



SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

Phillip Island
**NATURE
PARKS**

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*We acknowledge the
Traditional Owners of
the land on which we
live, work and learn, the
Bunurong. We pay our
respects to their Elders
past and present.*



Come along!

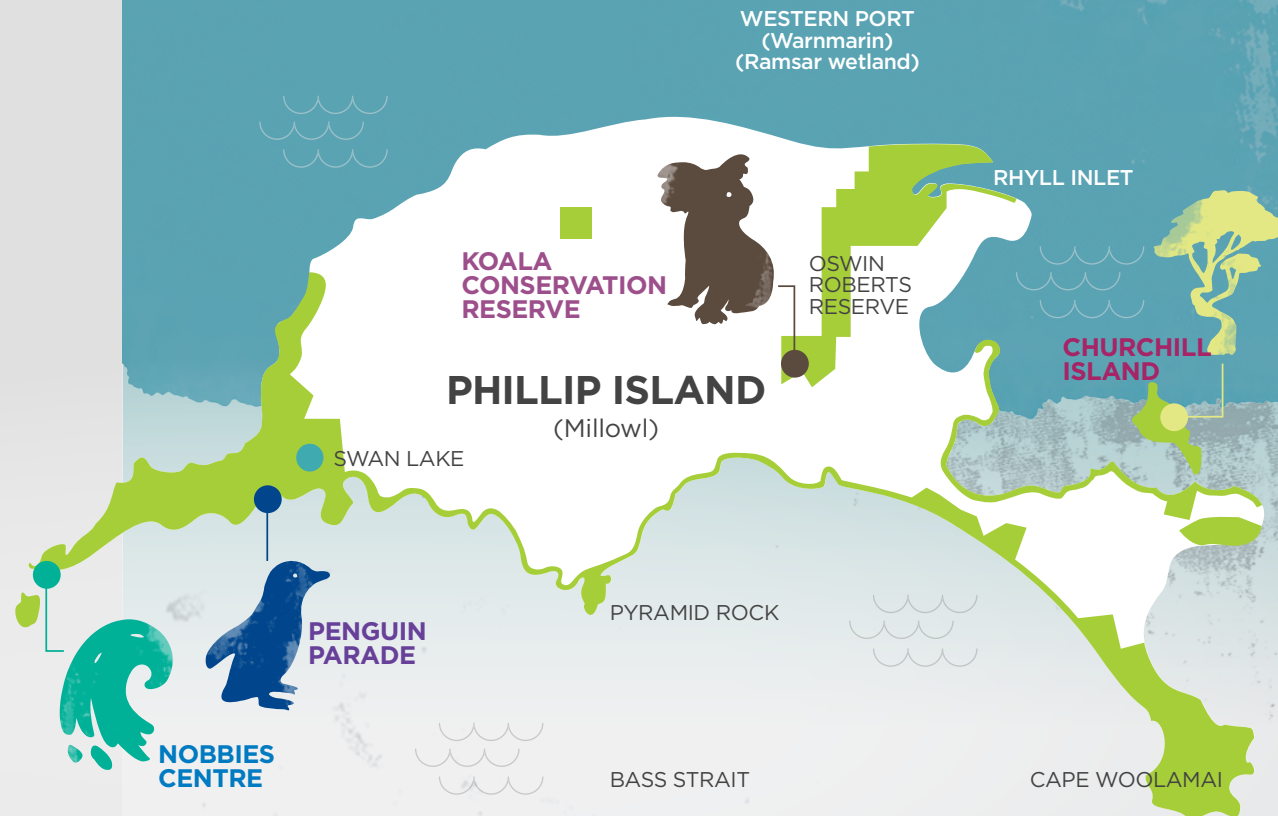
Connect with nature in the diverse environments of Phillip Island (Phillip Island). School excursions at the Nature Parks are an opportunity for students and teachers to enjoy iconic wildlife and learn about world-leading conservation and research.

Choose a self-guided excursion to our award-winning ecotourism attractions: The Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island Heritage Farm and the Nobbies Centre.

TO MAKE A BOOKING:

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Phillip Island Nature Parks

Route from Melbourne

Maps not to scale



SELF-GUIDED JOURNEYS

Explore the Nature Parks award winning ecotourism attractions at your own pace.

Our Reservations team can assist teachers booking a single day excursion, or a multiple day adventure for school camps.

For all excursion inquiries please include the attractions of interest, preferred time and date, year level and number of students and adults wishing to attend.



ADMISSION PRICES

FOR SCHOOL GROUPS


1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Schools and Tertiary (discounted rates)

All school group bookings receive a 20% discount on current retail prices

ATTRACTION (General Admission)	P-Year 10	Year 11-12, Tertiary & Adult
Penguin Parade	\$13.20	\$26.40
Koala Conservation Reserve	\$6.80	\$13.60
Churchill Island Heritage Farm	\$6.80	\$13.60
3 Park Pass	\$23.20	\$46.40
Includes Penguin Parade General Viewing, Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island		
Primary/Secondary groups	1 FOC adult ticket per 10 students. Minimum 2 FOC adult tickets per group.	
Specialist schools	FOC as required	
Tertiary FOC	1 FOC adult ticket per 15 students	

Tours are all weather activities, please check the forecast for weather conditions and plan accordingly.

 All Phillip Island Nature Parks sites and attractions are EFTPOS only - no cash transactions are currently accepted at any of our sites.

GUIDED TOURS

Educational tours are available in addition to Penguin Parade General Viewing and General Admission at the Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island.

Duration: 1 hr

Year levels: All

LITTLE PENGUIN TOUR

\$10.00 per student

KOALA CONSERVATION TOUR

\$10.00 per student

KOALA SPOTLIGHT TOUR

\$20.00 per student

BANDICOOT DISCOVERY TOUR

\$20.00 per student



PENGUIN PARADE

Education groups are invited to experience this spectacular natural phenomenon. Explore the visitor centre before making your way through penguin habitat to the beach. Then enjoy the magic of watching these amazing seabirds waddle from the ocean to their burrows.

Penguins come ashore around sunset every evening. For Penguin Parade General Viewing, all groups must arrive at least one hour prior to penguin arrival.

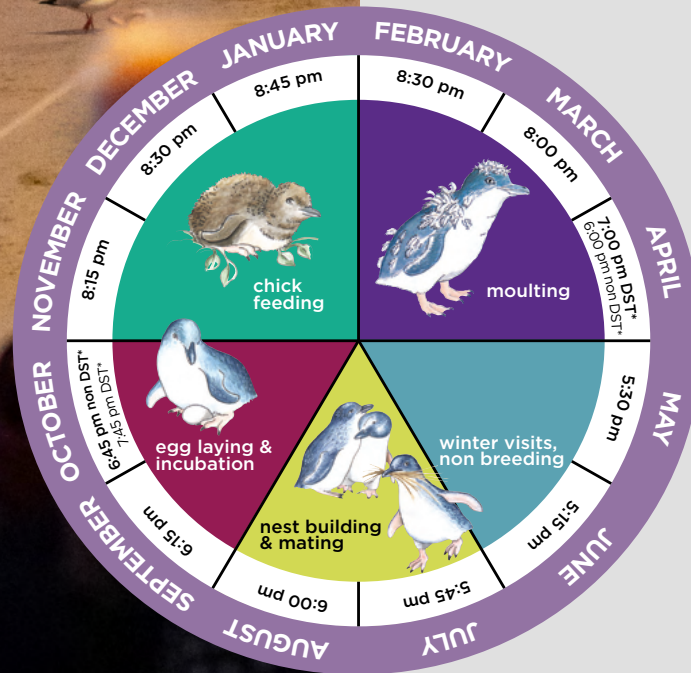
View our [penguin arrival calendar](#) for estimated times.

LITTLE PENGUIN TOUR

Add a guided experience to your visit.

Take a journey through the little penguins' natural habitat to learn about their incredible lives. Students will get hands-on with some of the research tools and processes we use to understand and conserve wild penguins. Students are empowered to take action to help protect penguins and other marine animals by understanding the threats they face and positive actions we can take.

Duration:	1 hr
Available:	Monday–Thursday during Victorian school term
Location:	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$10.00 per student (plus Penguin Parade General Viewing)
Minimum cost:	\$200.00 (plus Penguin Parade General Viewing)
Session time:	Tours commence approximately 2 hr prior to penguin arrival.



Learning Opportunities

- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
- Threats: natural and human
- Biodiversity

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KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

Education groups can explore the biodiverse remnant eucalypt forest, discovering koalas, other bushland species and their unique features, adaptations and requirements.

The reserve is open daily from 10am.

KOALA CONSERVATION TOUR

Make the most of your visit with a guided experience.

Delve into the fascinating world of these iconic marsupials with a knowledgeable and passionate guide. From our tree-top boardwalks in thoughtfully designed semi-wild enclosures, students will explore koalas' specialized features, unique adaptations, and fascinating life cycles. Learn about our efforts to protect their habitat and contribute to the conservation of bushland biodiversity. Join us in safeguarding the future of these beloved creatures and their environment.

Duration:	1 hr
Available:	Monday-Thursday during Victorian school term
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$10.00 per student (plus General Admission to the Koala Conservation Reserve)
Minimum cost:	\$200.00 (plus General Admission to the Koala Conservation Reserve)
Maximum students per session:	75 per session time (divided into 3 tour groups)
Session time:	Tours leave every hour from 10 am - 2 pm, by appointment only

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- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
- Threats: environmental and human
- Biodiversity

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KOALA SPOTLIGHT TOUR

Add a spotlight tour experience to your visit.

Join us for an exclusive twilight tour that offers a unique opportunity to view koalas from our tree-top boardwalks in semi-wild enclosures. As dusk settles, discover the nocturnal behaviors of these fascinating marsupials. Students will engage with their specialized features, adaptations, and life cycles while gaining insights into the broader conservation of bushland biodiversity. Be part of our journey towards a sustainable future and deepen your understanding of these iconic creatures.

Duration:	1 hr
Available:	Tuesday and Thursday nights during the Victorian school term
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$20.00 per student (Plus KCR general admission)
Minimum cost:	\$400.00
Maximum students per session:	75 per session time, divided into 3 tour groups
Session time:	Refer to the Tour Session Times calendar for more information. For groups with more than 75 students, a second session can be arranged one hour after the initial session

Learning Opportunities

- Nocturnal behaviours
- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
- Threats: natural and human
- Biodiversity

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CHURCHILL ISLAND HERITAGE FARM

Come on an adventure through time at Churchill Island.

Discover the fascinating history of Churchill Island, where farming families have lived since the 1800s. Stroll through charming heritage houses and beautiful gardens in the historic precinct, and meet our friendly farm animals. Immerse yourself in traditional farming practices by trying your hand at milking a cow or cracking a whip. Be sure to catch the impressive demonstrations of working dogs, blacksmithing and sheep shearing, all set against a stunning landscape rich in Bunurong history.

Churchill Island is open daily from 10am.

Free Daily Farm Activities

Blacksmithing:	10.30 am
Cow milking:	2.10 pm
Sheep shearing:	2.30 pm
Working dogs:	11.00 am and 2.45 pm
Whip cracking:	11.30 am and 3.00 pm

Learning Opportunities

- Sustainability
- Growing food for survival
- Significant places and environments
- Farm animals
- Heritage farming
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- European exploration and settlement

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BANDICOOT DISCOVERY TOUR

A unique opportunity to encounter this endangered species.

Join us for an exciting spotlight experience observing Eastern barred bandicoots as they forage and embark on their nightly adventures. Accompanied by our expert guides, you'll explore Churchill Island at sunset for an unforgettable encounter with this remarkable nocturnal marsupial. Discover the inspiring conservation journey of the Eastern barred bandicoot, which was once declared extinct in the wild but is now thriving thanks to dedicated recovery efforts. Immerse yourself in the story of this resilient Australian animal and witness firsthand the success of our conservation initiatives.

Duration:	1 hr
Available:	Tuesday and Thursday nights during Victorian school term
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:15
Cost:	\$20.00 (In addition to Churchill Island general admission)
Minimum cost:	\$400.00
Maximum students per session:	15 per group, max 30 students
Session times:	Refer to the Tour Session Times calendar for a complete schedule of sessions throughout the year

Learning Opportunities

- Nocturnal behaviours
- Reintroduction of threatened species
- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
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