



UPPER BUNYIP CATCHMENT TOUR

The Upper catchment of Western Port starts in the Bunyip State Park and feeds the Bunyip River, Tarago River, Labertouche Creek and other tributaries that flow to Western Port.

The original custodians were the Balluk-Willam Aboriginal Clan. The region is home of some of Victoria's most contented cows thanks to the improved land and water environments brought about by the efforts of local landcare groups. This work also results in improved the water quality going to Western Port.

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BUNYIPS AND CONTENTED COWS TOUR

Bunyip State Park

Lots of trails & walks

[Information on Bunyip State Park](#)

Bunyip State Park

- A** Mortimer Picnic Ground
- B** Four Brothers Rocks – gigantic rocks with sweeping views
- C** Dyers Picnic Ground
- D** Seven Acre Rock – panoramic views of park and beyond
- E** Lawson Falls Picnic Ground

[Bunyip State Park Visitor Guide PDF](#)

Cardinia Reservoir

One of Melbourne's key water sources, also has lovely picnic area.

[More on Cardinia Reservoir](#)

Cannibal Hill

Access via Garfield North Road. Walk up hill for excellent views of Bunyip State Park and Koo Wee Rup flood plain. Enjoy the free picnic and BBQ area.

Tarago Reservoir

A regional water supply that has now been linked to Melbourne's water source network. A semi protected catchment that has a history of blue green algae problems linked to nutrient run-off from adjacent farming lands.

[More on Tarago Reservoir](#)

Bunyip Landcare Network

A very active network of landholders helping to protect the regional streams and native vegetation corridors. Tour along the Cannibal Creek and Ararat Creeks to see examples of their work. Sustainable land management courses are offered at Peppermint Ridge Farm at Tynong North.

[More on Peppermint Ridge Farm](#)

Jindivik

Legendary home of "Flash Nick" – but if you want something flash to eat, we suggest Jack's Restaurant or some lovely cheese from the Jindi Cheese Factory.

[More on Jindi Cheese Factory](#)

Tarago

Just down the road from Jindivik is another boutique cheese maker, Tarago River Cheese. Looking after the land sure produces contented cows and great cheeses! Nice spot to stop on the way to the Tarago Reservoir picnic ground.

[More on Tarago River Cheese](#)

Robin Hood

Not much more than a pub, but very quaint, and a good place to eat in the company of merry men! Actually, friendly local dairy farmers!

Gembrook

Another lovely village and home to the famous "Puffing Billy" narrow gauge railway. Named after the gemstone mining that occurred in the 19th century. A great spot to start your exploration of the Bunyip State Park via the Gembrook – Tonimbuk forest road.

Neerim South

A picturesque town with grand views of Mount Baw Baw. Plenty of shops and galleries to explore and yet more cheese at Swaffields Cheeses!

Warragul

Lovely medium sized regional town worth stopping at for a coffee and a stroll. For more contented cow products, from farmers looking after the land in the Western Port catchment, be sure to try the organic milk products.

[More on organic products](#)