



Picnics and BBQs

There are several picnic tables and shelters located in the Reserve, and a number of coin-operated barbecues. Otherwise, throw a rug on the lawns and enjoy your picnic.

For large groups, picnic shelters and certain other areas can be reserved for your private use. Please phone 5421 1468 during office hours well in advance to reserve your location. (Fees apply).

Have you brought a BBQ?

Help keep Hanging Rock safe for the many native animals that live here - please follow any fire restrictions that may apply. During the fire restriction period, the Ranger has a leaflet that will advise on areas where you can use your gas BBQ. Heat bead BBQ's are prohibited. To be absolutely safe, use one of the many coin-operated BBQs within the Reserve.

Hanging Rock Picnic Café

If you haven't packed a picnic, enjoy the delightful modern cuisine at the Hanging Rock Picnic Café. Sit in the dining room, or take in beautiful views of the Reserve from the outdoor balconies. Australiana and Hanging Rock souvenirs are also available from the gift shop (5427 0295).

Flora and Fauna

Nearly one hundred indigenous plants can be found at Hanging Rock which comes alive with colour in spring and summer. Around forty species of birds, including the popular rosella and cockatoo, make their home at the Reserve, as well as nine mammals, one of which, the greater glider, was not known in the area before the 1980s. Other indigenous species that you may come across during your visit include koala, kangaroo, wallaby and echidna.

The Reserve abounds with native animals; however, they are all wild and should not be approached, bothered or fed.

PLEASE NOTE: Snakes occur naturally in this area. If you see a snake, remain calm and avoid disturbing it.

Pet Dogs

Pet dogs are welcome at the Reserve (excluding major event days), but they must be kept on a leash at all times. Dogs are, however, not permitted to ascend the Rock itself as it is home to many native animals.

Entry Fees

You will have noticed when you entered that reasonable entry fees are applicable - these are needed as Hanging Rock receives no state or local government operational funding.

The fees are comparable with national parks and other attractions. 100% of all income received at the Reserve is used for maintenance, development and care of this unique and natural Australian icon.

The fees are payable at the automatic ticket machine located opposite the café entrance, and must be paid before you leave the Reserve.

Safety

For your safety, please stay on the marked paths whilst walking in the Reserve.

RESERVE INFORMATION

Open daily (except Christmas Day)

Monday - Sunday 9.00am - 5.00pm

(may open later weather permitting)

Phone: Ranger 0418 373 032

Office Hours (03) 5421 1468

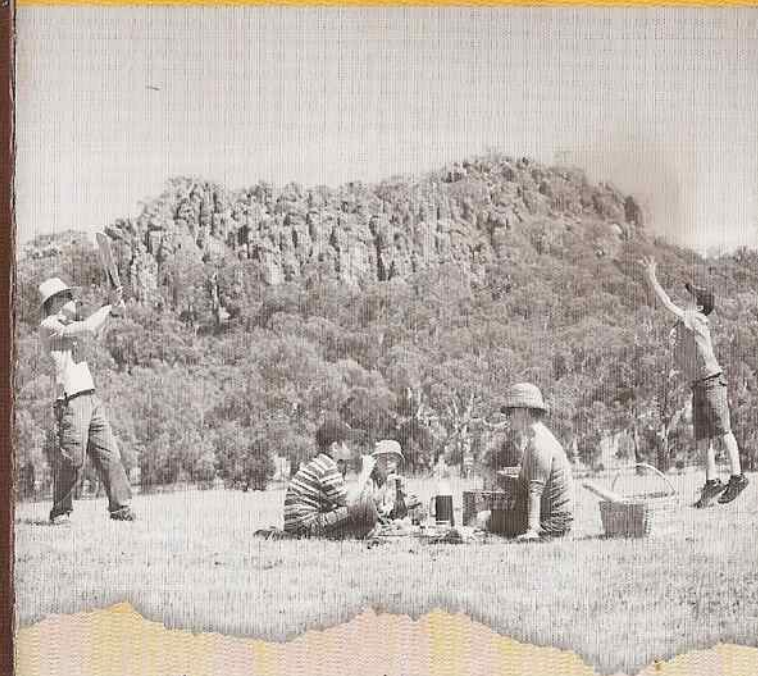
COACHES AND LARGE GROUPS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE BOOK WITH THE RANGER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.



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HANGING ROCK

INFORMATION BROCHURE



Welcome to Hanging Rock



Spend a few minutes reading this information guide, and make the most of your visit to this unique and special place.





Activities

Many families make their own fun with games of cricket, bocce or football. However, there are many activities provided at the Reserve. If you've packed your fishing rod, throw a line into the dam and try to catch a fish. Tennis courts are available for hire, and if you're here on the right day, you can join the local petanque club for a social game.

Nature Walks

Nature walks - ranging from easy to medium-grade - traverse the Rock and take in the surrounding bushland, providing close up views of the native flora and fauna that abounds in the Reserve. And of course, there's a wide path for an energetic climb to the top of the Rock.

Events

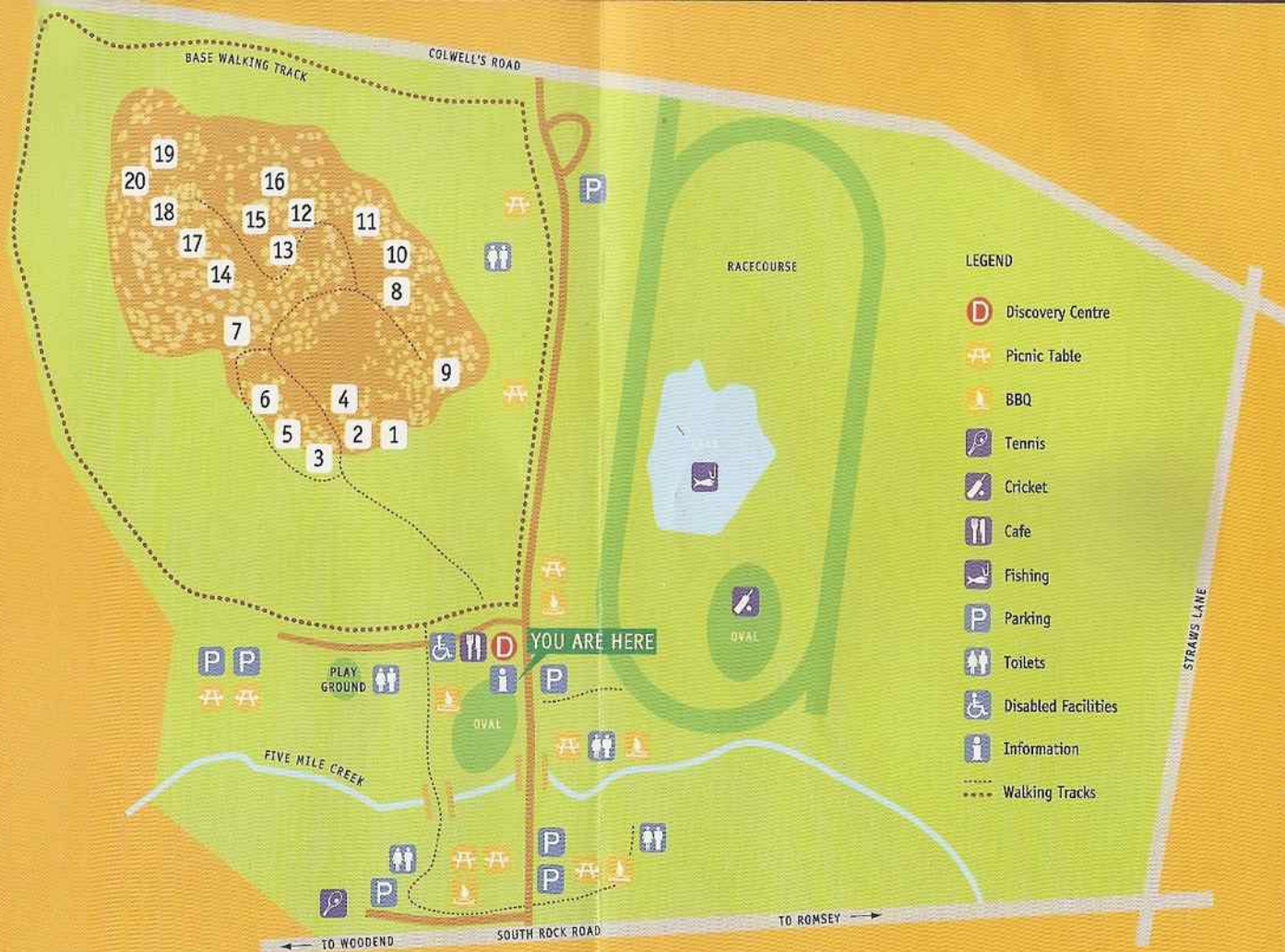
A number of exciting events are held at Hanging Rock during the year, including food and wine events such as The Age Harvest Picnic, car displays, craft markets and the popular picnic horse races on New Years Day and Australia Day. Other events include an annual outdoor screening of the iconic film 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' and a Camp Out.

Night Walks

Guided night walks are also offered in the warmer months. Ask at the café, speak to one of the rangers for more details or contact (03) 5421 1468 during office hours. Bookings essential.

Hanging Rock Discovery Centre

This is the ideal place to start your discovery of Hanging Rock. Wander through and learn more about the history and geology of the Rock. Discover how and when the rocks were formed, and what did happen to the school girls who were the subject of the famous book and film? Hands-on interpretative displays will help you on your journey of discovery.



Places of interest on the Rock

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| 1. Queen Mary's Profile | 11. Colonnade |
| 2. Morgan's Blood Waterfall | 12. The Cathedral |
| 3. Vampire Cliff | 13. Letterbox |
| 4. Black Hole of Calcutta | 14. Flying Saucer |
| 5. The Hanging Rock | 15. The Chapel |
| 6. Stonehenge | 16. The Summit |
| 7. Central Area Forest | 17. Eagle |
| 8. The Saddle | 18. Engraving "T. Scott 1866" |
| 9. Lover's Leap | 19. King Arthur's Seat & Birdbath |
| 10. McDonald's Lookout | 20. Morgan's Lookout |