

Kanawinka Geopark Tour



A geomorphologist and Gareth, a local artist, will take you on an interesting and surprising journey through the well-preserved ancient landscape of the Kanawinka Global Geopark. It is Australia's most extensive volcanic province and the first Geopark and 57th Global Geopark. This tour has been organised in conjunction with Creative Kanawinka.

DEPARTS SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Cost: \$58 per person
Includes: Bus Travel, Tour Guides, Morning Tea and Two Course Lunch at Café Catalpa
Itinerary:

- 9.00am Depart the Warrnambool Tourist Information Centre (Flagstaff Hill, Merri Street) and travel via interesting landscapes with its rocks and lava flows before passing through Macarthur. This area is in the Lavaflows Precinct. It includes a series of volcanic systems that link a number of major cones with the ocean via extensive lava flows (please note that the bus can collect people from the Warrnambool Railway Station).
- Next stop is 'Budj Bim', now known as the Mt Eccles National Park. Here you will spend time at Lake Surprise. Lake Surprise is a 700 metre long lake in the crater of Mount Eccles that is fed by underground springs. Morning tea will be taken here.
- 11.30am Leaving Mt Eccles, you will travel onto the Harman Valley located near the small township of Byaduk. The Harman Valley lava flows is one of the best preserved young volcanic structures in Australia and illustrate clearly the volcanic processes that were widespread over Eastern Australia during late Quaternary times (last 2 million years). Travel onto Hamilton, located 20 minutes away.
- 12 noon Arrive at the Hamilton Gallery, one of the finest Galleries in Australia and famous for its outstanding collection of fine and decorative arts. Gareth will give a short talk on the various paintings of the district's volcanic features.
- 12.30pm Depart the Gallery for Tarrington where you have a relaxing and enjoyable lunch at Café Catalpa. We will aim to leave the Café at 1.45pm.
- 2.00pm Arrive at Peshurst and visit the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. The Volcanic Centre is a multi-media museum exhibiting the volcanic history of the western district, as well as volcanic activity worldwide.
- 2.30pm Leave the Volcanic Centre for Warrnambool passing Mt Rouse, an extinct volcano that looks over the Peshurst township. You will travel through farmlands and the village of Koroit, hailed as one of Australia's most complete examples of an early Irish settlement.
- 3.00pm Arrive at the Warrnambool Art Gallery. Gareth will give a short talk on the various paintings of the Kanawinka Global Geopark.
- 3.30pm Tour ends.

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