

Dights Falls Cultural Tour



“Bunjil taught the first men and Bunjil's daughters taught the first women, and they were responsible to pass that knowledge down to future generations. But many times, men and women would work together because that was a real key of the old people to thrive on this landscape, not just get by, but thrive here” – Uncle Bill Nicholson

Program Guide

Topic	Dights Falls
Program Overview	Walking tour (2.5km return, 2 hours) that takes participants along the Birrarung from Abbotsford Convent to Dights Falls, a culturally significant place for Wurundjeri people.
Duration and Cost	Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.
Learning Outcomes	Participants will develop understandings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wurundjeri perspectives of Country, care for Country and care for people, delivered by First Nations Educators ◦ Traditional Owner perspectives of the impact of colonisation on the Wurundjeri People ◦ Aspects of daily life pre-colonisation, including an introduction to Woiwurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri People.
Success Criteria	Participants will engage with:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Their natural environment by exploring the intrinsic connection between Country and Wurundjeri Culture ◦ The Wurundjeri Creation Story and Dreamtime stories ◦ The importance of looking after each other as part of looking after Country by comparing pre-colonisation and modern-day societal structures ◦ The importance of First Nations perspectives, as the longest continuous culture on earth, in both a historical context and in shaping how we understand the world today ◦ An expanded understanding of Country beyond undeveloped, “bush” land to include built-up areas ◦ An introduction to traditional language through place names and their history ◦ The historical and present-day significance of the site to Wurundjeri People ◦ Continued Wurundjeri Cultural practices such as Cultural Burning and Tree Scarring ◦ Wurundjeri Ecology, including significant flora and fauna and traditional Wurundjeri Seasons ◦ Wurundjeri People’s connection to the Birrarung ◦ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung trading routes and songlines.
Curriculum Links	Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.
Meeting point / Parking	Tour Meeting Point: Abbotsford Convent. Parking: Abbotsford Convent Car Park.
Accessibility	Easy access, concrete footpaths.
Logistics	Water, hat & sunscreen. Public amenities available.



Inner City Cultural Tour



"For thousands of years there was a rocky crossing place here, very similar to what we have at Dights Falls, which also had significance around gathering and ceremony and traveling and songlines" – Uncle Bill Nicholson

Program Guide

Topic	Inner City Walk
Program Overview	Walking tour (1.4km or 2.8km return) through an important Wurundjeri meeting place for conducting trade, politics, and ceremony. Starting in Yarra Park near the MCG, the walk takes participants across William Barak Bridge, and onto Birrarung Marr.
Duration and Cost	Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony ◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk ◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country ◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.



Learning Outcomes	<p>Participants will develop understandings of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wurundjeri perspectives of Country, care for Country and care for people, delivered by First Nations Educators ◦ Traditional Owner perspectives of the impact of colonisation on the Wurundjeri People ◦ Aspects of daily life pre-colonisation, including an introduction to Woiwurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri People.
Success Criteria	<p>Participants will engage with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Their natural environment by exploring the intrinsic connection between Country and Wurundjeri Culture ◦ The Wurundjeri Creation Story and Dreamtime stories ◦ The importance of looking after each other as part of looking after Country by comparing pre-colonisation and modern-day societal structures ◦ Wurundjeri Ancestors, such as William Barak, Simon Wonga, Annie Borate and Robert Wandin ◦ The importance of First Nations perspectives, as the longest continuous culture on earth, in both a historical context and in shaping how we understand the world today ◦ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung trading routes and songlines ◦ Wurundjeri connection to the Birrarung and its tributaries ◦ Continued Wurundjeri Cultural practices such as Cultural Burning and Tree Scarring ◦ An expanded understanding of Country beyond undeveloped, “bush” land to include built-up areas ◦ An introduction to traditional language through place names and their history.
Curriculum Links	<p>Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.</p>
Meeting point / Parking	<p>Tour Meeting point: John Davis Memorial Tree, Vale St, East Melbourne.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Easy access, concrete footpaths.</p>
Logistics	<p>Water, hat & sunscreen. Public amenities available.</p>



Pound Bend Cultural Tour



Program Guide

Topic	Pound Bend
Program Overview	Walking tour (600m loop, 2 hours) starting at Pound Bend in Warrandyte State Park, a part of the Birrarung (Yarra River) that was a significant and plentiful meeting place for collecting food, guiding travellers, trade, and conducting ceremony.
Duration and Cost	Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony ◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk ◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country ◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.
Learning Outcomes	Participants will develop understandings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wurundjeri perspectives of Country, care for Country and care for people, delivered by First Nations Educators ◦ Traditional Owner perspectives of the impact of colonisation on the Wurundjeri People ◦ Aspects of daily life pre-colonisation, including an introduction to Woiwurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri People.



Success Criteria	<p>Participants will engage with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Their natural environment by exploring the intrinsic connection between Country and Wurundjeri Culture ◦ The Wurundjeri Creation Story and Dreamtime stories ◦ The importance of looking after each other as part of looking after Country by comparing pre-colonisation and modern-day societal structures ◦ The importance of First Nations perspectives, as the longest continuous culture on earth, in both a historical context and in shaping how we understand the world today ◦ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung trading routes and songlines ◦ Wurundjeri connection to the Birrarung and its tributaries ◦ Wurundjeri Ancestors, such as William Barak, Simon Wonga, Annie Borate and Robert Wandin ◦ Continued Wurundjeri Cultural practices such as Cultural Burning and Tree Scarring ◦ An introduction to traditional language through place names and their history.
Curriculum Links	<p>Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.</p>
Meeting point / Parking	<p>Meeting Point: Pound Bend Carpark, Warrandyte.</p> <p>Parking: Pound Bend Carpark.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Easy access, dirt footpaths.</p>
Logistics	<p>Water, hat, sunscreen & insect repellent. No public amenities.</p>



Bullen Bullen Cultural Tour



Program Guide

Topic	Bullen Bullen (“Lyrebird”)
Program Overview	Walking tour (500m loop, 2 hours) in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. Participants will be guided through a traditional site for warm-weather hunting, and Wurundjeri Medicine People, starting and concluding at Grant’s Picnic Ground.
Duration and Cost	Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.
Learning Outcomes	Participants will develop understandings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Wurundjeri perspectives of Country, care for Country and care for people, delivered by First Nations Educators◦ Traditional Owner perspectives of the impact of colonisation on the Wurundjeri People



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Aspects of daily life pre-colonisation, including an introduction to Woiwurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri People.
Success Criteria	<p>Participants will engage with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Their natural environment by exploring the intrinsic connection between Country and Wurundjeri Culture ◦ The Wurundjeri Creation Story and Dreamtime stories ◦ The importance of looking after each other as part of looking after Country by comparing pre-colonisation and modern-day societal structures ◦ The importance of First Nations perspectives, as the longest continuous culture on earth, in both a historical context and in shaping how we understand the world today ◦ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung trading routes and songlines ◦ Wurundjeri Ecology, including significant flora and fauna and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Seasons ◦ Continued Wurundjeri Cultural practices such as Cultural Burning and Tree Scarring ◦ An introduction to traditional language through place names and their history.
Curriculum Links	Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.
Meeting Point / Parking	Meeting point: Grant's Picnic Ground, 12 Coles Ridge Track, Sherbrooke.
Accessibility	Easy access, bitumen footpaths.
Logistics	Water, hat & sunscreen. Public amenities available.



Merri Merri Cultural Tour



Program Guide

Topic	Merri Merri (“very rocky”)
Program Overview	Guided walk (1.8km return, 2 hours) along the Merri Creek, a significant Wurundjeri waterway, starting and finishing in Brunswick East.
Duration and Cost	<p>Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony ◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk ◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country ◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Participants will develop understandings of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wurundjeri perspectives of Country, care for Country and care for people, delivered by First Nations Educators ◦ Traditional Owner perspectives of the impact of colonisation on the Wurundjeri People ◦ Aspects of daily life pre-colonisation, including an introduction to Woiwurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri People.



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Curriculum Links	<p>Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.</p>
Meeting Point / Parking	<p>Meeting Point: Merri Park Wetland, King St & Alister St, Brunswick East.</p> <p>End Point: Kirkdale Reserve Playground.</p> <p>Parking: King St & Alister St, Brunswick East.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Moderate accessibility, gravel path.</p>
Logistics	<p>Water, hat & sunscreen. Public amenities available.</p>



Bolin Bolin Billabong Cultural Tour



"This has been a place for thousands of years where my ancestors' hosted guests. People would come and go through this area - around the modern time of March and April - as the eels migrated. It's still very much a busy place, with roads close by and people moving throughout the area" – Uncle Bill Nicholson

Program Guide	
Topic	Bolin Bolin ("many lagoons") Billabong
Program Overview	Guided walking tour around Bolin Bolin Billabong (1.8km loop, 2 hours), an important ceremonial meeting place during iuk (eel) season for trade, politics, and marriage. The walk begins and ends in Bulleen.
Duration and Cost	Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony ◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk ◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country ◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.



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Curriculum Links	<p>Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.</p>
Meeting Point / Parking	<p>Meeting and end point incl. parking: Veneto Club car park, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Easy access, dirt footpaths.</p>
Logistics	<p>Water, hat, sunscreen & insect repellent. No public amenities.</p>



Wil-im-ee Moor-ring

Cultural Tour (Mount William)



Program Guide	
Topic	Wil-im-ee Moor-ring (“Home of Many Axes”)
Program Overview	Guided walk through Wil-im-ee Moor-ring (1.5km return, 2-4 hours with lunch), Wurundjeri greenstone quarry site, and significant trade site.
Duration and Cost	<p>Our excursion fees for class sized groups (up to 25) excluding GST in 2025/26 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$835 - 2-hour walk ◦ \$1595 - 2-hour walk, including Welcome to Country ◦ \$2255 - 2-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony ◦ \$1080 - 3-hour walk ◦ \$1840 - 3-hour walk, including a Welcome to Country ◦ \$2500 - 3-hour walk with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.
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Curriculum Links	<p>Critical and Creative Thinking, Geography, History, Personal and Social Capabilities, Science, Intercultural Capabilities, Ethical Capabilities, Civics and Citizenship, Victorian Aboriginal Languages, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.</p>
Meeting Point / Parking	<p>Meeting and end point incl. parking: Lancefield.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Accessible only with WWCHAC, no designated walking track, trip hazards and slight undulation.</p>
Logistics	<p>Water, hat & sunscreen, sturdy footwear. No public amenities.</p>

