



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA

A film permit is required for all commercial photography and filming at Phillip Island Nature Parks.

To obtain a permit, please visit www.penguins.org.au/about/media-information and apply online. If you have any queries pre- or post- visit, please contact:

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Filming or photography is rarely permitted at night along the boardwalks at the Penguin Parade due to wildlife considerations and low light conditions. Media are strongly encouraged to use the high quality stock footage and photos available for use without charge.

STOCK FOOTAGE

HD and SD footage of all of our attractions is available for loan or download with credit to: Phillip Island Nature Parks.

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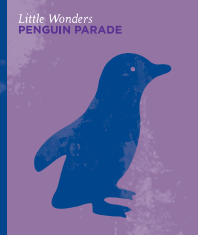
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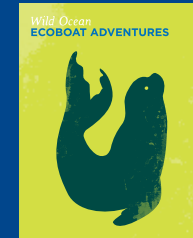
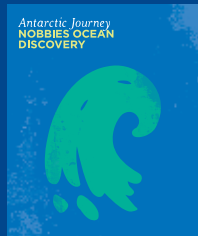
Enjoy the spectacular scenery and wildlife along Phillip Island Nature Parks' walking and cycling paths.

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Swan Lake



Pyramid Rock



Cape Woolamai





ABOUT PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS

We're a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation. Revenue generated through our ecotourism activities is invested into vital conservation, research and education programs.

OUR ATTRACTIONS

Located only 90 minutes from Melbourne, Victoria, we operate five major attractions and experiences:

- Penguin Parade
- Wild Ocean Ecoboat Adventures
- Koala Conservation Reserve
- Churchill Island
- Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies

WE ALSO MANAGE A NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL AREAS (FREE TO VISIT):

- Cape Woolamai
- Rhyll Inlet
- Oswin Roberts Reserve
- Swan Lake
- Pyramid Rock

We offer a range of tourism experiences for international and domestic visitors of all ages. A list of ticket options and activities is available under each attraction.





PENGUIN PARADE

Take a waddle on the wild side to one of Australia's most popular wildlife attractions.

ADDRESS

1019 Ventnor Road, Summerlands Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

Penguins arrive at sunset every day.

Visitor centre open 10am every day (2pm on Christmas Day).

OVERVIEW

The Summerland Peninsula in the south-west of Phillip Island is home to an estimated 32 000 little penguins – one of the largest colonies in Australia. The Penguin Parade represents approximately 10 per cent of the colony.

Each night at sunset, little penguins (numbering in the hundreds or thousands depending on the season) make the march across the beach and return to their burrow homes in the sand dunes.

Revenue raised through tourism activities is invested into conservation activities to protect the whole colony.

Quick facts

- Little penguins are the smallest of the 17 penguin species and the only penguin that lives permanently in Australia.
- 1920s – first tourists visited the Penguin Parade.
- 1955 – State Government established a large reserve over the penguin colony.
- 1966 – a Little Penguin Scientific Advisory Committee was formed and little penguin counts and research programs begun.
- 1985 – the Victorian Government initiated a land buy back of a housing estate located within the colony and brought back all 175 homes and blocks by 2010.
- 1996 – Phillip Island Nature Parks established.
- Present day – Phillip Island Nature Parks continues to manage the Summerland Peninsula and conduct conservation programs and research to ensure the protection of the penguin colony.
- **Want to know more about penguins? Download our Nature Notes at:** www.penguins.org.au/conservation/education/kids-activities/animal-facts/



TICKET OPTIONS

A viewing option to suit everyone

GENERAL VIEWING

Viewing from beachfront stands with tiered seating and boardwalks through the penguin colony.

PENGUINS PLUS

The Penguins Plus viewing platform is a joint venture between Phillip Island Nature Parks and RACV. Enjoy up-close viewing of the little penguins as they make their way along the most popular pathway at the Penguin Parade.

UNDERGROUND VIEWING

Get an eye-level view of the penguins in the RACV Underground viewing experience. Limited to just 70 people, this world-first facility lets you watch the penguins through a viewing window at eye level, with the comfort and convenience of being indoors, undercover and out of the elements.

VIP TOUR

Penguin viewing with your own ranger in the Skybox – an elevated room and the office of the Chief Penguin Counter. Participate in the nightly penguin count and enjoy gourmet appetizers and drinks as part of your VIP experience.

Ages 12+

GUIDED RANGER TOUR

Take a guided ranger tour through the penguin colony complete with headsets and binoculars before taking up your seats in the beachfront viewing platform.

Ages 12+

ULTIMATE ADVENTURE TOUR

Take a sunset eco adventure to a part of the penguin colony closed to the general public at night. High tech night vision scopes allow you to spy on the penguins in the dark at the beach and as you walk back through the colony to the visitor centre.

Ages 16+

Bundle & Save

Create your own unique Phillip Island adventure with our bundled ticket options, guaranteed to save you money.

Many combinations available to include anywhere from just 2 to all 5 of our attractions





THE ANTARCTIC JOURNEY

Take a virtual journey at the new, interactive Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies, brought to you by Phillip Island Nature Parks and WWF-Australia

ADDRESS

1320 Ventnor Road Summerlands, Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

Open every day 10am to one hour before sunset (open 2pm Christmas Day).

OVERVIEW

Take a virtual journey into the wonderful world of the Southern Ocean and Antarctica and engage with the many interactive and immersive experiences in this exhibition.

Descend into The Lab, to be entertained and educated through a range of interactive and informative experiences. Feel the Freeze as you enter the Antarctic 'Chill Zone', try to sink a bowling ball, compare your thermal image with an Emperor penguin, or check out a sea spider under a microscope. With the remarkable Antarctic landscape as the backdrop, the unique wildlife, ongoing research activities, and the critically important conservation values of this remote continent will come alive before your eyes.

The final level is one of complete immersion in what can only be described as a stunning and breathtaking, state of the art multimedia experience. Find yourself enthralled by the audio visual spectacle which puts you right in the heart of the action. All thanks to the cutting-edge 'augmented reality' technology, you will be able to stand on an ice floe and pat a penguin, stroke a seal or marvel at a whale within arm's reach.

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WILD OCEAN ECOBOAT ADVENTURES

Dive in to Australia's newest seal adventure!

ADDRESS

11/13 The Esplanade, Cowes, Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

Departure times vary. See penguins.org.au

OVERVIEW

Experience the thrill of rugged coastlines and wildlife up-close. Operating daily, the EcoBoat Adventures make a 90 minute fast and fun tour to the local Australian fur seal colony along Phillip Island's remarkable coastline.

See penguins.org.au/attractions/ecoboat-tours/activities

ECOBOAT ADVENTURE (90 MINUTES):

Includes Seal Rocks, the Nobbies, Summerland Peninsula cliffs and the Nobbies blowhole, plus Cat Bay on the return journey. Get up close with Australia's largest fur seal colony, discover the Aboriginal and European history of the area and get a unique and exciting view of the Nobbies blowhole carved into the cliffs by thousands of years of explosive wave action. Operates seasonally.

With over 20 years of experience, our operator and ranger guides are experts at finding seals, whales dolphins, penguins and other seabirds. Seating up to 47 people and operating year round, our world-class RIB (rigid-hulled inflatable boat) is also equipped with underwater cameras, giving you the best views above and below the water.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Check daily departure times and location (subject to change)
- Arrive at Cowes Jetty 30min prior to departure time
- Bring suitable clothing
- Ages 4+



KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

Come face-to-face with koalas in their natural habitat.

ADDRESS

1810 Phillip Island Tourist Road
Cowes, Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

Open every day 10am to 5pm, 6pm in summer (open 2pm Christmas Day).

OVERVIEW

The Koala Conservation Reserve boasts two elevated treetop boardwalks which allow visitors close viewing of wild koalas. The Centre is home to between 30 and 40 koalas (45% of Phillip Island's koala population) in six hectares of Australian bushland. You may also spot other Australian wildlife throughout the bushland - swamp wallabies, brushtail and ringtail possums, echidnas and over 150 species of birds.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT KOALAS?

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CHURCHILL ISLAND

Journey back in time and explore the heritage and tranquil scenery of Churchill Island.

ADDRESS

246 Samuel Amess Drive
Newhaven, Victoria 3925

OPENING HOURS

Open every day 10am to 5pm (open 2pm Christmas Day).
Daily farming activities from 2pm to 3.30pm.

OVERVIEW

Churchill Island is an important place to local Aboriginal people and was the site of Victoria's first crops and European building in 1801.

Enter the farm and meet Max the Clydesdale horse or Gregory the peacock. Wander the old homestead and experience the daily heritage farming activities including cow milking, sheep shearing, working dogs and whip cracking.

Churchill Island also boasts many beautiful walking trails amongst wetlands and beneath ancient Moonah trees.

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ENVIRONMENT

Protect, discover, learn

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Wildlife and habitat protection.

We manage 1,805 hectares of Crown Land on Phillip Island (approximately 20 per cent of the island).

Our conservation projects include revegetation, habitat restoration, eradication of feral animals and weeds and the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured wildlife.

Habitat within Phillip Island Nature Parks supports significant populations of little penguins, hooded plovers, short-tailed shearwaters and other international migratory bird species, and mammals such as koalas, possums, wallabies, Australian fur seals and bats.

The Nature Parks protects a range of plant communities that include over 330 native species. Sections of the Nature Parks also fall within or are adjacent to wetlands protected under the inter-governmental Ramsar Convention as wetlands of international importance.

RESEARCH

Discovering more about Phillip Island's unique wildlife.

Research is vital to our conservation work. We have a world leading team of scientists undertaking ground breaking research on little penguins, coastal birds, seals and other mammals. Their work is vital to helping us protect our unique wildlife and habitat for future generations.

EDUCATION

Inspiring tomorrow's environmental leaders.

We provide a wide range of immersive and educational experiences at the Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island, the Nobbies Centre and coastal, woodland and wetland habitats.

We run over a 164 different education programs for both domestic and international markets of all ages. These include school holiday programs, talks and workshops and our award winning Coastal Ambassadors program.

ECOTOURISM

We're dedicated to quality ecotourism experiences and wildlife management and feature the highest number of Advanced Ecotourism accredited types of tours of any tourism operator in Victoria. In 2012 we also attained ROC (Respecting Our Culture) accreditation—an industry standard that encourages tourism businesses to operate with respect for Indigenous cultural heritage.

The Nature Parks has a diverse environment comprised of wetlands, woodlands and breathtaking coastlines which are protected and managed by our world-renowned environmental and research programs.





PENGUIN FOUNDATION

Little penguins need your help!

The Penguin Foundation raises funds to protect and enhance Phillip Island’s natural environment through research, conservation and education programs. Phillip Island supports significant native vegetation communities and wildlife populations as well as international migratory bird species within its woodland, wetland and coastal environments. This remarkable biodiversity and quality of ecosystems means Phillip Island is one of Victoria’s truly special places and we are dedicated to funding the conservation of these important natural values for both current and future generations.

Donors can kindly contribute this work through our Giving Programs, including Adopt a Penguin. Support is also provided through grants, sponsorships, partnerships and in-kind support.

Since its establishment in 2005 the Penguin Foundation has raised over AU \$1.8 million.

PROTECTING PENGUINS AND THEIR HABITAT

Since the early 1900s, nine out of ten little penguin colonies on Phillip Island have become extinct - in large part due to habitat loss and the devastation caused by introduced predators such as foxes. The Penguin Foundation funds environmental protection programs carried out by rangers from Phillip Island Nature Parks to eradicate foxes from Phillip Island and rehabilitate disturbed penguin habitat back to a natural state.

Research is a vital step in understanding Phillip Island’s biodiversity and how we can best enhance and protect it. The Penguin Foundation funds important scientific research projects that study Phillip Island’s native wildlife, including little penguins and is conducted by world-renowned scientists, field officers and environment rangers at Phillip Island Nature Parks.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Oiled wildlife cleaning technology
- Little penguin foraging behaviour and diet studies

PAST RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Satellite tracking
- Microchip technology
- Little penguin diving behaviour



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TICKET PRICES

Valid 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Penguin Parade – General viewing

Adult	27.25
Child (4-15yrs)	13.50
Family (2A+2C)	68.00
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	19.00

Penguins Plus

Adult	60.00
Child (4-15yrs)	30.00
Family (2A+2C)	150.00

Underground Viewing

Adult	75.00
Child (4-15yrs)	37.50
Family (2A+2C)	187.50

VIP Tour

Adult/Child (12yrs+)	88.00
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Guided Ranger Tour

Adult/Child (12yrs+)	88.00
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Ultimate Adventure Tour

Adult (16yrs+)	100.00
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TICKET PRICES

Valid 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies

Adult	18.00
Child (4-15yrs)	9.00
Family (2A+2C)	45.00
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	12.60

Seal Watching Cruise

Adult	85.00
Child (4-15yrs)	59.50
Family (2A+2C)	237.00
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	76.50

Koala Conservation Reserve

Adult	13.50
Child (4-15yrs)	6.75
Family (2A+2C)	33.75
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	9.40

Churchill Island

Adult	13.50
Child (4-15yrs)	6.75
Family (2A+2C)	33.75
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	9.40

3 Parks Pass

- Penguins, Koalas and Churchill Island

Adult	46.20
Child (4-15yrs)	23.10
Family (2A+2C)	115.50
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	32.30

4 Parks Pass - Penguins, Koalas, Churchill Island, Antarctic Journey

Adult	55.00
Child (4-15yrs)	30.00
Family (2A+2C)	140.00
Australian Pensioner (ID req)	38.50