

Odyssey News

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◀ 4 MONTHS
TO GO!



Hi everyone,

Less than four months to go and you'll be a part of something wonderful. Not only are there going to be in excess of 500 of you but you will be travelling from every Australian state and territory and from many countries around the world.

Odyssey 2001 promises to be an exciting event. From the moment you arrive, to the tearful farewells, you will be participating in many activities; eating, swimming, climbing, challenging yourself, making friends, hiking, boating, touring and more eating. Did I say eating? Each night will be a scrumptious experience with the four 'cafes' providing delectable goodies.

The Guide Shop will be on site and also a canteen to help with those times when nothing but munchies will do. The Coffee Shop will be open in the evening until the wee hours, with free drinks, a warm atmosphere and a place to put your feet up, relax and chill out.

Come prepared for the time of your life. My team and I look forward to welcoming you to Britannia Park and Odyssey 2001.

See you then.
Cheers

Sue Wilson
Convenor
Odyssey 2001

Something for Everyone in the Program at Odyssey

The program during Odyssey contains heaps of different activities and challenges so everyone will be able to find something that suits them. Expeditions will be brilliant and you probably know a bit about them already but you might not have heard about the on-site activities and market day.

Everyone will spend one day participating in on-site activities.

A huge range of different activities will be set up - some will be sign up activities as they can only accommodate a certain number of people at one time, while others will be set up for you to try at any time throughout the day.

There will also be swimming so don't forget your bathers.

The activities planned include car and bike maintenance, silk painting, reflexology, massage, craft ideas, cooking, dancing, challenges on the platforms, ropes course, orienteering and the list continues.....

Market day will give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere

and fun of an outdoor market with tents and stalls set up both to display activities and also to sell some goods. The mobile shop will be there and souvenir items will be available.

Interstate and overseas participants will be invited to put up displays about their countries or states and also put on a singing / dancing / visual performance.

Participation in 'sideshow' fun activities will ensure everyone enjoys the morning.

This is just a small taste of some of the activities that you will have the chance to try and master at Odyssey 2001. You will have to wait until January to find out what else is happening.....

IMPORTANT

Frequently Asked Questions?? And Their Answers

Q: Where will I be sleeping at Odyssey? A: At Britannia Park you will be sleeping in tents, within subcamps comprising the members of your 4-Day Expedition. Sufficient tentage needs to be brought to camp for all the participants in your contingent. Talk with your fellow Odyssey 2001 state contingent members and work out how to share your camping equipment.

Q: Can I bring my mobile phone? A: Yes you can, but mobile phones do not receive reception anywhere at Britannia Park. We've tried already.

Q: How will I get to Odyssey? A: Your State Liaison / Contingent Leader is co-ordinating the transport arrangements to get her participants to Odyssey 2001. Please liaise with her.



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MORE ABOUT OUR 4-DAY EXPEDITIONS...

Baywatch

Melbourne is situated on beautiful Port Phillip Bay and you will get the chance to explore the southern areas of the bay. You will be staying at "Iluka" a guide property at Shoreham on the Mornington Peninsula - inside!!! During the sunny days you will get the opportunity to swim with the dolphins that live in the bay. You must remember that they are in the wild so no guarantees, but the odds are good. Other days you will visit an aquarium, the Quarantine Station on Point Nepean, get lost in a maze and laze on the beach. Will be fantastic!!!

Gold Rush

Ballarat is the home of the Victorian gold rush in the 1850s and you will certainly get a taste for life in that period by visiting Sovereign Hill, a reconstructed pioneer village that is of world standard. At night you will become a participant in "Blood on the Southern Cross", a light and sound show that is amazing. You will be staying at "Lingbogal" a guide property - and yes, you will be inside too.

Gypsy Wagons

Imagine slowing down your pace of life and plodding along on a gypsy wagon behind a loyal, patient and well behaved Clydesdale. You will be travelling through the beautiful forest at Bridgewater-on-Loddon, near Bendigo. The wagons will be your home for the four days and each wagon sleeps five. Sounds blissful!

Caving down Under

Stay cool this summer at the lava caves of Western Victoria. You will be staying at the Mt. Eccles National Park (there are hot showers) and travelling during the day to the local caves. Your expedition leader is an experienced caver who is a speleologist by profession - so what she doesn't know about caves is not worth knowing. Come prepared to get dirty and have a great time.



New 4-Day Expedition

D3 - Gippsland Getaway (replacing D2 - Alma Doeppel)

Spend 4 days in the glorious surroundings of the Gippsland Lakes. During the day you will be sailing on either the Spray of Metung or the Capricorn Gypsy and you will travel around the 400 square kilometres of magnificent cruising waters of the Gippsland Lakes. Both the Spray of Metung and the Capricorn Gypsy are 40' ketch sailing boats and have provision for a small number to sleep on board. Everyone will get a turn at sleeping on the boats and the other nights will be spent on Rotamah Island in indoor accommodation. Rotamah Island is situated near Paynesville between the Gippsland Lakes and the Ninety Mile Beach and is owned by Birds Australia.

More details on these and other expeditions will be provided direct to participants in the near future by the respective Odyssey 2001 Expedition Leaders.

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