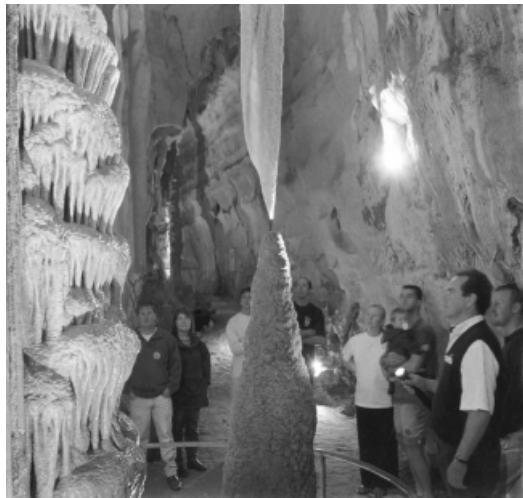


Princess Margaret Rose Cave

Visitor Guide

Unique in size and beauty this wondrous cave is a must to visit. Like a 'jewel in the crown' it nestles in the magnificent Lower Glenelg National Park on the edge of the Glenelg River.

Take a professionally guided cave tour from the Visitor Centre down 82 steps into a softly lit spectacular display of formations including stalactites, stalagmites and helictites.



Explore freshwater lakes and discover a wide range of bird life, or enjoy a river cruise on the Glenelg River.



Hike the Great South West Walk or camp beside the river. The choice is yours.



Picnic – Come for the day, have a picnic or BBQ in the Princess Margaret Rose Cave grounds.



Take a Tour – Enjoy a 40-minute tour of the cave led by our expert guides and round it off with a walk to the lookout.



Fishing – The Glenelg River is one of Australia's most popular fishing destinations offering river, estuary and surf fishing.

Separate Parknotes cover Glenelg River Guide and Lower Glenelg National Park/Discovery Bay Coastal Park.

An underground landscape

This marvellous cave was created by the constant slow drip of rainwater through limestone over thousands of years. River erosion and the trickle of rainwater have created some extraordinary caves in the region. This Caves' varied hues of crystalline structures come from years of minerals and tannins washing down from soil above.

Take a ride up the magnificent Glenelg River gorge, either by canoe or on a river cruise and gaze in awe at the stunning limestone cliffs as they glide by.

Sixty kilometres of the river flows through the park, with one section displaying 15 kilometre long limestone gorge with 50 metre high cliffs.



Princess Margaret Rose Cave – cabins

Things to see and do

The surrounding Lower Glenelg National Park and adjoining Discovery Bay Coastal Park offer some of Victoria's finest natural settings including the beautiful Glenelg River, estuary and the sweeping ocean beaches of Discovery Bay.



Accommodation and Camping – Stay in a cabin, pitch a tent, bring a caravan and stay in the grounds at the Princess Margaret Rose Cave. Unpowered sites are available.

Permits for camping here are available from Princess Margaret Rose Caves Information Centre –call (08) 8738 4171.



For further information

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call **13 1963** or visit
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria
8-12 Julia Street
Portland 3305

For specific information
about boating regulations
on the **Glenelg River**,
camping, **river conditions**
and possible boat and
canoe hire outlets contact:
**Nelson
Visitor Information Centre
(08) 8738 4051**

For information about the
general boating and safety
regulations contact:

Marine Board of Victoria
16th floor, Transport House
589 Collins Street
Melbourne 3000
(03) 9619 6651

Princess Margaret Rose
Cave Visitor Centre
Open daily
10.00 am - 5.00 pm
(08) 8738 4171

Caring for the environment

To ensure the Glenelg
River remains a beautiful
and enjoyable place to visit,
please remember these
commonsense guidelines:

Do not pollute the water
with soaps, detergents,
human wastes and rubbish

Camp only in
designated areas

Do not damage vegetation
or disturb wildlife

Take all rubbish away
with you

Light fires only in the
fireplaces provided

No fires, including fires in
tents, are permitted on days
of **Total Fire Ban**.

Lower Glenelg National
Park is in the
**South Western
Total Fire Ban District**

Dogs, cats and firearms are
prohibited in Lower Glenelg
National Park



Canoeing - By arrangement and booking
canoeists can camp overnight on the river.
There are 9 canoe camps available between
Dartmoor and Simsons Landing, or base
yourself at the Cave. Canoes can be hired
through local private operators.



Boating - There are boat launching ramps
nearby and along the river. Two sections of the
lower river have been set aside for power
boating and water skiing.



Walks - The Cave is a perfect base for
exploring the park. Many short walks are
available throughout Lower Glenelg National
Park.

A booklet titled "Short Walks on and around the
Great South West Walk" is available from the
cave and other information centres at Portland
and Nelson for a small charge.

The short River View Nature Walk begins at the
Princess Margaret Rose Cave entrance and
leads to a lookout. Offering excellent views of
the Glenelg River and limestone cliffs below.



Take a ride up the magnificent Glenelg River gorge to
the Cave on a river cruise and gaze in awe at the
stunning limestone cliffs as they glide by.
Separate fees apply to Cave tours but entry to the
Princess Margaret Rose Cave Centre and picnic
grounds and walks is free.

At the time of printing this parknote information was
correct. April 2004

Rich with plants and wildlife



Wildlife - Princess Margaret Rose Cave is
a great place for bird watching.

Parrots, Honeyeaters, Finches, Superb Fairy-
wrens, Rufous Bristlebirds, Bronzewing Pigeons,
Sacred Kingfishers and Kookaburras can often
be sighted.

You may also spot one of the many wildlife
varieties including the shy platypus, curious
emus, wallabies, nocturnal possums and
wombats.

The park's heathland is an important haven for
some uncommon small mammals such as the
Swamp Antechinus and Long-nosed Potoroo.



Plants - The Park is known for its 50
varieties of orchids. Springtime finds an
abundance of wildflowers and orchids in among
the forest, heath and riverside.

Location and access

The Cave is accessible by road or by taking a
river cruise with Glenelg River Cruises -
departing Nelson pier.

The park is located in South West Victoria
adjoining the SA border, about 450km from
Melbourne, 490km from Adelaide, 29km from
Mount Gambier and 17km from Nelson.

