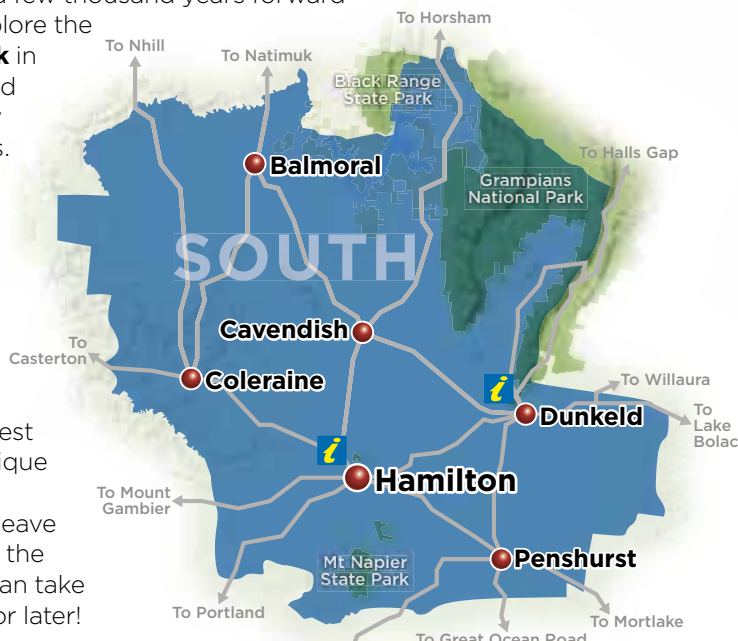
The south offers a blend of provincial charm and natural attractions. From the gentle buzz of its towns and villages to the magnificence of ancient volcanoes and tranquil waterfalls, there is something to be discovered at every turn. Enjoy the stylish township of Hamilton, a creative centre of the south and only a short distance to the Grampians National Park.

Visit the Greater Hamilton region and experience the heartbeat of a thriving farming district — Victoria's first area of pastoral settlement. The regional city of **Hamilton** retains the feel of a grand old country town, but with a vibrant arts scene, retail shopping, delicious food and wine and stylish accommodation, layered with a modern day appeal. The ultimate way to combine the great outdoors with life's pleasures, including chef-hatted food and the region's most sort after sourdough is to base yourself at **Dunkeld**. The attraction to this must visit destination is **instant** and is home to Australia's award winning restaurant **Wickens @ Royal Mail Hotel** and the legendary **Dunkeld Old Bakery**.

If you feel like getting a little more up close and personal, strap on the hiking boots and head for the hills. Take on the mountain trails and enjoy majestic views from **Mt Sturgeon**, **Mt Abrupt** and **the Piccanniny**. **Penshurst's** past is sure to fascinate. Wander up a dormant volcano and learn more about the region at the **Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre**. Step a few thousand years forward

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With vines for days, the **Henty Wine Region** offers plenty of opportunities to stop and sample some of Victoria's best wines at boutique wineries. And make sure to leave some room in the boot so you can take some home for later!





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## HAMILTON

A stylish provincial city located at the centre of Victoria's south west, **Hamilton** offers a variety of experiences for visitors.

One of Australia's finest regional galleries, the **Hamilton Gallery**, holds a vast collection of works and is complemented by a dynamic program of changing exhibitions.

The William Guilfoyle designed **Hamilton Botanic Gardens** is the jewel in the crown, blending English-style grandeur with a strong welcoming feel.

The rich, fertile soils of the region give rise to a delectable menu of home-grown produce. Sample the end product at the cafes and restaurants that have helped to put this part of Victoria on the map.

Hamilton is easily accessible to the Great Ocean Road, Coonawarra Wine Region and the Grampians National Park.



### LOCAL TIPS:

- **Pierrepoint Winery and Cellar Door** at Tarrington is a must for wine lovers.
- A short drive from Hamilton will take you to the beautiful **Wannon** and **Nigretta Falls**.
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## PENSHURST

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The road access to the summit provides panoramic views of the lava plan. A visit to the **Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre** will reveal the unique story of the formation of the lava flows known as the **Kanawinka Geotrail**.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Enjoy the **Penshurst Wetland Gardens**, historic town walks, sweeping views from Mt Rouse and find a delightful picnic spot to stop and relax.
- Keep your eyes peeled for Penshurst's hidden gems, including wine bars, charming antique book store and the native birdlife at **Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve**.
- **Penshurst** was home to painter, mosaic, and stained glass artist **Mervyn Napier Waller**, who went on to create the wondrous **Hall of Memory** at the Australia War Memorial in Canberra.

## DUNKELD

At the foot of **Mount Sturgeon**, the southern tip of the **Grampians National Park** and the Great Dividing Range, is the village of **Dunkeld**. Dunkeld's charming main street features shops, cafes and the **Royal Mail Hotel** which is regularly voted one of the best dining destinations in Australia. But don't be scared to wander beyond the main street to discover a 130-year-old wood fired oven at the **Dunkeld Old Bakery**.

This beautiful town has a picturesque **Arboretum** with a walking track that meanders past hundreds of trees including many giant red gums. Dunkeld is made for meandering with its sandstone labyrinth and small lakes that are crossed by several bridges. For the more vigorous visitor, a hike up **Mount Sturgeon**, **Mount Abrupt** or **The Piccaninny** affords a great view of the entire Southern Grampians range.



### LOCAL TIPS:

- Experience the sun setting at the end of the day from the small pier at **Dunkeld Arboretum** with a stunning view of Mt Abrupt.
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## COLERAINE

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### LOCAL TIPS:

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# Attractions



Hamilton Gallery's collection has a decorative arts focus including both Australian and International objects from the 17th century through to the present.

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# DISCOVER THE WEST

In the regions West, you will discover world renowned rock climbing sites, wide open spaces and delectable food and wine offerings. Rising from the Wimmera plains, you will find Horsham, a lively city with excellent opportunities for shopping, dining and entertainment. Base yourself in here and explore the attractions of the west, all within easy reach of the beautiful Grampians National Park.

The **Grampians National Park** is located 30km south-west of Horsham and boasts ancient Aboriginal rock art sites and the breathtaking **Mt Zero** and **Hollow Mountain**. Meander your way on to **Mackenzie Falls**, Victoria's largest waterfall that proudly flows all year round.

**Wartook Valley** offers magnificent sunrises, sunsets and brilliant night skies. The area is famed for its mountain views and inspiring sandstone escarpments with panoramic views of the surrounding plains, ancient rock art shelters, diverse wildlife and colourful wildflowers. The **Laharum** area is known for its olive groves, with heritage trees and organic farming, the Mediterranean-like climate produces award-winning olive oils. **Horsham** is the capital of the region and is your ideal base to explore and day trip.

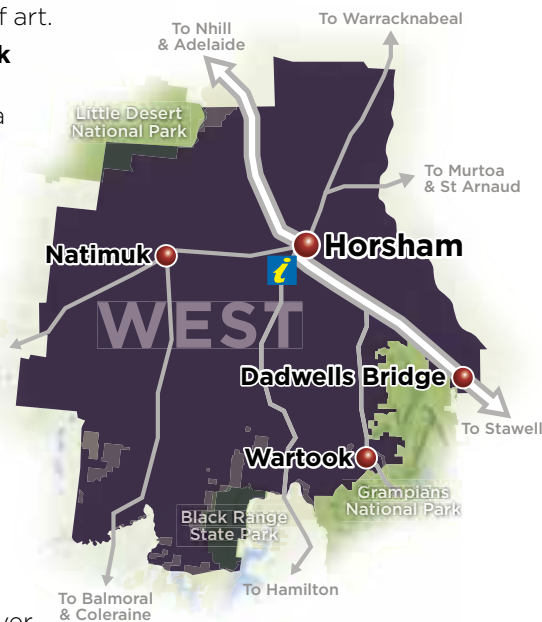
The west is the perfect gateway to the **Silo Art Trail**, one of Australia's largest outdoor galleries. Cruise the 200km journey from town to town and witness this innovative art project that sees renowned street artists from Australia and across the globe transform wheat silos into giant works of art.

### **Mt Arapiles-Tooon State Park**

is widely regarded as the top rock climbing area in Australia and is world renowned. If rock climbing is not your thing, drive, ride or walk to the summit and take in the scenic views of the surrounding wheat plains.

Be sure to stop at the nearby picturesque township of **Natimuk**, with its historic buildings and a growing community arts and cultural scene.

From boutique wineries to outdoor adventures and everything in between, the west is ready for you to discover.





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## HORSHAM

**Horsham**, known as the Cosmopolitan Capital of the Wimmera, is a bustling commercial centre located on the banks of the Wimmera River.

Take your time and indulge in good food and wine at one of the many cafes in Horsham. For those looking for retail therapy, Horsham is renowned for a variety of boutique and specialty shopping all within the immediate CBD area for ease of walking and exploring.

Get out and about with plentiful activities, such as walking trails, **Horsham Aquatic Centre**, mini golf course, ten pin bowling, indoor play centre, open space parks, antiques and collectables.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Catch a show at the 500 seat **Horsham Town Hall Performing Arts** that has been redeveloped to create a modern, accessible, community arts and conference facility.
- The **Horsham Regional Art Gallery** is home to a nationally significant collection of Australian photography charting its history from inception to today.
- Discover the **Horsham Public Art and Heritage Trail** that winds its way through the streets of the CBD and down to the Wimmera River.
- The **Horsham Golf Club** has the reputation as one of the best courses in country Victoria. Have a round and then enjoy a meal in the restaurant or book for your next function.



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## NATIMUK

Adventure-seekers from across the globe flock to **Natimuk** to experience some of the best rock climbing and abseiling in Australia at **Mt Arapilees-Tooon State Park**.

Not a climber? Pull on your boots and walk or ride along the scenic **Natimuk to Mt Arapiles Big Sky Bike Trail**, a 10-kilometre off-road recreational trail.

If you enjoy a slower pace, take a stroll through the nineteenth-century heritage township of Natimuk where you will discover restored heritage buildings, local produce, antiques and crafts.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Natimuk is also known for its arts and cultural scene. Time your visit to coincide with the biennial **Nati Frinj**, an arts festival which supports local artists and performers.
- Stop by the **Natimuk Farmers Market Plus**, held in Main Street on selected Long Weekend Sundays in March, April, June and November.

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## DADSWELL'S BRIDGE

**Dadswell's Bridge** is located on the Western Highway with the majestic Grampians mountain range as a backdrop.

Of course the town is the home of the **Giant Koala** precinct. This includes a small zoo, a gift shop with tourist information, a take-away business and an Indian restaurant.

There is a range of accommodation nearby.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- **The Giant Koala** attraction is a great place for photo opportunity and the perfect place to stop for food and coffee.
- Close by is **Beehive Falls**, known as one of the most beautiful in the Grampians National Park. Enjoy the pretty rock pools surrounded by ferns.
- Explore the **Mt William Creek Trail** (2km return). In spring, the region turns colourful with many blooming flowers across the stony pathways and verdant grasslands. Apart from the spectacular walking track, you will come across a number of rock pools in this area.



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## WARTOOK VALLEY

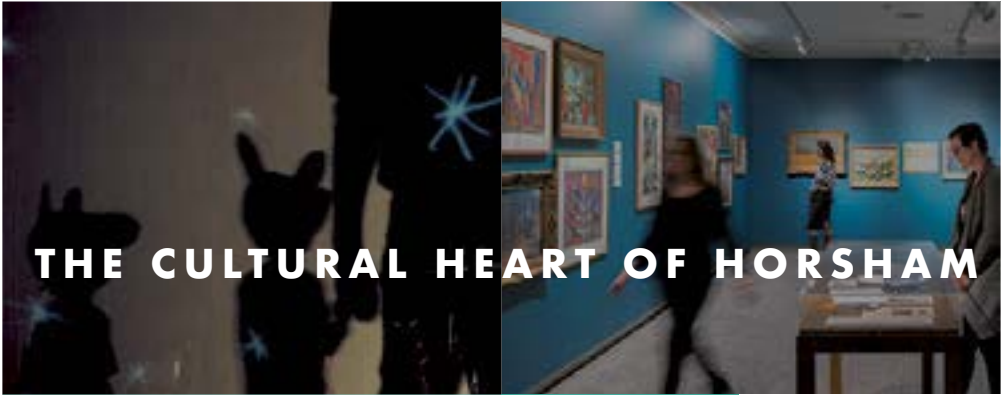
**Wartook Valley** is home to spectacular sunsets, brilliant night skies, rugged mountain views, scenic walks and abundant wildlife.

Located on 'the sunset side' of the Grampians, you can explore Aboriginal rock art, some of Australia's oldest olive groves, waterfalls and wildflowers.

### LOCAL TIPS:

- Visit the **Zumsteins** picnic area on the banks of the MacKenzie River. Explore the site of an historic settlement, enjoy a barbeque and take in the wildlife.
  - Outdoor and adventure seekers can enjoy year-round horse riding, rock climbing, fishing, mountain biking, quad bike tours and wildlife watching.
- While you're in the area spend a day in the Grampians National Park, visiting nearby sites such as **Mackenzie** and **Beehive Falls**.
  - Discover the **Mudadgadjin Walk** in the **Black Range State Park**. This short walk takes you to the significant aboriginal rock art shelter.
  - Whilst in the **Black Range State Park**, further extend your rock art shelter walk to experience the wild swept caverns across the valley. These are magnificent.
  - Take a walk up **Flat Rock** in the north of the Grampians National Park, starting at Mt Zero carpark. Whilst your there further along is the **Hollow Mountain Walk** and **Mt Stapylton**.

# Attractions and Accommodation



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## For expert local knowledge on:

- Accommodation
- Attractions & Activities
- Food & Wine offerings
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- Exploring the region's Parks & Reserves
- Local services

## Speak to a local at a Visitor Information Centre

Space available for hire at Halls Gap 'Hub'.

### Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre

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# STEP INTO AN ANCIENT LANDSCAPE

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## GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

*Walk Victoria's Icons*

The Grampians Peaks Trail provides an intimate and unforgettable experience of dramatic peaks, panoramic views and an ancient rugged landscape through the majestic **Grampians National Park**.

The Grampians Peaks Trail will be a **13 day/12 night (one-way)** walk and will provide an intimate and unforgettable experience of dramatic peaks, panoramic views and the majesty of this ancient and rugged landscape.

The journey rich in Aboriginal culture, will provide an insight into the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung people who have walked and lived in these ranges they have called Gariwerd for thousands of years.

### **The Grampians Peaks Trail Story**

When completed, the 144km Grampians Peaks Trail will connect some of the Grampians' most spectacular peaks, from the massive sandstone outcrops around Mt Zero in the north to Mount Abrupt overlooking the Dunkeld township and the surrounding volcanic plains in the south. The trail will wind through vegetation varying from low lying heathlands to high elevation woodlands. Hikers will experience natural beauty on a truly grand scale.

On completion, the Grampians Peaks Trail will become a drawcard for local and international visitors, in a similar way to the renowned Overland Track in Tasmania and the Milford Track in New Zealand.





The Grampians Peaks Trail will largely be constructed in a staged process and will be complete by 2019. The trail and hiker campsites form the basis of the core infrastructure necessary for the trail to operate. The creation of the 144km long Grampians Peaks Trail will require the development of approximately 80km of new trail and the upgrade of 65km of existing trails.

The Grampians Peaks Trail is one of four long-distance walks being developed under the **Walk Victoria's Icons** brand which will position Victoria and the Grampians as a key nature-based tourism destination. Other walks within the portfolio are the Great Ocean Walk, the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing and the Coastal Wilderness Walk in East Gippsland.

### **Stage One is now open.**

For trail details, maps and project updates, please go to [www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au](http://www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au)







# ART, HISTORY AND CULTURE

Mural, Balmoral. Artists: Rowena Martinich and Geoffrey Carran

Indulge in the Grampians arts, history and culture. A region with a rich tapestry. Delve into the myriad of local stories, many inspired by the local landscape, and be taken back in time.

The Grampians has a long and interesting history that can be explored at museums, galleries and institutions across the region.

Visit Ararat's lunatic asylums for history tours, ghost tours and paranormal investigations of Ararat's two most popular tourist attractions: **J Ward Lunatic Asylum** and **Aradale**. Walk through the eerie wards and halls of the institution that treated

and housed the mentally ill of Victoria for over 140 years.

Discover the eclectic mix of mediums and subjects at **Ros McArthur's studio** in the picturesque Mirranatwa and discover the many art galleries and studios across the region.

The **Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Hamilton Gallery** and the **Ararat Regional Art Gallery** each offer unique permanent

collections, visiting exhibitions along with workshops and classes. As you journey through the region, you will discover the many towns and villages that offer an array of community arts to explore. A journey along the **Silo Art Trail**, one of Australia's largest outdoor galleries, is sure to impress.

The Grampians is home to a rich tapestry of culture from Aboriginal artifacts and exhibits at



**Brambuk Cultural Centre** in Halls Gap to Chinese textiles, embroideries and relics that tell the story of miners coming to the goldfields at the **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre** in Ararat.

Visit the **Volcanoes Discovery Centre** in Penshurst at the foot of the dormant Mt Rouse volcano, and be transported back thousands of years to when volcanoes were erupting right across the Western

District and into South Australia. At the Centre you will see how the surrounding volcanoes formed and shaped the landscape. See where the bluestone used in the building of the Victorian Houses of Parliament came from.

Make time to visit some of the museums in the region — the **Bible Museum**, **Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum**, **Langi Morgala Museum** — to name a few.



J Ward — Ararat



Silo Art Trail — Sheep Hills Silo



Horsham Town Hall



Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum — Hamilton

# DISCOVER ABORIGINAL HERITAGE



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## Aboriginal Culture

The Grampians National Park was proclaimed in 1984 to protect this important cultural heritage. **Gariwerd** is the traditional Aboriginal name for the Grampians Ranges and is central to the heritage of many Aboriginal communities in south-western Victoria.

The region has the largest number of rock art sites in southern Australia and over 86% of

Victoria's rock art sites, dating back more than 20,000 years. Discoveries of Indigenous Australian artefacts in the region include ancient oven mounds, scatterings of stone remain from tool making and ancient rock art sites.

Within the Grampians National Park there are four rock art sites which are open for public viewing: Gulgurn Manja, Ngamadjudj,

Billimina and Manja. The well known **Bunjil Shelter** is nestled in the Black Range Reserve near Stawell.

You can learn about our region's unique Aboriginal culture and history at **Brambuk — The National Park & Cultural Centre** in Halls Gap. The centre's building is extraordinary, with an undulating roof resembling the sweeping wings of a cockatoo. Surrounded by stunning mountain views, the centre





also features a bush food cafe, retail outlet and the Grampians National Park Information Centre. Take time to enjoy

an interpreted walk through the native garden, the Gariwerd Dreaming Theatre and Rock Art Tours.







**For more information, grab a copy of the 'Aboriginal Culture of Gariwerd' brochure.**

## Gariwerd's Six Seasons

According to the traditional owners of the Grampians, there are six distinct weather periods recognised in the Gariwerd seasonal cycle.

These seasons relate to climactic features and also reference environmental events such as plant flowering, fruiting and animal

behavioural patterns. For thousands of years, the lives of the *Jardwadjali* and *Djab Wurrung* have been intimately linked to this seasonal cycle.

<p><b>KOORYANG</b> Season of Eels</p>  <p>Late Summer Late Jan. to late March</p>	<p><b>GWANGAL MORONN</b> Season of Honey Bees</p>  <p>Autumn Late March to June</p>	<p><b>CHINNUP</b> Season of Cockatoos</p>  <p>Winter June to late July</p>	<p><b>LARNEUK</b> Season of Nesting Birds</p>  <p>Early Spring Late July to late August</p>	<p><b>PETYAN</b> Season of Wildflowers</p>  <p>Late Spring Late August to mid Nov.</p>	<p><b>BALLAMBAR</b> Season of Butterflies</p>  <p>Early Summer Mid Nov. to late Jan.</p>
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# DISCOVER WINE REGIONS AND WINERIES

View from Mt Langi Ghiran Winery  
Photo by Rob Blackburn

There are dozens of historic and boutique wineries scattered across the undulating Grampians and Henty wine-making regions.

Visit a cellar door and meet passionate winemakers, hear their stories and let serious reds and crisp whites tantalise your tastebuds.

**The Grampians Wine Region**, home to **Mount Langi Ghiran** and **Montara**, is best known for its dense, purple and peppery Shiraz and sparkling wines.

In the beautiful wine village of Great Western, you can discover the award winning **Best's Great Western**, whose vineyards date back to the mid 1800s and **Grampians Estate** where you can enjoy the ambiance of one of the



region's leading boutique wineries. A visit to Great Western isn't complete without a tour through the famous **Seppelt** underground drives.

Travel south to discover the **Henty Wine Region**. Stay a night at the **Royal Mail Hotel** in Dunkeld and experience their wine cellar. And be sure to make plenty of time to stop at **Pierrepoint Wines** near Hamilton to enjoy a tasting.





## HENTY WINE REGION

The Henty wine region, one the coolest of Australia's mainland wine growing regions, stretches from Western Victoria to Southern South Australia.

The region is known for its aromatic white wines, luscious sweet dessert wines and intense, finely structured reds. The wine grape varieties which have been most widely planted in the Henty region are Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Also to be found are Semillon, Shiraz, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Gris.

You can't go past **Pierrepoint Wines**, situated between Hamilton and Tarrington, to enjoy a tasting and cheese platter at the family owned and operated vineyard, cellar door and Bed & Breakfast. A case of their award-winning Sparkling Pinot Gris will be sure to find its way home with you!



## GRAMPIANS WINE REGION

The Grampians wine region is home to some of the world's oldest vines. Known for dense, purple and peppery Shiraz and sparkling wines, the Grampians has been a quality wine-producing region for more than 150 years.

As you explore the undulating hills from Buangor to Halls Gap, there is plenty to discover with an abundance of wine-related experiences.

The modern cellar door at **Mount Langi Ghiran** frequently hosts events

from roasting chestnuts in Autumn to picnics in Spring. Stop in for a tasting at **Montara**, only 3km from Ararat, and enjoy a selection of local produce and coffee at the cellar door or linger a while on the outdoor decking and drink in the views across the vineyard.

In the township of Great Western, you can discover the iconic **Best's Great Western**. Be sure to call in at their cellar door, taste some of their award-winning wines and take a self-guided cellar tour. 2016 saw them take out the Halliday 'Wine of the Year' award and also celebrate their 150th year — certainly a great piece of Australian history right here in the Grampians!

Another multi-award winning winery is **Grampians Estate**, situated just off the main road in Great Western. The cellar door offers wine tastings, wine tutorials, cheese platters, muffins and espresso coffee in a warm and friendly environment. Their Sparkling Shiraz is a real treat.

**Halls Gap Estate** vineyard was planted on the steep Eastern slopes of the Grampians in 1969, and offers superb views of the mountain ranges and is only a short drive from the centre of Halls Gap.

According to wine critic Max Allen, the Grampians wine region in western Victoria produces some of the best shiraz in Australia.

On the west side of the Grampians, near Horsham, is the new cellar door at **Barangaroo Boutique Wines**. Serving gourmet platters including local produce, the cellar door offers wine flights on the expansive undercover deck area, overlooking the vineyard. Combine a stop here with a visit to **Norton Estate Wines**, Natimuk and Mt Arapiles for a perfect day out.

# — DESTINATION — Great Western

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# EXPLORE BY ROAD

**Mt Sturgeon**  
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## GRAMPIANS WAY

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For more details and maps, go to [www.visitgrampians.com.au/plan-your-trip](http://www.visitgrampians.com.au/plan-your-trip)

## SOUTHERN ROUTE

The southern region of the Grampians offers a blend of provincial charm and natural attractions. From the gentle buzz of Dunkeld, Peshurst, Hamilton, Coleraine and Cavendish to the magnificence of ancient volcanoes and tranquil waterfalls, there is something to be discovered at every turn.

## EASTERN ROUTE

The eastern route provide a scenic drive with magnificent views along the eastern edge of the Grampians National Park. A fantastic perspective of the jagged mountain ranges. Pausing along the way, explore the local towns of Pomonal, Moyston, Ararat, down to Lake Bolac.



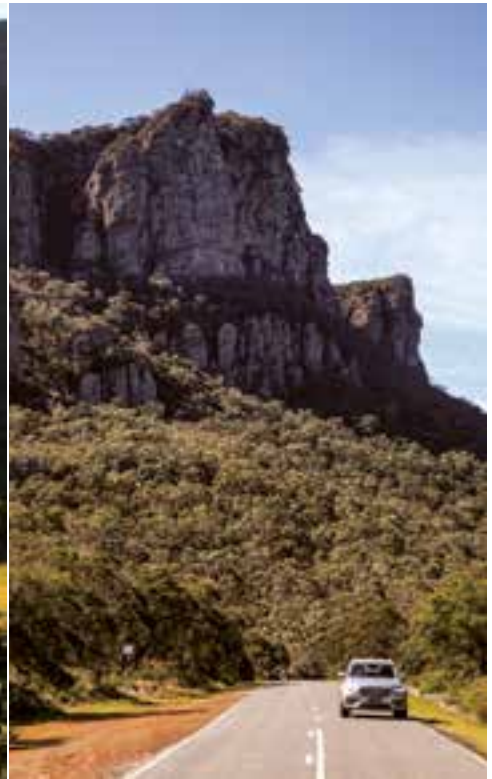


## NORTHERN ROUTE

The northern Grampians possesses some of the world's most spectacular natural scenery and a rich heritage. Exploring the north, you will find diversity from the stunning Grampians National Park to the quaint towns of St Arnaud, Stawell, Great Western and Halls Gap.

## WESTERN ROUTE

In the regions West, you will discover world renowned rock climbing sites, wide open spaces and delectable food and wine offerings including historic olive groves. Pace yourself and discover the delights that Horsham, Natimuk, Lower Norton and the Wartook Valley have to offer.



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Every event in the Grampians region is a great way to truly experience our breathtaking natural assets, wonderful facilities and the local hospitality.

Here's just a taster of what's on offer. Head online to find out all the details...

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## APRIL

- **Stawell Gift**  
— Stawell
- **Horsham Market & Swap Meet**  
— Horsham
- **Cavendish Red Gum Festival**  
— Cavendish
- **Orchestra Victoria — Hamilton Festival**  
— Hamilton

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## MAY

- **Grampians Grape Escape** — Halls Gap
- **Run the Gap**  
— Halls Gap
- **Hamilton Pastoral Museum Celebrating 50 Years** — Hamilton

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## JUNE

- **Serra Terror**  
— Dunkeld
- **City of Hamilton Eisteddfod**  
— Hamilton
- **Alpacafest** — Hamilton



# DISCOVER EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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## AUGUST

- **Sheepvention**  
— Hamilton
- **Wonderland Run**  
— Halls Gap
- **Peaks & Trails Run**  
— Dunkeld
- **World Junior Motocross Championships**  
— Horsham

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## SEPTEMBER

- **St Arnaud Agricultural Show**  
— St Arnaud
- **Grampians Brushes**  
— Halls Gap
- **Grampians Challenge**  
— Wartook Valley
- **Seriously Shiraz**  
— various locations

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## OCTOBER

- **3 Peaks Festival**  
— Dunkeld
- **VIVA Multicultural Festival**  
— Ararat
- **Pomonal Native Flower Show**  
— Pomonal
- **Halls Gap Jazz & Blues Festival**  
— Halls Gap
- **Stawell Agricultural Show**  
— Stawell
- **St Arnaud Country Music Festival**  
— St Arnaud
- **Western Open Horsham Golf Pro Am**  
— Horsham

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## NOVEMBER

- **Dunkeld Cup**  
— Dunkeld
- **One Tree Hill Climb**  
— Ararat

- **St Arnaud Festival**  
— St Arnaud
- **Dragon Boats Victoria Horsham Regatta**  
— Horsham
- **Horsham Rock Music Festival**  
— Horsham

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## DECEMBER

- **Penshurst Boxing Day Races**  
— Penshurst
- **Carols by Candlelight**  
— various towns throughout the region
- **New Years Event Celebrations**  
— various towns throughout the region

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## JANUARY 2019

- **Great Western Races**  
— Great Western

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## FEBRUARY

- **Grampians Music Festival**  
— Halls Gap

- **Farm to Pub Charity Race**  
— Ararat
- **Horsham Gliding Fly-in**  
— Horsham
- **Triathlon Horsham**  
— Horsham
- **Babylon Festival**  
— Carapooee West

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## MARCH

- **Jailhouse Rock**  
— Ararat
- **Balmoral Show**  
— Balmoral
- **Horsham Country Music Festival**  
— Horsham
- **Grampians Textures**  
— Halls Gap
- **Pitch Festival**  
— Moyston
- **Lake Bolac Eel Festival**  
— Lake Bolac
- **Wimmera Machinery Field Days**  
— Horsham

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