

Bus/Coach Eco Tour List

Please note: Our Group Tours are designed to take you to historical sites and conservation significant locations with a view to share our knowledge of early settlement, ecology and the environment. Our wish is that you have an enjoyable and unique experience so that you may end the day feeling inspired with a greater understanding and appreciation of nature and all that it has to offer!				
Tour	Name	Description	Duration Warburton/return	Cost applies to group Bookings 20+
1 	'Wildlife Biodiversity Tour' Indoor Forest	Meet the Environment Educators, have a chat and learn about the local forests and their inhabitants. Under the canopy in our 'Indoor Forest' you will find a life-like display of native taxidermy bird, reptile and mammal species, as well as the much loved Platypus! Explore the Nocturnal Niche by torchlight to see what you can find in our forests at night. This Tour will delight all ages!	1 Hour	Minimum group booking - 8 persons \$ 5.00 entry Max 40 persons per hour
2	'Warburton Habitat Tour' Indoor Forest Yarra River Walk	Enjoy a guided Tour of the Indoor Forest before exploring the beautiful upper reaches of the Yarra River. The Upper Yarra remains clean and full of life offering a rich diversity of plant and aquatic species which in turn attracts reptiles, mammals and an abundance of native bird life. Historic bridges and buildings enhance this 'must do' Tour.	2.5 Hours	\$ 12.00 per person Min group 8
3	'The Great Yarra'	See Yarra River walk description above	1.25 hours	\$7.00 per person
4 	'Rainforest & Wildlife Biodiversity Tour' Cool Temperate Rainforest Indoor Forest	Walk above the forest floor on the elevated boardwalk and stand amongst the forest canopy on a 40 metre long observation platform stretching out into the tree tops of the ancient Cool Temperate Rainforest, the oldest living forest type in the world. This mystical forest is on the National Heritage List, the World Heritage List, and is a living example of earth's evolutionary history. Included is a visit to the Indoor Forest. Learn about some of the species that call these forests home!	2.5 Hours	\$ 12.00 per person Min group 8
5 	'The Cool Rainforest'	See description above	1.25 Hours	\$7.00 per person
6	'Filtering Forests' Cool Temperate Rainforest Yarra River	This Tour will visit the pristine Cement Creek in the Cool Temperate Rainforest before going downstream for an informative walk along the Yarra River within the historic township of Warburton. <i>(See descriptions above)</i>	2.5 Hours 4 Hours BYO M/tea 4 Hours with M/tea	\$ 12.00 per person \$ 20.00 " " \$ 25.00 " "
7	'Bush to the Bay' Mt Donna Buang Cool Temperate Rainforest Yarra River	This Tour is a lolly shop of ecosystems. Visit Sub-alpine forest at Mt Donna Buang and climb the 21 metre high tower on the summit to enjoy panoramic views of the Yarra Ranges, the Dandenong Ranges, Cathedral Ranges, Mt Baw Baw and the Alps. Visit Mountain Ash forest, the tallest flowering plant in the world! Be enchanted in the Cool Temperate Rainforest and enjoy a walk along the banks of the pristine Upper Yarra River.	4 Hours BYO M/tea 4 Hours with M/tea	\$ 20.00 per person \$ 25.00 " "
8	Bush to the Bay – 'Wildlife Biodiversity Tour' Mt Donna Buang Cool Temperate Rainforest Yarra River Indoor Forest	This Tour visits the ecosystems as above with a full day to explore the flora and fauna that inhabits each unique location. Including Endangered Species. Discuss the processes that threaten the conservation of our native forests and wildlife and experience the Biodiversity Wildlife Tour in the Indoor Forest. Bring your water bottle to this Tour to collect some fresh mountain spring water!	6.5 Hours BYO M/tea and Lunch 6.5 hours M/tea & lunch included	\$ 28.00 per person \$ 48.00 " "

<p>9</p> 	<p>'Catchment Country' Upper Yarra Reservoir</p>	<p>Explore Melbourne's Water Catchment at the uppermost accessible point of the Yarra River. This Heritage and Environment Tour will look at the history of this area including the gold rush and the building of the Upper Yarra Dam, the third largest of Melbourne's Reservoirs. Learn about the Closed Catchments, their many ecological values and the critical role these native forests play in the collection of our fresh drinking water. Visit the Dam Wall, take a walk through the Fern Gully, cross a mountain tributary and get up close and personal with old growth Eucalypts!</p>	<p>1.25 Hours 2.5 Hours 4 hours BYO M/tea 4 hours incl M/tea 4 Hours with BBQ/picnic lunch</p>	<p>\$7.00 per person \$ 12.00 per person \$ 20.00 " " \$ 25.00 " " \$ 35.00 " "</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>'The Great River' Upper Yarra Reservoir Peninsula Tunnel Yarra River</p>	<p>This Tour explores the history of the Yarra River and the changes that it has seen over many years through natural and human processes. The river has supported many aspects of life from days gone by to the life we live today. The Yarra is a source of food, irrigation for farming and industry, contributes to biodiversity, provides critical habitat for wildlife and aquatic species with its catchment supplying Melbourne with 80% of its fresh drinking water. Discover the important connections between our native forests and the health of our fresh water ecosystems.</p>	<p>6.5 Hours BYO M/tea & lunch 6.5 hours M/tea & BBQ/picnic lunch</p>	<p>\$ 28.00 per person \$ 48.00 " "</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>'The History Tree' The Ada Tree</p>	<p>The Ada Tree walk is truly magical offering a mixed forest experience of Mountain Ash, fern gullies, natural wetlands, Wet Sclerophyll Forest and Cool Temperate Rainforest. This walk is rich in biodiversity and boasts an abundance of flora and fauna species. The Ada Tree itself holds the secrets of the forest with an approximate age of 400 years. It stands at 75 metres tall and has a girth of 15 metres at chest height. This beautiful walk will inspire the imagination and soothe the soul!</p>	<p>4 hours BYO 4 Hours M/tea included 4.5 Hours Picnic lunch included</p>	<p>\$ 20.00 per person \$ 25.00 " " \$ 35.00 " "</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>'Tall Timbers' Redwood Forest The Ada Tree 7 Acre Rock</p>	<p>This Tour visits three very different and unique forest environments that will both amaze and delight. We begin with a visit to the Australian National Trust Listed Redwood Forest. These giant trees are not native to Australia but were planted many years ago as part of an experiment within Melbourne's water catchment. Today they stand proud as the tallest tree in the world and offer a peaceful and visual experience within this unique plantation environment. Don't forget the camera! We then travel to the Ada Tree walk as described above. To throw in some contrast to the lush forest ecosystems of the Central highlands we have included a short walk to 7 Acre Rock. This site is of geological significance boasting ancient granite rock outcrops that allow you can catch views of Westernport Bay, Bunyip Valley and the Bunyip State Forest. This whole area was devastated in the 2009 Black Saturday Bush Fires and shows the impacts on the natural landscape. With a definite wow factor, this is a perfect place to end the day!</p>	<p>6.5 Hours BYO M/tea & lunch Morning tea & Picnic lunch included</p>	<p>\$ 28.00 per person \$ 48.00 per person Maximum group booking 24</p>
<p>13 14 15</p>	<p>O'Shan Day Hike Walk into History Ada/Federal Mill</p>	<p>Please enquire - Hard " " - Moderate to hard " " - Moderate</p>		

Tours are flexible and can be altered to suit the needs of your group. Please feel free to discuss a Tour that suits you!