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OVERVIEW

Phillip Island Nature Parks is an advanced ecotourism destination. Dedicated to quality ecotourism experiences and wildlife management, Nature Parks features the highest number of Advanced Ecotourism accredited types of tours of any tourism operator in Victoria.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is a self-funded, organisation. Revenue generated through our ecotourism activities is invested into vital conservation, research, and education programs.





ENVIRONMENT

WILDLIFE AND HABITAT PROTECTION

Phillip Island Nature Parks manages 1,980 hectares of Crown Land on Phillip Island (Mollw), approximately 20% of the island.

Conservation projects include revegetation, habitat restoration, management of feral animals and weeds, and the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured wildlife. Habitat within Nature Parks supports significant populations of little penguins, hooded plovers, short-tailed shearwaters and other international migratory bird species as well as mammals such as koalas, possums, wallabies, Australian fur seals, Eastern barred bandicoots 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 intergovernmental Ramsar Convention as wetlands of international importance.

RESEARCH

DISCOVERING MORE ABOUT PHILLIP ISLAND'S UNIQUE WILDLIFE

Research is integral to conservation work by Phillip Island Nature Parks. A world-leading team of scientists undertake groundbreaking 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

Phillip Island Nature Parks provides a wide range of immersive and educational experiences at the Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island and coastal, woodland and wetland habitats.

ECOTOURISM

In 2022 Phillip Island Nature Parks was honoured for being continuously eco-certified for 20 years and is now in the Ecotourism Australia Hall of Fame.

In 1997 there were only 18 certified operators in Australia and as the nation's first ecotourism innovators, Phillip Island Nature Parks has helped pave the way for responsible and sustainable tourism that millions of visitors enjoy. Today there are more than 500 certified operators participating in the National Ecotourism Accreditation Program.

In 2012, Phillip Island Nature Parks 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.

ATTRACTIONS

Located only 90 minutes from Melbourne, Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks operates major attractions and experiences:

PENGUIN PARADE

KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

CHURCHILL ISLAND

Nature Parks also manages several recreational areas that are free to visit:

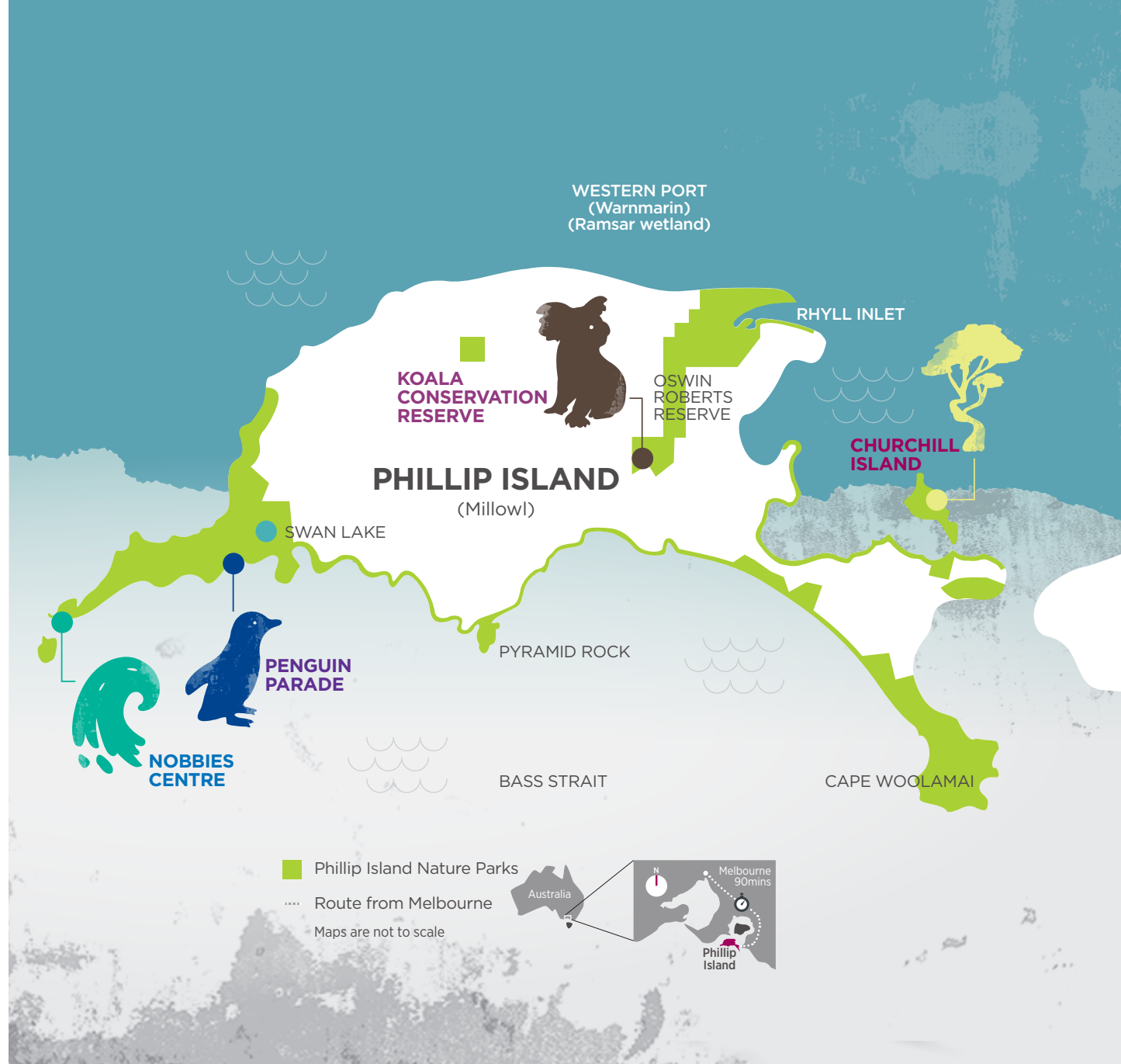
Cape Woolamai

Rhyll Inlet

Oswin Roberts Reserve

Swan Lake

Pyramid Rock





PENGUIN PARADE

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

OVERVIEW

The Summerland Peninsula in the south-west of Phillip Island is home to an estimated 40,000 little penguins – one of the largest colonies in Australia. The Penguin Parade represents approximately 10% 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 attractions is invested into conservation activities to protect the whole colony.

QUICK FACTS

Little penguins are:

The smallest of the 18 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 began.

1985 – the Victorian Government initiated a land buy back of a housing estate located within the colony and bought 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.



NATURE NOTES

Check out our [Nature Notes](#) to find out more about the penguins.



ADDRESS

1019 Ventnor Road, Summerlands, Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

The Penguin Parade Visitor Centre opens between 4pm and 6pm depending on daylight savings. Check our [website](#) for up-to-date times.

Penguins arrive at sunset every evening.



KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

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

OVERVIEW

The Koala Conservation Reserve boasts two elevated treetop boardwalks, which allow visitors close viewing of wild koalas. The centre is home to 17 koalas 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.

ADDRESS

1810 Phillip Island Tourist Road, Cowes, Victoria 3922

OPENING HOURS

Opening times vary, please check our [website](#) for up-to-date times.



NATURE NOTES

Check out our [Nature Notes](#) to find out more about koalas.



CHURCHILL ISLAND

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

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 Andrew 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.

ADDRESS

246 Samuel Amess Drive, Newhaven, Victoria 3925

OPENING HOURS

Opening times vary, please check our [website](#) for up-to-date times.



TICKET OPTIONS AND PRICES

Valid 2 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

PENGUIN PARADE

GENERAL VIEWING

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

Adult	\$32.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$16.00
Family (2A+2C)	\$80.00
Concession	\$22.40

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.

Adult	\$80.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$40.00
Family (2A+2C)	\$200.00
Concession	\$80.00

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.

Adult	\$90.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$45.00
Family (2A+2C)	\$225.00
Concession	\$90.00

GUIDED PENGUIN TOUR

Take a Guided Penguin Tour through the penguin colony complete with headsets and binoculars before taking up your seats in the beachfront viewing platform.

Ages 12+	\$100.00
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FAMILY WILDLIFE TOUR

Join the ranger for a fun and educational tour that starts with a talk about the wildlife of Millowl (Phillip Island) and enjoy front row seats for your penguin viewing experience.

Adult	\$85.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$42.50

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+	\$120.00
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TICKET OPTIONS AND PRICES

Valid 2 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

Adult	\$16.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$8.00
Family (2A+2C)	\$40.00
Concession	\$11.20

CHURCHILL ISLAND

Adult	\$16.00
Child (4-15yrs)	\$8.00
Family (2A+2C)	\$40.00
Concession	\$11.20

BUNDLE AND SAVE WITH OUR 3 PARKS PASS

Create your own unique Phillip Island adventure with our best value ticket - 3 Parks Pass.

3 Parks Pass includes Penguin Parade (General Viewing), Koalas, Churchill Island

Adult	\$54.50
Child (4-15yrs)	\$27.25
Family (2A+2C)	\$136.25
Concession	\$38.15

3 Parks Pass is also available with Penguins Plus or Underground Viewing options.

Check penguins.org.au for more information.

Explore the Nature Parks

Your visit protects nature for wildlife

<p>KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE <i>Bushland Escape</i> Walk alongside koalas in their natural habitat.</p>	<p>CHURCHILL ISLAND <i>Time Unwinds</i> Check out our daily farming activities and walks.</p>	<p>PENGUIN PARADE <i>Little Wonders</i> Visit the world's littlest penguins at sunset.</p>
		



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