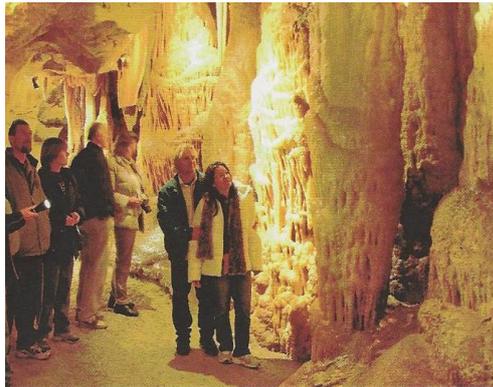


Princess Margaret Rose Cave



Welcome

Princess Margaret Rose Cave is one of Victoria's best kept secrets and is situated in the Lower Glenelg National Park. The cave is nestled on the edge of the spectacular Glenelg River Gorge with its stunning 50m limestone cliffs, riverside campgrounds, canoeing, fishing, drives and great walks – everything for a great family holiday.



Enjoying the area

This limestone cave is often referred as **'the jewel in the crown'** of the Lower Glenelg National Park. Carved out by tidal waters from the Glenelg River around 800,000 years ago this spectacular show cave is also a part of the Kanawinka Geotrail.

For tour times and prices visit

www.princessmargaretrosecave.com

Our **Interpretive Centre** provides a visual display of how the Cave was formed, the discovery of the Cave by the early pioneers and the opening.

A small kiosk and souvenir shop and information on the surrounding areas is available.



Holiday/Camping

Enjoy the **tranquil bush setting** among Stringybark trees and natural bushland. Self-contained bush cabins await you or maybe pitch a tent or bring your van. All unpowered sites. Amenities block, a camp kitchen and wood fire pits.

Relax by taking a **river cruise** from Nelson or **drive and discover** a wide variety of wildlife and plants on your way.

Enjoy the river by walking, water skiing, fishing, canoeing and swimming, or just sit back and relax – the choice is yours.

Take a tour - explore the beauty of the cave. Enjoy a 40 minute guided tour with an experienced guide. See stalactites, stalagmites, shawls, helictites and many other formations.

How to get there

Princess Margaret Rose Cave and campground is accessible by road or by river cruise departing from Nelson Pier.

The cave and surrounding park is located in South West Victoria, adjoining the SA border; about 450km from Melbourne, 490km from Adelaide, 29km from Mount Gambier and 17km from Nelson.

Be fire ready, stay safe

Be aware of the forecast Fire Danger Rating for this area when planning your trip. Plan to leave early on hot, dry and windy days, as these conditions may cause the closure of some park areas for public safety.

Before you visit a park check the latest conditions by calling 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.

For updated information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice, please call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line** on 1800 240 667 or listen to a **local ABC/ACE radio station** or visit www.CFA.vic.gov.au



For further information

For cave tours, canoeing, camping and cabin bookings contact,
Princess Margaret Rose Cave Visitor Centre
Open Daily
Tel: (08) 8738 4171

Nelson Visitor Information Centre, Leake St, Nelson, Victoria 3292
Tel: (08) 8738 4051

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call 13 1963

or visit
www.parks.vic.gov.au

Portland Visitor and Maritime Discovery Centre
Lee Breakwater Road
Portland, Victoria 3305
Tel: (03) 5523 2671

Glenelg River Cruises
Beach Rd, Nelson
Tel: (08) 8738 4191

Caring for the environment

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the parks.

Firearms are prohibited.

All native plants and animals are protected by law. Please do not disturb them.

Boating safety

Do not mix alcohol and boating.

Always carry and wear appropriate safety equipment.

Check the Victorian Boating Guide before boating:
Tel: 1800 223 022

www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au

Fire

It is your responsibility to be aware of local fire conditions and regulations:

Fires may only be lit in fireplaces provided. **Total Fire Ban (TFB)** regulations apply on TFB declared days. No fires, including barbecues may be lit outside unless these regulations are followed.

Seek information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial radio stations, Sky News TV, or go to

Victorian Bushfire Information Line:
1800 240 667

Tune into local **ABC Radio** or visit

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Glenelg River Gorge

Stretching 15 km along the lower reaches of the river, this **limestone gorge** has **cliffs** up to 50m high in places.

Limestone dissolved by water percolating through the rock has formed caves which host bat nurseries and roosting caves.

Some caves have vertical shafts which, over thousands of years, have literally become death traps for unwary animals. The remains of long-extinct marsupials such as the **Giant Kangaroo** and the **Marsupial Lion** have been found in these caves, as well as remains of the Tasmanian Devil, now extinct on the mainland.



Canoe Hire

Hire a canoe from Princess Margaret Rose Cave and explore the scenic views of the beautiful **Glenelg River**. Be amazed at the limestone cliffs as they pass you by.



Walking

River View Nature Walk

Take an easy 10 or 20 minute walk amongst natural bushland to enjoy views of the picturesque Glenelg River.

Lasletts Loop Walk 4.5km

An easy/moderate walk through different vegetation types includes a lookout over the river gorge. Part of the 250km internationally acclaimed **Great South West Walk (GSWW booklet available)**.



Driving and sightseeing

Sealed, gravel and sandy roads provide two wheel drive access to many areas and attractions within the surrounding parks.

Short walks lead to views at a number of points along the Glenelg River. Several picnic areas are located close to the Glenelg River of **Lower Glenelg National Park**, the estuary and the lakes in **Discovery Bay Coastal Park**.

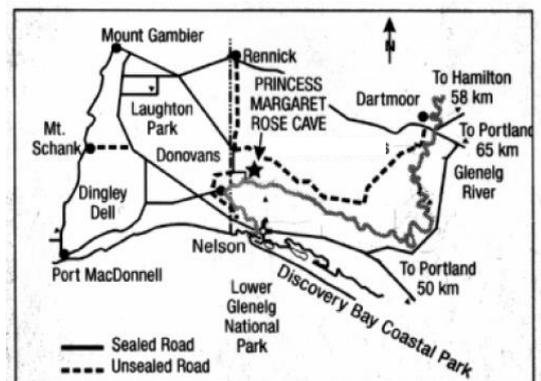
A separate parknote is available.

Birdlife abounds

Some of the more common birds include emus, ducks, herons, kookaburras and red-browed finches. Other less common species include the spotted quail-thrush, painted quail, ground thrush, **azure kingfisher** (pictured below), and *the rare rufous bristle-bird*.

Local attractions

Be sure to visit Portland's main tourist information centre – **Portland Maritime Museum and Discovery Centre** for information on the regions features and attractions.



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