



Science, Geography, History Environment Education Excursions Programs



Eastern Blue Tongue

- Student Programs
- Indoor Forest
- Educational Hikes
- Private Tours
- Coach / Bus Tours

Warburton Habitat Tree promotes the long term conservation of Victoria's native forests, wildlife and aquatic ecosystems through education, awareness and active participation

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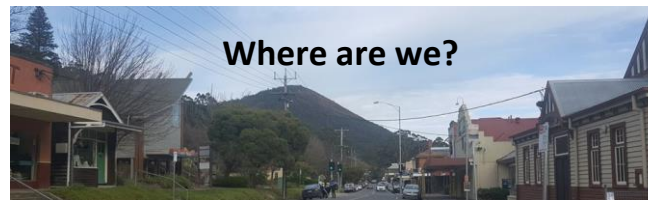
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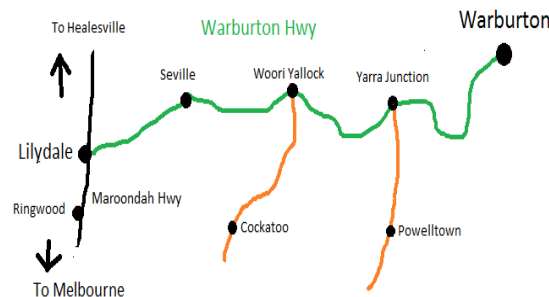
Superb Blue Wren



Where are we?



Warburton Habitat Tree is located in the iconic Waterwheel Building in the historical township of **Warburton**, 72km east of Melbourne. It is the furthestmost township along the **Yarra River** and is surrounded by a variety of unique ecosystems, conservation significant natural environments and heritage listed sites. Home to the critically endangered Victorian bird and animal emblems, threatened **Cool Temperate Rainforest**, the tallest flowering plant in the world, an abundance of native flora and fauna, and with the Catchment providing Melbourne with 80% of its drinking water; the Warburton valley/Yarra Ranges are of vital ecological importance and is the perfect place for our education programs and the **Indoor Forest**!



Melbourne Water Yarra River

Program diversity:

- Native wildlife
- Native forests
- Endangered species
- Invasive species
- The Yarra River
- Ecosystems
- Biodiversity
- History - Wurundjeri
- Early settlement
- Water Catchment
- River health
- Water quality
- Macro-invertebrate identification
- Forest/ human relationships
- Sustainability
- Conservation



Rainforest Gallery



Monitor Lizard - Goanna

Our **Education Programs** are designed to meet the curriculum needs of each year level and include many cross curriculum priorities and general capabilities. Programs are facilitated at various locations in and around the forests and mountains of Warburton, the Yarra River, its tributaries and at the Indoor Forest. Our aim is to raise ecological understanding thus inspiring respect, connection and a sense of responsibility to our natural world that leads to healthy and informed decisions for a sustainable future.



Melbourne Water Upper Yarra Reservoir



Forest's, Water & Wildlife

Forest Programs

Our forest programs are facilitated at a variety of locations within both State and National Parks and along the Upper reaches of the Yarra River. Ancient trees, giant Mountain Ash, fern gullies, wet and dry forests, alpine communities, endangered species, native wildlife, signs of life both past and present, and mountain tributaries make these forests the perfect classroom. Victoria's Biodiversity, wildlife



Mountain Ash

conservation and the sustainability of all living things is reliant on humans understanding of the importance of our natural environments and of the impacts that our actions have upon the world around us

Water Programs

Water Programs are held at locations along the Upper Yarra River and at the Upper Yarra Dam (1957). Students explore water and its journey through time and place. Discover the closed catchments of the Upper Yarra and



Upper Yarra Dam Melbourne Water

Melbourne's water supply, Fern gullies, diverse riparian zones, an abundance of aquatic species and habitats, old growth and the clean waters of the Upper Yarra River offer students a pristine aquatic environment. These healthy waterways face many challenges as they make their way from the bush to Port Phillip Bay. Explore the natural and human disturbances that impact our rivers and fresh water supplies.



Mayfly nymph

Indoor Forest



Laughing Kookaburra



Indoor Forest 'Wildlife Biodiversity'

Here under the forest canopy you will find a life-like display of native taxidermy bird, reptile and mammal species. These animals are a valuable educational resource, providing an opportunity for students to observe physical characteristics of species while discussing distribution, habitat, threats, behaviour and life cycle/development. This interactive learning experience helps students to connect species with their environments and better understand and the challenges our wildlife face with habitat loss and a changing world. Enjoy spotlighting in the **Nocturnal Niche** to see what you can find in our forests at night. And lastly,

be careful of the bats and spiders as you exit via the **Abandoned Mine Shaft!**



Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*

Pre and post program resources are available. Please check the website for full program list

Design your own Program!

Design your own program for 1 hour to 4+ hours. Topics and locations can be flexible. You can come to us, we can join you or; we can meet you there! All Tours are age appropriate, fun and engaging while introducing students to the natural world around them. We aim to inspire curiosity, increase knowledge, respect, wonder and connection. Plants, animals and humans depend on each other and their environment to survive. We are all connected. We can all make a difference!

Indoor Forest 1 hr	\$6.00
The Yarra River (YR) 1.5 hr	\$7.50
Cool Temperate Rainforest (CTRF) 1.5hr	\$7.50
YR / Indoor Forest 3hr	\$12.00
CTRF / Indoor Forest 3 hr	\$12.00
Redwood Forest	\$12.00
Catchment Country 2.5 to 4 hr	\$12-18
Indoor Forest / CTRF / YR 4 hr	\$15-18

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