



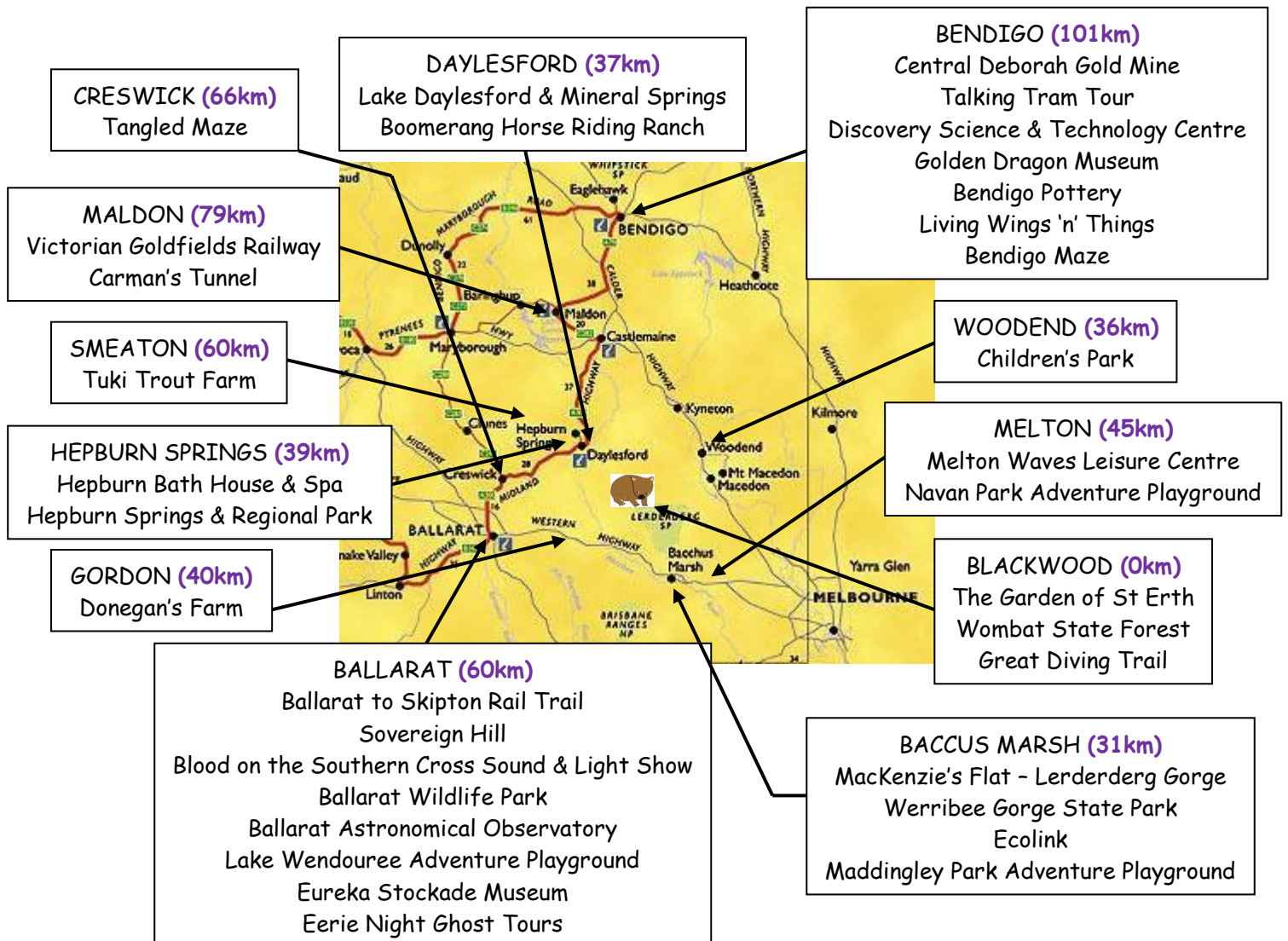
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## EXCURSIONS IN THE AREA

- 🐻 Blackwood SSOEC is affiliated with Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, which gives groups **FREE ENTRY & discounted activity costs.**
  - 🐻 **If you wish to visit Sovereign Hill with a group while at camp, you must book through Blackwood Staff to get the special price.**
- 🐻 There are many other tourist venues around the Blackwood, Daylesford, Ballarat, Bendigo areas which offer special rates to groups using the Centre.
- 🐻 Please contact the Blackwood Staff for more information and bookings.
- 🐻 While Blackwood Staff are there to encourage the use of the Centre's facilities and activities - and therefore do not attend non-BSSOEC excursions - they are happy to book your off-site activities including:-



🐻 Distances next to Town Name indicate the Approximate Distance from Blackwood

**When leaving the campsite, always fill in an excursion form and leave it in the window of the camp so it can be read from the outside.**

## HELPFUL CONTACTS & WEBSITES WHEN PLANNING YOUR CAMP

**HINT:-** If you place the cursor over a Website & HOLD DOWN 'Ctrl' & then 'Click'  
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<b>BSSOEC Website</b>	<a href="http://www.blackwoodssoec.vic.edu.au/">http://www.blackwoodssoec.vic.edu.au/</a>
DEECD	<a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/edoutdoors/default.htm">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/edoutdoors/default.htm</a>
Camp Planning	<a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/enviro/4_4.htm">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/enviro/4_4.htm</a>
Websites	<a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/management/6_14.htm">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/management/6_14.htm</a>
Country Fire Authority - CFA	<a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/">http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/</a>
Bureau of Meteorology	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml">http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml</a>
Department of Sustainability	<a href="http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse/index.htm">http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse/index.htm</a>
Parks Victoria	<a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/</a>
Mt Bike Rides in the Blackwood Area	<a href="http://www.bancoora.au.com/Blackwood%20Rides/Blackwood_Home_Page.htm">http://www.bancoora.au.com/Blackwood%20Rides/Blackwood_Home_Page.htm</a>

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<b>BLACKWOOD</b>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood
<a href="http://www.blackwoodvictoria.com/">http://www.blackwoodvictoria.com/</a>		<b>Okm</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
The Garden of St. Erth	5368-6514	<a href="http://www.diggers.com.au/gardenStErth.shtml">http://www.diggers.com.au/gardenStErth.shtml</a>
Wombat State Forest - Great Dividing Trail		<a href="http://gdt.org.au/">http://gdt.org.au/</a>


<b>BALLARAT</b>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood
<a href="http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/">http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/</a>		<b>60km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail		<a href="http://www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=trail&amp;trail=36">http://www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=trail&amp;trail=36</a>
Sovereign Hill	5337-1100	<a href="http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/">http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/</a>
Blood on the Southern Cross Sound & Light Show		<a href="http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/">http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/</a>
Ballarat Wildlife Park	5333-5933	<a href="http://www.wildlifepark.com.au/">http://www.wildlifepark.com.au/</a>
Eureka Stockade Museum	5333-1854	<a href="http://www.eurekballarat.com/">http://www.eurekballarat.com/</a>
Ballarat Astronomical Observatory	5332-7526	<a href="http://observatory.ballarat.net/">http://observatory.ballarat.net/</a>
Eerie Night Ghost Tours	1300 856-668	<a href="http://www.eerietours.com.au/index.php">http://www.eerietours.com.au/index.php</a>

<b>BACCHUS MARSH</b>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood
<a href="http://www.discoverbacchusmarsh.org/">http://www.discoverbacchusmarsh.org/</a>		<b>31km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Ecolinc	5367-0171	<a href="http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/">http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/</a>
MacKenzie's Flat - Lerderderg Gorge		<a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=130">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=130</a> <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0366.pdf">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0366.pdf</a>
Werribee Gorge State Park		<a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=209">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=209</a> <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0483.pdf">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0483.pdf</a>

<b>CRESWICK</b>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood
<a href="http://www.ballarat.com/creswick/">http://www.ballarat.com/creswick/</a>		<b>66km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Tangled Maze	5345-2847	<a href="http://www.tangledmaze.com.au/">http://www.tangledmaze.com.au/</a>

<b>DAYLESFORD</b>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood
<a href="http://www.visitdaylesford.com.au/Forms/Default.aspx">http://www.visitdaylesford.com.au/Forms/Default.aspx</a>		<b>37km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Boomerang Ranch	5348-2525	<a href="http://www.boomerangranch.com.au/">http://www.boomerangranch.com.au/</a>

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<b>BENDIGO</b> <a href="http://www.bendigotourism.com/">http://www.bendigotourism.com/</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>101km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Central Deborah Gold Mine	5443-8255	<a href="http://www.central-deborah.com/">http://www.central-deborah.com/</a>
Talking Tram Tour		<a href="http://www.bendigotramways.com/O1_tourism.htm">http://www.bendigotramways.com/O1_tourism.htm</a>
Discovery Science & Technology Centre		<a href="http://www.discovery.asn.au/">http://www.discovery.asn.au/</a>
Golden Dragon Museum	5441-5044	<a href="http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org/">http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org/</a>
Bendigo Pottery	5448-4404	<a href="http://www.bendigopottery.com.au/">http://www.bendigopottery.com.au/</a>
Living Wings 'n' Things	5448-3051	
Bendigo Maze	5439-4176	<a href="http://www.themazebendigo.com.au/">http://www.themazebendigo.com.au/</a>

<b>GORDON</b> <a href="http://www.gordonvictoria.com/forum/read.php?5,27">http://www.gordonvictoria.com/forum/read.php?5,27</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>40km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Donegan's Farm	5368-9448	<a href="http://www.donegansfarm.com.au/">http://www.donegansfarm.com.au/</a>

<b>HEPBURN SPRINGS</b> <a href="http://www.travelvictoria.com.au/hepburnsprings/">http://www.travelvictoria.com.au/hepburnsprings/</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>39km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hepburn Bath House & Spa	5348-8888	<a href="http://www.hepburnspa.com.au/">http://www.hepburnspa.com.au/</a>
Hepburn Springs & Regional Park		<a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=59">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/1park_display.cfm?park=59</a> <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0339.pdf">http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0339.pdf</a>

<b>MALDON</b> <a href="http://www.maldoncastlemaine.com/">http://www.maldoncastlemaine.com/</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>79km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Victorian Goldfields Railway	5470-6658	<a href="http://www.vgr.com.au/">http://www.vgr.com.au/</a>
Carman's Tunnel	5475-2667	<a href="http://www.maldon.org.au/ThingsToDo/carmans/carmansPage.htm">http://www.maldon.org.au/ThingsToDo/carmans/carmansPage.htm</a>

<b>MELTON</b> <a href="http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/">http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>45km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Melton Waves	9747-4333	<a href="http://www.meltonwaves.com.au/">http://www.meltonwaves.com.au/</a>

<b>SMEATON</b> <a href="http://www.ballarat.com/smeaton/index.htm">http://www.ballarat.com/smeaton/index.htm</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>60km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Website</b>
Tuki Trout Farm	5345-6233	<a href="http://www.tuki.com.au/?id=troutfarm">http://www.tuki.com.au/?id=troutfarm</a>

<b>WOODEND</b> <a href="http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/woodend">http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/woodend</a>		Approximate Distance from Blackwood <b>36km</b>
<b>Excursion Site</b>		<b>Website</b>
Children's Park		<a href="http://www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark/">http://www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark/</a>