

Odyssey News

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Victoria's Major Guide Property

Situated in picturesque mountains 72 kms east of Melbourne, Britannia Park is part of the surrounding bushland near the tiny township of Yarra Junction. You will be camping among the wildlife and natural vegetation, while enjoying the exciting and adventurous on-site activities.

The site is historic to the area. Guide House is the oldest building on the property. It was the home of the overseer for the logging company which originally owned the land.

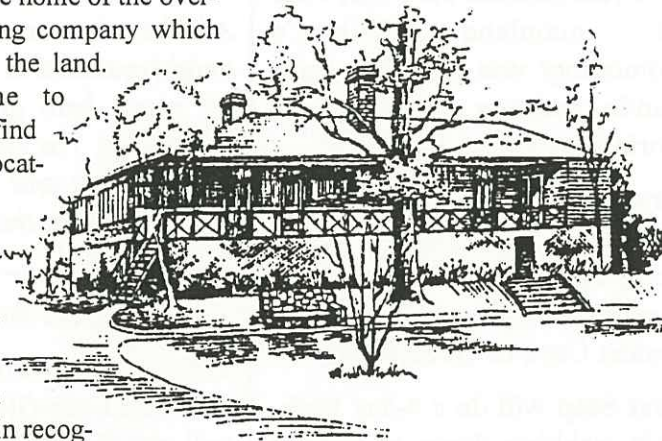
When you come to camp you will find the Committee located there.

The newest accommodation is the "Thankyou Chalet".

The "Thankyou Chalet" was built in recog-

nition of Leaders' contribution to Guiding. Administration will be located there.

Being the height of summer, you will be pleased to know that we have an inground swimming pool and will have lifesavers on site so that you can take advantage of this opportunity to "cool off".



IMPORTANT

Information & FAQs

- ❖ Participants are reminded that this is a **camping event** and you will need to bring along a hike tent or two.
- ❖ **Melbourne Discovery Day** has been replaced with a visit to Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ❖ **Transport** to and from the event will be co-ordinated by your State Liaison/Contingent Leader. We will be arranging for buses to collect you from Melbourne Airport, Spencer Street Station and Lilydale Station.

- ❖ Three **Information Forums** will be held concurrently during the event - Youth Forum, Leaders Forum and Olave Program Forum.
- ❖ You will nominate your **on-site activities** you wish to participate in once you get to the event.
- ❖ **Camp souvenirs** will be available for order before the event and also during Odyssey 2001.



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Welcome



Welcome to Odyssey 2001.

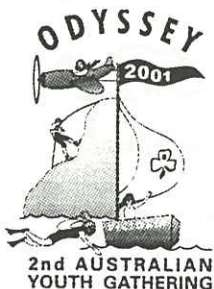
This is a really exciting time for your Odyssey Committee as the applications have 'poured' in. The Committee have planned a wide variety of on site and off site activities that will ensure your stay at Odyssey 2001 will be a wonderful experience.

Britannia Park, at Yarra Junction, the site of Odyssey 2001, is situated in the picturesque Yarra Valley and was the site of Australia's first big International Camp in 1959. Once again, Britannia Park will welcome international contingents from many countries.

The camp will be divided into 4 sub-camps, named after 4 famous Australian women - Kay Cottee, Bridget Muir, Valerie Taylor and Nancy Bird-Walton. In future newsletters we will provide more information about these women and their achievements.

Julie Armstrong

Odyssey 2001
Leader-in-Charge





More about our 4-day Expeditions...

Alma Doeppel

The Alma Doeppel is a three-masted topsail schooner. She was built in 1903 in NSW and sleeps 36 in bunk rooms. She is a sail training ship and has trained many young people.

On this expedition you will be trained to be the Alma Doeppel's crew and you get to sail her around Port Phillip Bay. Home port is Melbourne and she is moored at Victoria dock.

The route that you will take will depend on the weather conditions at the time.

Wilson's Promontory

Wilson's Promontory is a most famous bush walking venue in Victoria and the lighthouse at the base of Wilson Promontory is the southern most point of the Australian mainland. It was described by explorer George Bass as the "cornerstone of this continent called "New Holland" after he saw *the Prom* in the first days of 1798.

George Bass named the area

Furneaux's Land but it was later renamed in honour of a prominent London businessman, *Thomas Wilson*.

It is believed Wilson's Promontory was once part of a "land bridge" connecting the mainland with Tasmania. In another age *the Prom* is thought to have been an island. The gradual build up of a 20 kilometre stretch of sand dunes, known as the Yanakie Isthmus, is said to have reconnected *the Prom* with the mainland. Wilson's Promontory was used as a commando training camp during World War II.

First Step will camp at Tidal River and you will do day walks along the beaches and enjoy an overnight hike to beautiful Sealers Cove or Oberon Bay.

Next Step will do a 4-day bush-walk trekking down to Sealers Cove around the beach to Waterloo Bay across *the Prom* to Oberon Bay then returning to Tidal River.

You will enjoy the beach, bush and natural wildlife.

Trek About

You will enjoy horse trekking through the beautiful Rubicon Valley and camp next to rivers and streams each night.

You will develop a relationship with your horse during the 4 days of your expedition as you venture out into the temperate rain forest of the Great Dividing Range through rich fern gullies and over magnificent clear mountain streams.

Another bonus of riding this neighbourhood is the spectacular views both of and from the mountains. The ride is supported by a vehicle and you will enjoy great tucker in the bush.

Munjara Adventure

Your campsite is on the shores of beautiful Lake Glenmaggie. You will stay in mud brick cabins and enjoy canoeing, mountain bike hiking, water skiing, bush walking, rock climbing and abseiling.

You will also get the opportunity to try something new like bocce and water hoons.

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