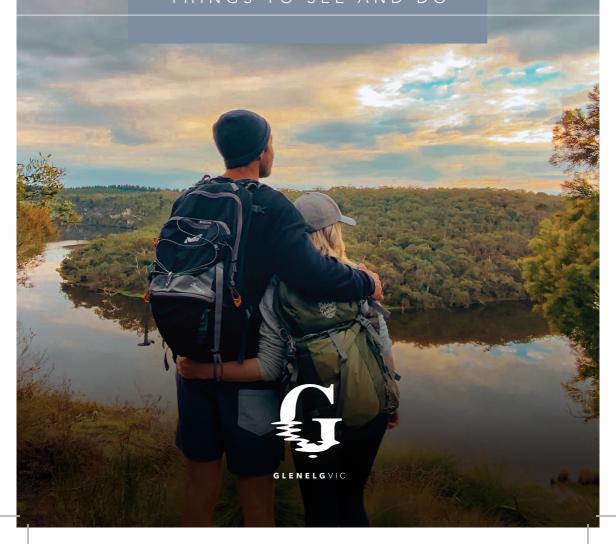


THINGS TO SEE AND DO







Welcome to Nelson

A tiny township located on the mighty Glenelg river, whose population swells during the summer season

This tranquil location offers ocean, estuary, river and not one, but two, National Parks.

Visit Discovery Bay, enjoy boating, river and ocean fishing, swimming, snorkelling, bushwalking, bird watching, water skiing and canoeing.

A nature lovers' playground, unspoilt beaches and rivers provide a haven for soaking up the riches of this coastal town.

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ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Canoeing / Kayaking

Canoeing on the Glenelg River is possible from Dartmoor (seasonal) to the River Mouth. There are special canoe camps along the river (bookings required). The views of the Glenelg River from the water are truly spectacular. The twists and turns of the river offer ever-changing scenery – cliffs, landings and natural bush with its abundance of flora and fauna. Canoes, kayaks and other equipment can be hired at Nelson Canoe Hire and Paestan Canoe Hire.

Swimming

The Glenelg River is safe to swim in, however people who are not strong swimmers should swim at the Estuary Beach where the water is shallower.

Power Boating / Water-skiing

Two water-skiing zones are located on the Glenelg River. Simsons Landing to Taylors Straight and Sandy Waterholes, boats can be launched at either area.

Times permitted for skiing are: Dec-Feb 8am-8pm, March/April and Nov 8am-6pm, May and August-October 9am-6pm, June and July 9am-5pm

Snorkelling / Diving

Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park offers a unique diving or snorkelling experience. A permit/time slot system operates bookings through www.parks.sa.gov.au. Snorkel Ewen Ponds a unique spring fed system, approximately 10 metres deep, a permit is currently required.

Tennis

Public tennis court is located on Leake Street and can be hired for a small fee, enquiries to the Nelson Visitor Information Centre.

Fishina

The Glenelg River is ideal for recreational fishing; there are a number of landings along the river, three launching ramps and several public landings in the township itself. Surf fishing is also possible along Discovery Bay. The main species are Mulloway, Bream and Estuary Perch. A Victorian fishing licence is required, except people under 18, over 70, Senior Card Holders, Pension and Veteran Card Holders. These are available online or from the Visitor Information Centre.

Birdwatching

There are a range of wild birds in the surrounding bush and beach waiting to be spotted, including a number of endangered species such as the Rufous Bristlebird, Hooded Plover and Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

Explore Nelsons History

Nelson was named and surveyed by Lindsay Clarke in 1852. He named the town in honour of Lt James Grant and his vessel, the Lady Nelson. Take a walk around the town, following in the footsteps of Major Mitchell and discover the Isle of Bags, among other reminders of the town's history, guided by the Turn Back Time Trail storyboards dotted around the town.

Bushwalking

Nelson is a great base for walkers of all standards. There are several short walks close to the town. Nelson is also a popular stopover spot for walkers undertaking longer expeditions such as the Great South West Walk and the Aussie Camino. Transfers, suitable accommodation and catering are all available in Nelson.

WALKS

Livingstone Island Walk

2.5km — Easy Difficulty — Est. 1.5hr

Easy loop walk of about 2.5km, commencing from the Estuary Beach car park. The walk takes in views of the Glenelg River, unique marsh areas and offers bird watching opportunities.

Sapling Creek Walk

4.5km — Easy Difficulty — Est. 1.5hr

An easy loop of 4.5km, commencing from the Sapling Creek picnic area off River Road. Approximately 8km drive from Nelson.

The Gorge Walk

10km — Medium Difficulty — Est. 3.5hr

Starts at the car park near the intersection of the North Nelson Track and River Road, this is a 10km walk of medium difficulty, taking in views of the limestone cliffs and wildflowers in season.

Lake Monibeong Loop Walk

15km — Medium Difficulty — Est 45hr

Starts from campsite five in the Monibeong camp area, this is a 15km loop walk of medium difficulty, the walk passes the southern shore of the lake, heading for Nobles Rocks, return along the beach, turning off at Cape Montesquieu – Suttons Rocks.

Great South West Walk

250km — Hard Difficulty — Est. 12 day walk (entire loop). The Great South West Walk (GSWW) is a bushwalking trail suitable for most ages and abilities comprising of short walks, full-day walks, or for the courageous, the whole 250km loop. The track begins in Portland and traverses through the forest, following the Glenelg River downstream through the town of Nelson, before returning along the coastline back to Portland.

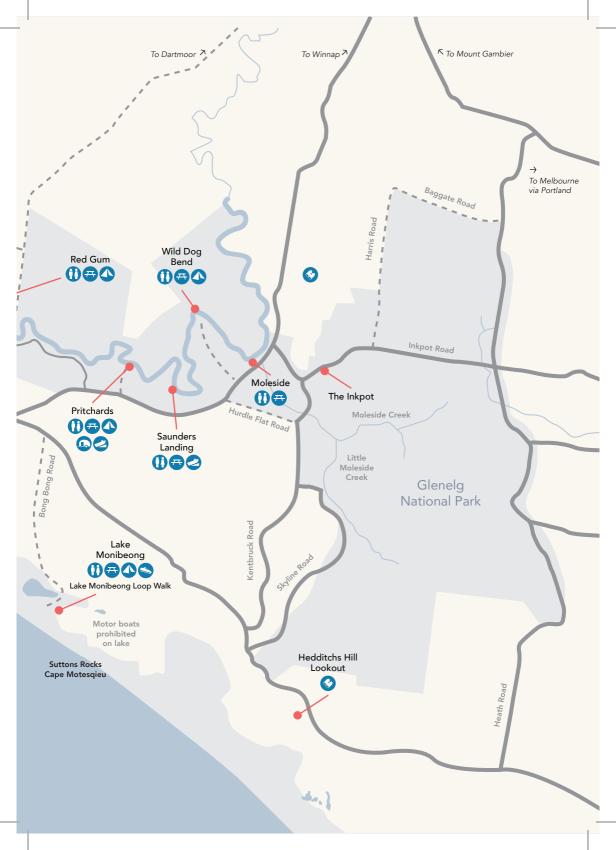
'Aussie Camino'

176km — Hard Difficulty — Est. 11 day walk

The 'Aussie Camino' celebrates the spirit and traditions of Spain's 1,200 year-old Camino de Santiago. The trail begins in Portland, Victoria and finishes in Penola, South Australia









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EAT

Nelson Kiosk

Open daily for sit in or takeaway meals, groceries, fishing supplies, gas returns, Australia Post Services, coffee, newspapers and magazines. Catering service offered.

BAIT

phone 08 8738 4061

Nelson Hotel

Open daily, meals, bottle shop, accommodation.

phone 08 8738 4399

Nelson Roadhouse

Open daily for takeaway meals groceries, fishing supplies, fuel/gas supplies, newspapers and magazines.

phone 08 8738 4142



ACCOMMODATION

Nelson has a variety of accommodation options on offer to suit all preferences and budgets, suitable for families, couples, fishers with boats to park, hikers, road trippers and canoeists.

There is hotel/motel accommodation, a guest house and a group camp facility, caravan, camping and cabin options and a number of self-contained holiday houses. For further information, visit www.nelsonvictoria.com.au

TOURS

Glenelg River Cruises

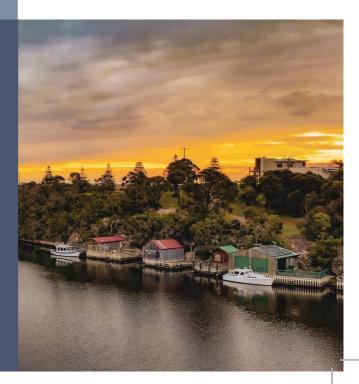
Nelson Explorer and Nelson Endeavour do a number of cruises up the Glenelg River, they can cater for large groups or put on special trips for functions

Phone: 044 887 1225

Website: glenelgrivercruises.com.au

Princess Margaret Rose Cave

first discovered in 1936, the cave is renowned for its stalactites, stalagmites and other limestone decorations. Currently undergoing exciting changes. Check the website for opening times.



DAY TRIPS

to National Parks, the Coonawarra wine region, and South Australia's Limestone Coast alongside the extensive and natural experiences within its borders - makes it an obvious choice for those looking to enjoy the ocean, National Parks and a wide variety of outdoor activities.

While you're here don't miss out on a trip to...

Donovans approx 10min

Set on the banks of the Glenelg River where it loops into South Australia, Donovans is 1km from the Victorian border. You will find picnic and BBQ facilities, a children's playground, boat ramp and public landing. No fishing licence is required.

Swan Lake approx 30min

Can be reached off the Portland-Nelson Road. Camping facilities are available (bookings required), there is a walking track across the dunes to the Ocean Beach and areas of the dunes are set aside for Dune Buggies.

Mount Gambier approx 30min

Mount Gambier is South Australia's second largest city. Home to many geological wonders, it is the perfect day trip location for every age group.

On the way there visit historic Mount Schank, The Piccaninnie Ponds and Ewens Ponds conservation areas and the Kilsby Sinkhole.

Discover the sparkling sapphire waters of the Blue Lake, explore the underground garden of Eden at Umpherston Sinkhole or visit the Englebrecht Cave to explore a natural wonderland.

Portland approx 50min

The historic seaside city of Portland is an esteemed fishing destination but also caters for those just wishing to spend a leisurely, scenic day by the seaside.

While visiting you can balance your day with a hike through Cape Nelson National Park, a trip on the historic Cable Tram, a lunchtime surf at one of the region's renowned beaches, or simply kick back with a coffee at a beach-side café to watch the whales.

Wander streets dotted with beautifully maintained heritage buildings and dine on great pub fare while overlooking the busy harbour; or venture out to explore the many offerings in the city's hinterland, like stunning Bridgewater Bay and the cute hamlets of Narrawong, Bolwarra and Tyrendarra.

Take the kids to pick their own berries at the renowned strawberry farm at Bolwarra, or head out to Narrawong, situated at the mouth of the Surry River. Along with a wonderful river and beach Narrawong offers some amazing gardens and galleries. Lose yourself in a world of wonderful art, find yourself roaming the rows of lavender or just be at one with nature. No matter what you fancy be sure not to miss what this little, yet wonderful town has to offer.

Coleraine: approx 1hr 10min

Visit Glenelg Chocolate Factory, and the Peter Francis Point Arboretum (Eucalyptus Discovery Centre).

The round trip from Nelson to Casterton/Coleraine and back to Nelson is approximately 3-4 hours.

Casterton approx 1hr

In the northern corner of Glenelg, a world away from rugged coastal clifftops, you will find Casterton. Idyllically nestled amongst the rolling hills and river red gums of the Glenelg River valley, the town is bursting with an abundance of historic charm tempting you to stay and explore the legendary history of "Kelpie Country".

Visit Warrock Homestead, Baileys Rocks, Bilsons Tree and many cafés and arty shops. Call into the Casterton Visitor Centre for further details.

Great South West Walk

Victoria's premier 250-kilometre bushwalking trail, located between Portland and Nelson, is ideally set up for shorter day walks. Many walkers choose to break their journey in Nelson, stay a day and catch their breath. Transfers and accommodation are available.

This world-class experience includes four unique walking environments that have been divided up into the Forest Walk, the Glenelg River Gorge walk, the Discovery Bay Beach walk and the Capes and Bays walk

The trail winds around tall hardwood forests, the pristine Glenelg River, aboriginal cultural sites, the mighty Southern Ocean with vast sand dunes, sandy bays and beaches, rugged cliffs, freshwater lakes, and a diversity of natural fauna and flora. See the large breeding colony of fur seals, lose yourself in the enchanted forest, walk its rugged cliffs, take in its sublime bays, breathe in its tranquil forests and be in awe of the pristine river.

Budj Bim approx 1hr
Moving deeper inland through the
quaint townships of Dartmoor and
Heywood you will find yourself at the
recently listed wonder of the UNESCO
listed Budj Bim National Heritage
Landscape, one of the world's most
extensive and oldest aquaculture
systems.

Dating back more than 6000 years, the area shows evidence of a large Aboriginal community systematically farming and smoking eels for food and trade. Guided tours are available with local Gunditimara rangers.

Port MacDonnell and Coast to Carpenter Rocks approx 25min The Southern Rock Lobster capital of Australia, Port MacDonnell offers a Maritime Museum, Feasts Car Museum and Dingley Dell (Adam Lindsey Gordon's Cottage).

View interesting rock formations along the Foreshore Drive to the rugged cliffs near Cape Northumberland Lighthouse; wait until dusk for a chance to see Fairy Penguins.

A drive further along the coast will take you through fishing villages of Pelican Point, Blackfellows Caves and finally Carpenter Rocks, which features Cape Banks Lighthouse, where a memorial has been erected to the 89 lives lost when the vessel Admella came to grief in 1859. Nearby is the southern entry into Canunda National Park (Beach 4 Wheel Driving).





EXPLORE NFARBY

Mount Schank

Just a short 20 minute drive, west of Nelson, between Port MacDonnell and Mount Gambier, is this extinct volcano, 150 metres above sea level. Choose from two steep walking trails, one to the crater rim 900 metres return or alternatively one that takes in the crater floor at 1.3km return. BBQ, picnic facilities and toilets are provided at the base of the mountain.

Penambol Conservation Park

Located 22km south east of Mount Gambier, this park conserves an important area of remnant vegetation. It adjoins the Warreanga Native Forest Reserve and contains several geological features, one of which has archaeological significance. The park is one of the best places to see evidence of wombats. There are several walks to do within the park, one of which provides elevated views of the Caroline Sinkhole. Nearby is Hell's Hole.

Nobles Rocks

A four wheel drive track marked Quarry Road leads to Nobles Rocks, a good place for surf fishing and gathering pipis when tides are correct. Nobles Rocks Middens – shells such as pipis, whelks and mussels accumulated on the rocks, they are the remains of meals eaten by Indigenous people.

Jackass Fern Gully Picnic Area

Situated near the headwaters of the Fitzroy River, about 20km along the T & W Road from the Nelson/Portland Road or 9.2km on the T & W Road from Princess Highway.

The Jackass Fern Gully, served as both watering hole and river ford in early settlement times, later it saw the established of a sawmill. Vegetation includes five different fern types, stringy bark, paperbark, prickly currant bush and tall saw-sedge. The picnic and camping facilities are fabulous

Crawford River Regional Park

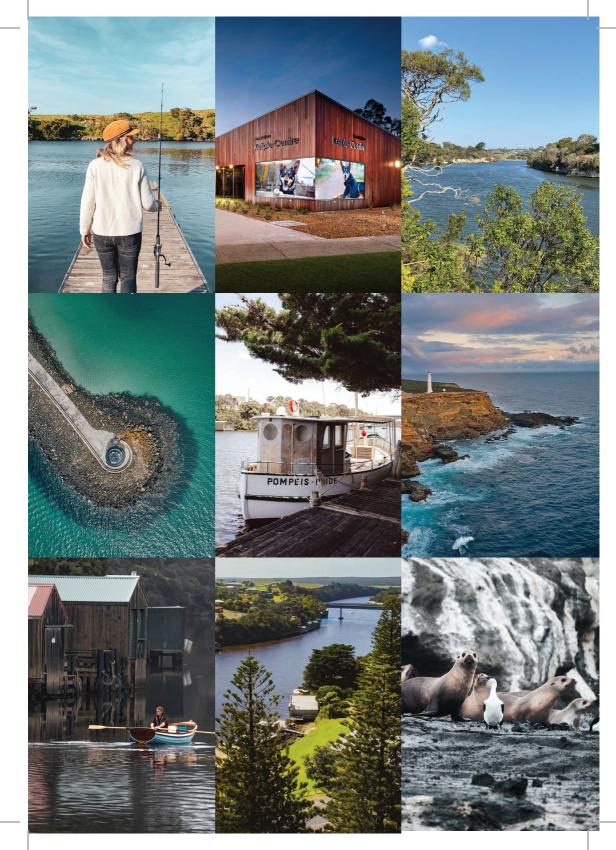
Situated in the Crawford River Valley near Hotspur, follow the signs just past Hotspur and near Greenwald on the Prices Highway. Drive along the Boulevard which follows the northern bank of the river through forests of stringy bark and lush tree lined gullies, fishing is challenging with species such as Redfin and Rainbow Trout. Camping facilities are available, no bookings required.

Dartmoor

Avenue of Honour, Atlantic Cedars planted in 1918, as a memorial to those who served in the First World War have now been carved to depict service men and women in the Army, Navy and Airforce, along with Childrens Story Tales. Dartmoor has a general store, hotel and very good golf course.

The Inkpot

A natural depression formed either by the action of water dissolving the underlying limestone or by the collapse of a large cave, when full it is 10 metres and the colour black is caused by decaying vegetable matter. The Inkpot is accessed off the Winnap Road, just past the Moleside picnic area, where you can visit the Moleside Waterfall on the way



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