

HISTORIC



1. DIMBOOLA OLD COURT HOUSE
Built in 1875, the court house is home to the Dimboola Historical Society, including a collection of photographs, newspapers and other interesting memorabilia.



2. DIMBOOLA PRINT MUSEUM
The Dimboola Banner, dates back to 1879. The original printing presses as well as a variety of printing presses acquired from throughout Australia are the major attraction of the museum.



3. STEAM TRAIN AT APEX PARK
The J539 was an oil-burning locomotive, built in Lancashire, England in 1954 and was purchased to celebrate the central role of the railway in the development of Dimboola.



4. DIMBOOLA RAILWAY STATION
Built in 1883 was integral to the establishment of the town and is now a major change-over point for the train crews.



5. DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE
Unique as it was originally erected as a memorial to those who fought in World War I. Located in a picturesque setting on top of a hill overlooking Dimboola and the Little Desert.



6. THE NOLAN STUDIO
Dedicated to the work of Australian expressionist painter Sidney Nolan (1917-1992) who was stationed in Dimboola while on army duty during World War II.



7. JOHN SHAW NEILSON COTTAGE
Contains two of the original rooms of the home where poet John Shaw Neilson was born. It was relocated from Penola and reconstructed at Japex Park, Nhill.



8. THE TALKING DRAUGHT HORSE
This monument in Goldsworthy Park, Nhill is a reminder of the major part the draught horse played in the development of Australia and our region.



9. MALLEEFOWL MEMORIAL
Located at the front of the council offices in Nhill. The Malleefowl is a unique bird which builds large earth mounds to incubate its eggs.



10. WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM
The museum in Jeparit has Australia's largest range of agricultural machinery from the 1890s to 1940. Take a step back in time and see a tribute to the early settlers in the Wimmera and Mallee.



11. SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL
Erected to commemorate his birth in Jeparit in 1894, Sir Menzies was the longest serving Prime Minister.



12. YURUNGA HOMESTEAD
An Edwardian style home in Rainbow made of brick and limestone was built in 1909 for Mr AG Cust. Yurunga now displays furniture, antiques and historical displays and is regularly open to the public.



13. TOWN MURALS
Located in and around Federal Street Rainbow as well as inside a few local buildings, the murals acknowledge the heritage of the early pioneers and the history of the area.



14. ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AT PELLA
Located near Rainbow the church was constructed in 1910 built of local limestone and dedicated on 14th May 1911. It is home to a monumental pipe organ.

CEMETERY ROUTE

The cemeteries of Hindmarsh are full of history and intrigue. Listed below are some of the cemeteries in the local area.

Albacutya	Kiata
Antwerp	Lochiel
Bleak House (Boyee)	Lorquon
Dahwedarre (North Yanac)	Netherby
Dimboola	Nhill
Jeparit	Rainbow
Katyl Pioneer	Winiam
Katyl Public	Woorak
Kenmare	

For more information on Cemetery Trusts within the Hindmarsh Shire, call 03 5391 4444 | www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



HINDMARSH

Official Visitor Guide

Dimboola • Jeparit
Nhill • Rainbow



WELCOME TO OUR REGION

The Hindmarsh region covers an area of over 7,500 square kilometres. Our big skies, big lakes and big deserts attract thousands of visitors each year.

Nature enthusiasts can go four wheel driving then camp under our big sky with countless stars to watch over you. There are walking tracks, peaceful picnic areas to enjoy and tranquil fishing spots along the Wimmera River.

Water lovers can enjoy waterskiing, rowing or canoeing at Lake Hindmarsh and Horseshoe Bend, Dimboola. Trail bike riding is also a favourite pastime in the area.

Don't forget to pack your golf clubs and enjoy a relaxing, peaceful hit of golf. Each town has a golf course. Some are seasonal so check with the locals for when they are open. Perhaps a game of lawn bowls, a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



If history is more your thing, take a step back in time at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum in Jeparit or Yurunga Homestead and Pella Church at Rainbow. Dimboola is home to a fabulous Print Museum and Court House Museum and each town has a prolific Historical Society jam-packed with information and stories of yesteryear.

Our wide open spaces provide the perfect spot for photographers and painters alike, with endless sunsets and scenic views of wildflowers, flora and fauna.

Whether you're visiting for an afternoon, a weekend or longer, there are many places of interest and things to do in Hindmarsh. Stop, relax and enjoy our big skies, big lakes and big deserts.

NATURE

Nature, outdoors and wide open spaces are our flagship. Nestled amongst the Little and Big Desert National Parks, our region has plenty to offer nature lovers.

Four wheel driving enthusiasts will find many tracks through the Little and Big Desert and Wyperfeld National Parks, along the Netting Fence, Herman's Hill and around Lake Hindmarsh and Lake Albacutya.



If you prefer a walking pace, explore the Nine Creeks Reserve at Dimboola which incorporates a walking and bicycle track and boardwalk across the Wimmera River.

Wail State Forest offers the opportunity to explore native bush land, situated between Horsham and Dimboola. Snape Reserve is a Trust for Nature property that is open for inspection by appointment. Glenlee Nature Reserve also provides a tranquil natural setting.

If you are travelling along the Western Highway, take some time to stop at the Pink Lake, a few kilometres west of Dimboola. The lake is easily viewed from a rest stop beside the Western Highway or you can walk down a path to the edge of the lake. The region boasts many natural swamps and dams, home to many species of bird and wild life.

Along the way, there are plenty of quiet picnic and camping areas to rest at and enjoy. Wimmera River at Horseshoe Bend and Picnic Bend in Dimboola and Lake Hindmarsh near Jeparit and Lake Albacutya near Rainbow are just a few of many.

Nhill Lake offers bird watchers and water enthusiasts a sanctuary right in the heart of town.

DESERT TOURING ROUTE

Whether you're into the thrill of four wheel driving or bush walking amongst the natural wonderland, there are tracks to inspire and entertain you.

Plan your trip safely. Visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au for up to date information. Please note that all vehicles and motor bikes must stay on designated tracks and with appropriate registrations and licences.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVING

The Little and Big Deserts and Wyperfeld National Parks are focal points for 4WD enthusiasts, who travel far and wide to tackle the sandy dunes of the northwest. With plenty of camping grounds and facilities throughout the National Parks and surrounding areas, your day trips or overnight stays will be ones to remember. Please see over for 4WD tracks throughout the region.



BUSH WALKING

From 30 minutes to 3 day treks, there is a walking track to suit everyone. Witness first hand the abundant bird and plant life Hindmarsh has to offer.

The Little and Big Deserts, and Wyperfeld National Parks all offer fantastic walking tracks, and Lakes Hindmarsh and Albacutya are both worth spending an afternoon exploring. Nine Creeks Reserve is a picturesque spot right in the heart of Dimboola, incorporating walking and bicycle tracks. The Little Desert Nature Lodge offers an insight into the flora and fauna of the Desert, right on Nhill's doorstep.

DIMBOOLA

Dimboola, the eastern gateway to the Little Desert National Park is situated on the picturesque Wimmera River and was previously known as 'Nine Creeks'. The area was traditionally called 'Watchegatcheca' by the local Aboriginal People which means 'wattle tree and white cockatoos'.

Boating fanatics can access the tranquil Wimmera River from one of several public boat ramps to enjoy the scenic locations of Horseshoe Bend and Picnic Bend.

Dimboola landscapes feature in Sidney Nolan's famous paintings, who was stationed in the area during World War II. Dimboola was also the inspiration for Jack Hibberd's renowned play of the same name.



JEPARIT

Jeparit's great claim to fame is that it is the birthplace of Sir Robert Menzies, Australia's longest serving Prime Minister.

Here the Wimmera River meets the largest freshwater lake in Victoria, Lake Hindmarsh, with 13kms of walking track meandering along banks of the Wimmera River and looping around town.

Explorer Edward Eyre camped at nearby Lake Hindmarsh in 1838 while searching for an overland route from Melbourne to Adelaide.

Jeparit offers camping, boating, bird watching, lazing on a sandy beach at Lake Hindmarsh, fishing and yabbying or exploring settlement history at the fabulous Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ROUTE

The Hindmarsh Tourism Association would like to acknowledge the traditional land owners.

Wimmera River, Gariwerd (Grampians), Wimmera and Mallee is part of the creation dreaming story which was formed by two large ancestral beings - Purra the giant Kangaroo and Tchingal the giant Emu. The river starts in Gariwerd (Grampians) and makes its way back through the Wimmera and continues up into the Mallee. The Wimmera River also connects into two major takes, Lake Hindmarsh and Lake Albacutya.

Horseshoe Bend, Dimboola is a significant place for Aboriginal people in Dimboola, where the consent determination for Native Title was granted. In December 2005, the Federal Court recognised the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples non-exclusive native title rights over a part of their original claim area. The native title rights are the right to hunt, fish, gather and camp for personal, domestic and non-commercial purposes, under Aboriginal traditional laws and customs.

Ebenezer Mission, Antwerp was established in 1859 on what was gazetted as the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Reserve on Wotjobaluk country along the Wimmera River. In 1861 Ebenezer was reported as having a permanent population of 22 Aboriginal people attending the school and church services and a further 140 coming on site when rations were distributed. Eventually conditions were placed on the rations provided, which led to the development of a large permanent Aboriginal community at Ebenezer. In 1904 Ebenezer was closed and the land handed back to the Lands Department.

Ebenezer Mission is currently closed for renovations. For more information please call Barengi Gadjin Land Council on 03 5381 0977.

A **Canoe Tree** is located at Jaypex Park, Nhill. There is evidence of Aboriginal use of the rivers along the banks of many Australian rivers including burial sites, scarred trees whose bark was used to make canoes, and campsites.

The Corroboree Ground at Nhill is a traditional location where groups would meet and perform ceremonies, consisting of traditional songs, dances, weddings, trading and celebrations.



NHILL

Midway between Melbourne and Adelaide, Nhill is a thriving country town offering a picturesque place to stop, explore and recharge. Surrounded by the Little and Big Desert National Parks, the commercial centre of Nhill has attractive parks and gardens within the median strip. Nhill is home to a large war memorial, a bronze draught horse monument, a band rotunda, visitor information centre for the Hindmarsh region, playgrounds, shelters and luscious lawns. View local artwork at Gallery Central in the heart of Nhill's township.

A large grain silo, part of Noske Flour Mills is also part of the historic town walk. The town was first surveyed in 1879 and some of the historic buildings from the 1880s, including the Post Office, are still features of the town.



RAINBOW

Rainbow is an oasis in the middle of vast agriculture and wilderness; harsh but also productive and rich areas. Majestic wedge-tailed eagles regularly nest in giant red gum trees and soar on rising thermals of hot air.

Unique gardens, a vibrant main-street and spectacular hand-painted murals provide visitors with a surprise and immediate understanding on what makes this place tick.

Pella Church, Yurunga Homestead and Rainbow Archive have local historic significance while the Amy Johnson Highway, Lake Hindmarsh, Lake Albacutya, Outlet Creek, Wyperfeld National Park and Birdcage Reserve all offer recreational pursuits such as bird watching, bush walking and flora and fauna viewing in addition to fishing and four wheel driving.

GOLF TOURING ROUTE

NHILL GOLF CLUB

Situated halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide, the Nhill Golf Club has become known as the Wimmera's best kept secret. Open all year round, the large manicured greens compliment the flat-to-slightly undulating tree-lined fairways, with beautifully shaped and positioned bunkers. The course is watered all year keeping it in excellent condition. Due to the abundance of bore water, it does not suffer from drought conditions.

Autumn Tournament - Labour Day weekend March
Club Tournament - Queen's Birthday weekend June
Spring Tournament - Second weekend in October

LOCAL SEASONAL SAND SCAPE COURSES

OPEN APRIL - OCTOBER

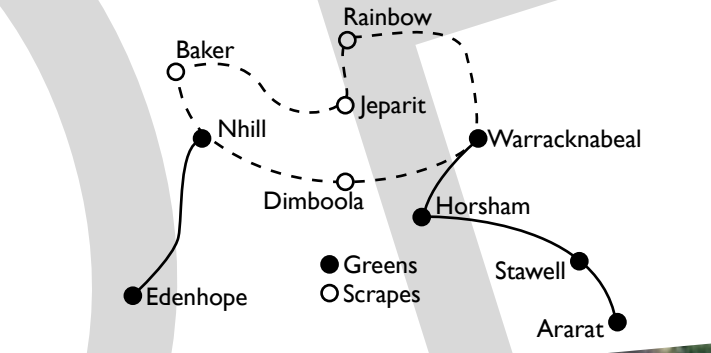
Baker Baker Road Baker, Par 70, 5337m
Tournament: Second weekend in August

Dimboola Riverside Dimboola, Par 71, 5878m
Tournament: Late July

Jeparit Nhill Road Jeparit, Par 65, 4384m
Tournament: Late July/early August

Rainbow Nhill Road Rainbow, Par 71, 5864m
Tournament: Late July

Why not plan a golfing holiday?



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE

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HOSPITALS

Dimboola	5363 7100
Jeparit	5396 5500
Nhill	5391 4222
Rainbow	5396 3300

POLICE

Dimboola	5389 1470
Jeparit	5397 2071
Nhill	5391 1022
Rainbow	5395 1051

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(State Emergency Services)

FIRE DANGER INFORMATION

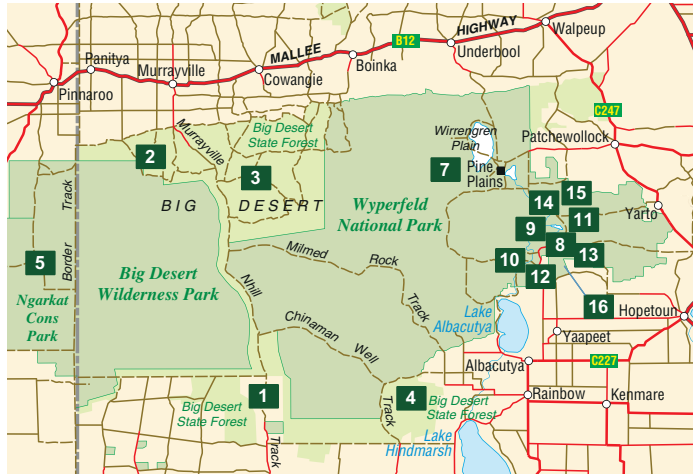
Fire restrictions can be applied across Victoria by CFA, when fire danger is high.

Typically this is over the period of November through to April. Hindmarsh Shire Council falls within the "Wimmera" Fire Ban District.

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

BIG DESERT TOURING ROUTE



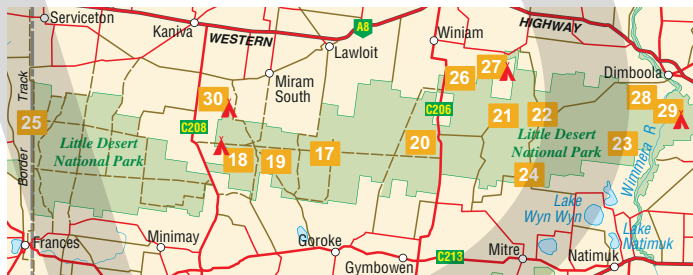
BIG DESERT/WYPERFELD FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRACKS

- 1 Nhill–Yanac–Murrayville Track, Wyperfeld NP
- 2 State Forest West of Nhill–Murrayville Track. 57km/3hrs
- 3 State Forest East of Nhill–Murrayville Track. 100km/5hrs
- 4 State Forest East of Nhill–Murrayville Track. 45km/2.5hrs
- 5 Ngarkat Conservation Park and SA Border. 190km/9hrs
- 6 Wyperfeld NP east of Nhill–Murrayville Track. 175km/7hrs
- 7 Wyperfeld NP East of Nhill–Murrayville Track extension to Route 6 going on to Rainbow past lake Hindmarsh

BIG DESERT/WYPERFELD BUSH WALKING TRACKS

- 8 Discovery Walk 4km 2hrs return
- 9 Tykil 4.4km 2hrs return
- 10 Desert Walk 6km 2.5hrs return
- 11 Discovery Walk Loop 8km 3.5hrs return
- 12 Nine Mile Square Track 4km 2hrs return
- 13 Eastern Lookout via Lignum Track 10km 4hrs return
- 14 Black Flat 12km 4.5hrs return
- 15 Everard Track 13.5km 5.5hrs return
- 16 Overnight Walk 40km 2 days return

LITTLE DESERT TOURING ROUTE



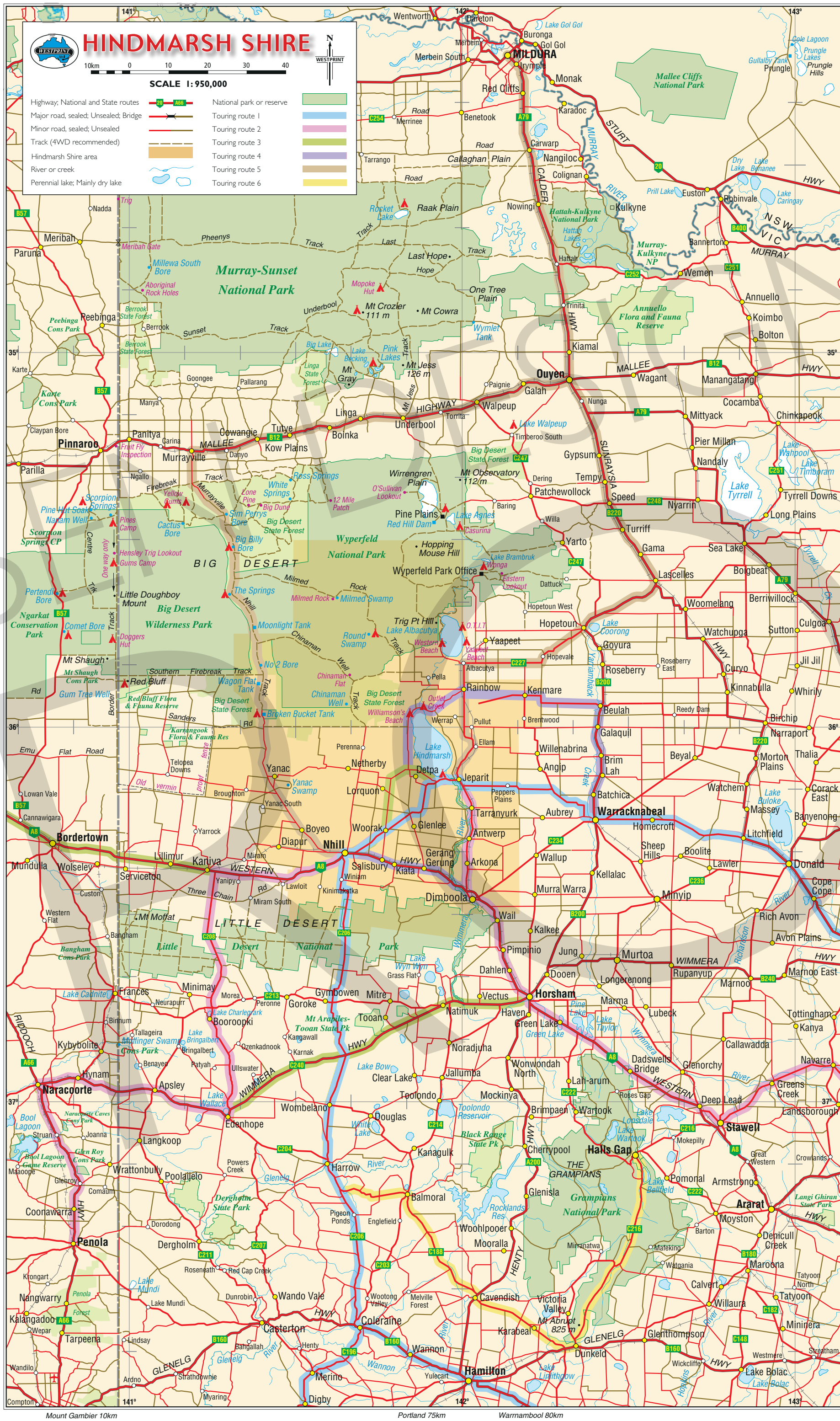
LITTLE DESERT FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRACKS

- 17 McDonald Highway
- 18 Broughton's Waterhole
- 19 Wild Dog Spring
- 20 Red Gum Swamp
- 21 Dahlenburg Mill
- 22 Salt Lake Track
- 23 Eagle Swamp
- 24 Lear's Well
- 25 Border Track

LITTLE DESERT BUSH WALKING TOURS

- 26 Stringybark Walk, Little Desert 30min to 1 hour
- 27 Sanctuary-Keith Hateley Nature Walk, Little Desert 30min
- 28 Pomponderoo Hill Nature Walk, Little Desert 30min
- 29 Horseshoe Bend/Ackle Bend Campgrounds
- 30 Yanipy Walk, Little Desert

For more information on bushwalks and four wheel drive tracks throughout Victorian National Parks, go to www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

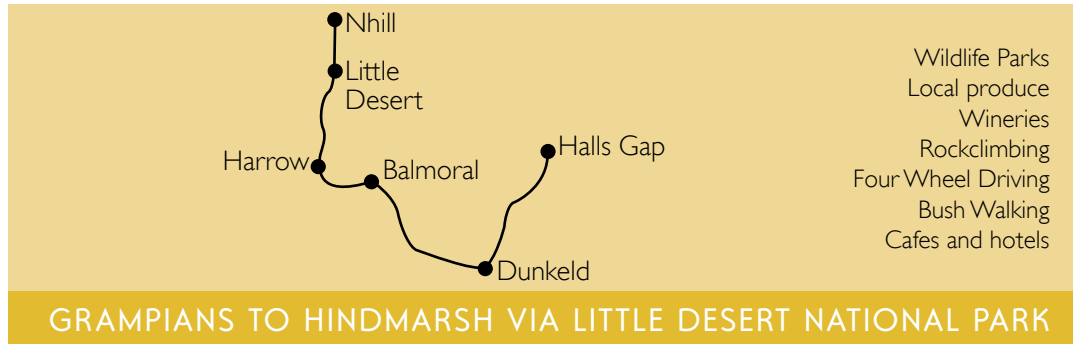
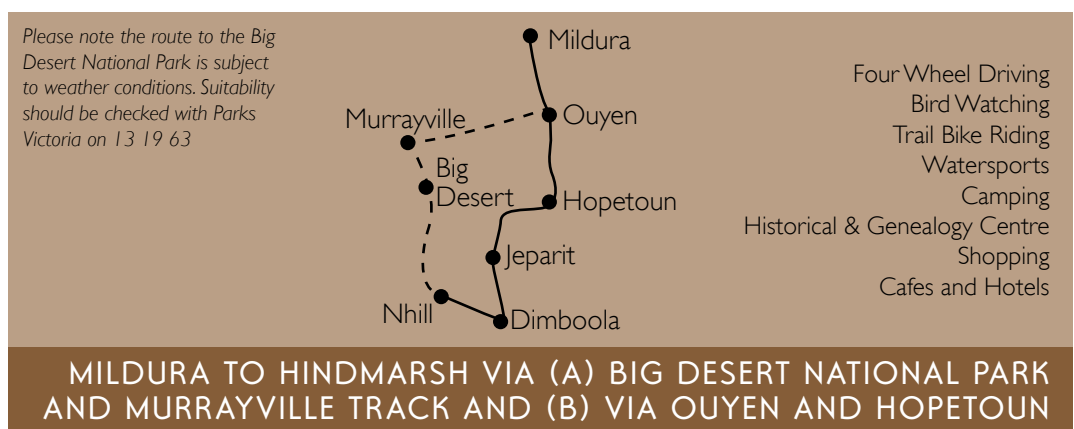
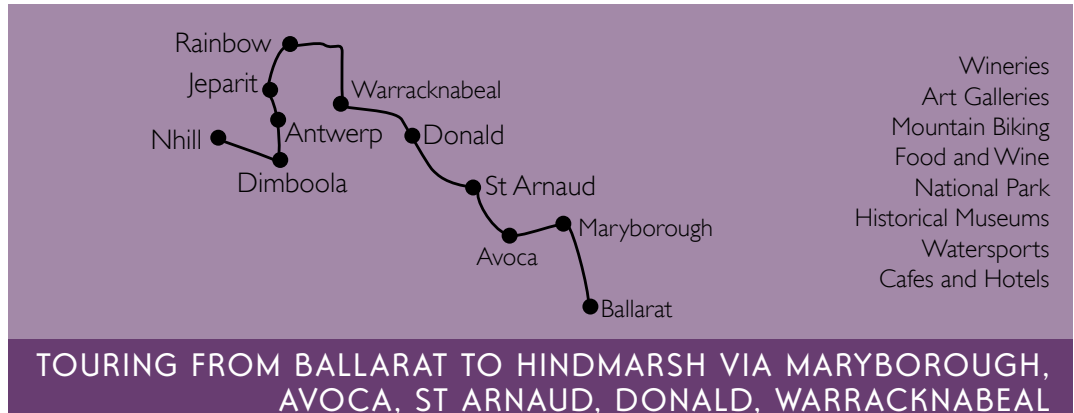
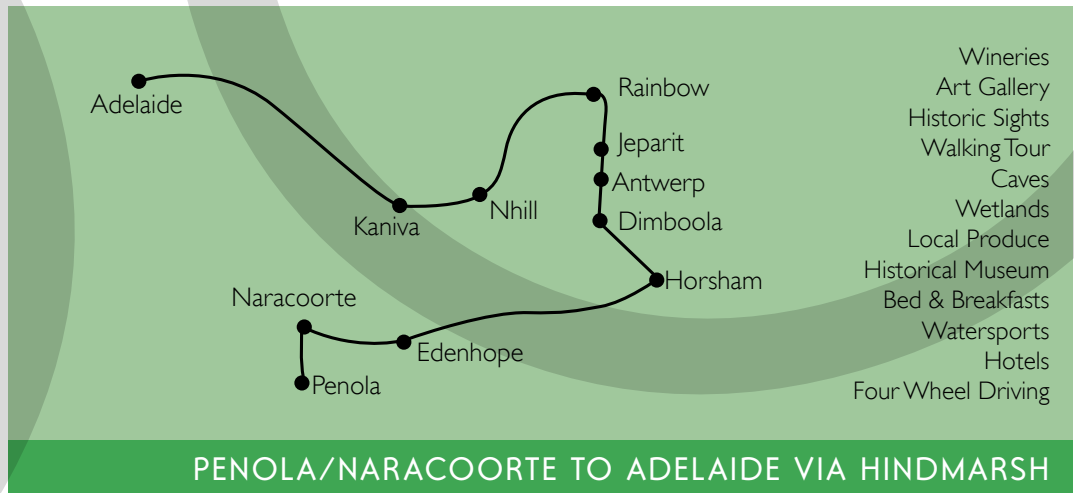
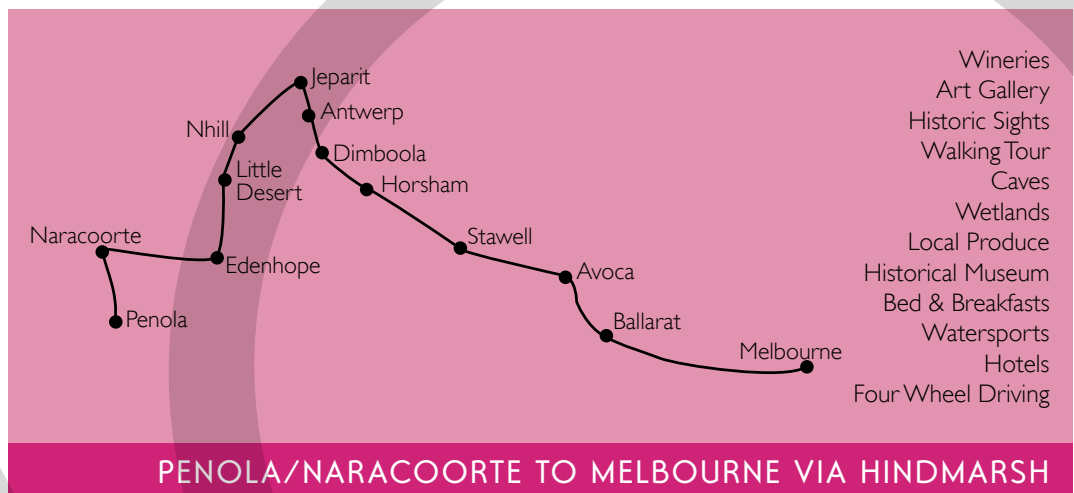
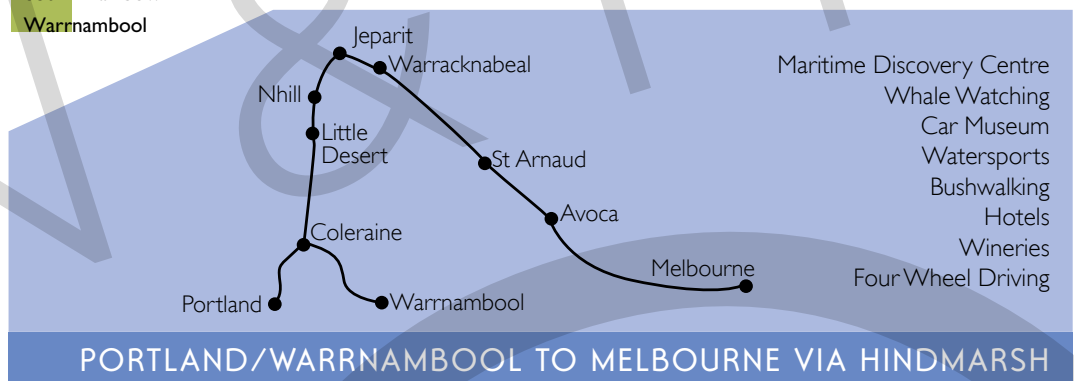


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174	292	333	267	311	112	68	262	187	174	137	223	120			Ballarat
292	277	373	288	417	152	86	247	214	282	196	244				Bendigo
265	69	200	38	251	337	209	37	32	167	108					Dimboola
165	175	218	146	233	249	134	145	71	101						Halls Gap
98	234	167	195	132	286	196	203	130							Hamilton
228	104	147	75	267	299	174	73								Horsham
302	32	205	45	288	375	216									Jeparit
238	266	320	251	331	169										Maryborough
267	406	446	375	425											Melbourne
185	319	103	220												Mt Gambier
292	77	163													Nhill
270	237														Naracoorte
336															Rainbow
															Warrnambool

DISTANCES BETWEEN MAJOR TOWNS

Approximate distances shown in the table at left are in kilometres between towns using the most direct route along main roads.

Touring route maps. The sketch maps below are to be used as a guide only and are not to scale.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

DIMBOOLA



JEPARIT



NHILL



RAINBOW



LEGEND

- Accommodation
- Ambulance
- ATM
- Bank
- BBQ
- Bicycle Track
- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Caravan Dump Point
- Caravan Park
- Cemetery
- CFA
- Church
- Dining
- Disabled Facilities
- Golf Course
- Hospital
- Information Centre
- Parking
- Petrol
- Pharmacy
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Police
- Post Office
- Swimming Pool
- Toilets
- Walking Tracks

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 Hindmarsh Shire Council, 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 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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