

TRIP INFORMATION

KINGLAKE CONSERVATION

The following Trip Information will assist you to prepare for your Naturewise experience - what to bring, where and when to meet, and what you will be doing once you start your program.

Program Overview

Conservation is king at Kinglake National Park! Located only 65km north of Melbourne, this beautiful park lies on the slopes of the Great Dividing Range, offering dramatic views of the Melbourne skyline, Port Philip Bay, the Yarra Valley and across to the You Yangs. Abounding in native flora and fauna, Kinglake National Park provides the ideal setting for conservation activities, including wildlife monitoring, post bushfire rehabilitation work and data collection.

In February 2009, 98 percent of Kinglake National Park was burnt by the Black Sunday bushfires. This Naturewise trip provides a great opportunity to help contribute to the work critical for the long term recovery and management of the National Park. You will play an important part in the recovery efforts as you work alongside Parks Victoria staff to collect important data relating to the location and numbers of native fauna, including the Brush Tail Phascogales and the Superb Lyrebirds - renowned for their attractive courtship displays and ability to mimic almost any sound in the forest.

Conservation Activities

Conservation activities will include nest box monitoring, camera monitoring work and dunnart tiles monitoring. June and July trip departures include Lyrebird monitoring.

Travel Arrangements

Participants will be travelling in a 4WD vehicle.

Departs:	9:30am	Conservation Volunteers Melbourne Office – 162 Adderley St West Melbourne
Returns:	6:00pm (approx..)	Conservation Volunteers Melbourne Office – 162 Adderley St West Melbourne
Duration:	2 days / 1 night	

What to Bring

Standard comfortable outdoor and walking gear as detailed below.

Please note that during monitoring activities it is essential for safety reasons that you wear long sleeved pants and shirts.

- casual and comfortable clothing
- waterproof hiking boots or closed toe walking shoes
- a comfortable pair of shoes to relax in after the outdoor activities
- day pack
- personal water bottle
- warm clothing (beanie, gloves, thermals, fleece tops etc.)
- waterproof jacket and pants
- long sleeved shirt and trousers
- personal toiletries
- insect repellent
- wide brimmed sun hat and broad spectrum sunscreen (factor 30+)
- sunglasses
- any personal medication
- any personal items you may require



Itinerary

Day 1 Depart Melbourne for Kinglake National Park. Experience the beautiful Masons Falls before continuing on to our accommodation, the beautiful Karma Kinglake. Following a briefing from the Parks Victoria Ranger on the conservation program, spend the afternoon undertaking important conservation work amongst the serene scenery of Kinglake National Park. Enjoy an evening spotlight walk to Wombelano Falls, and a tasty dinner at Karma Kinglake.(LD)

Day 2 Depart at 8am to work alongside our environmental experts to take part in the important conservation work to help protect the local wildlife. Following lunch, we depart for Melbourne via Healesville Sanctuary, where we visit the native flora and fauna and experience the spectacular 'Spirits of the Sky' show. The expected arrival time into Melbourne is 6pm. (BL)

Meal Code: B – breakfast L – lunch D – dinner

Fitness Levels

This program is graded easy. It includes hands-on conservation activities where an early morning start is expected, and that involve walking up to 2 kilometres per day.

Vehicle Transfers from Melbourne

Return transfers are provided from Melbourne city. The vehicle used for this research program is a 4WD Troopy with side facing seats up to 8 people. Trip involves driving on windy roads so please take appropriate medication/precaution if you suffer from motion sickness.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in the stylish, fully self-contained 'Nests' at Karma Kinglake. The nests are hand-built from local and natural materials. Each nest has its own living room with a cozy wood fire heater, split system air-conditioning, flat screen TV, a covered deck area with outdoor seating, citronella candles and a Weber BBQ. It is the perfect place to accommodate your needs, rejuvenate your mind and nourish your body and soul. Private twin or double room featuring two single beds or a Queen sized bed with linen and bath towels.

Meals

All meals are catered for during the program. The participants will be required to assist with preparing some of the meals during the trip. If you have any dietary requirements, please advise us at least 7 days in advance. If you have very specific dietary needs you may need to provide your own food; please discuss this in advance with our reservations department. You will also have the chance to buy your own drinks, snacks etc. from roadside stops.

Alcoholic beverages

Alcoholic beverages are not provided as part of the package; however you are more than welcome to BYO alcoholic beverages for your stay. There are facilities in Kinglake for you to purchase beverages and basic items should you need to.



Climate and Working Conditions

The weather in Victoria can be unpredictable. For this reason come prepared for anything. Temperatures can range from 5 degrees Celsius overnight up to 32 degrees Celsius.

How much luggage can I take?

Your vehicle has limited space so please keep your luggage to a **maximum of 10 kg** in a backpack or soft overnight bag and include a small day pack to hand carry for easy access to camera, sunscreen, water etc.

Liability

Whilst we make every effort to safeguard our clients and their belongings, we cannot be held responsible for personal injury or loss due to events that are beyond our control.

Medications

Conservation Volunteers will not normally supply or administer medications. We recommend that people bring with them any medications they anticipate they could require during the program. It is unlikely that facilities will be available to purchase these items during the tour.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is NOT included; we strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and the event of you having to cancel.

Smoking and Drinking

Australian Government regulations prohibit smoking and the drinking of alcohol inside tourist vehicles in Australia. Smoking and drinking will be limited to the resort facilities.

Conditions of Travel

Conservation Volunteers Australia reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary of any programs advertised if necessary. No refunds will be given in these circumstances, or in the event of any delay, curtailment or alteration of a trip resulting from any cause including severe weather conditions or mechanical failure. Conservation Volunteers Australia cannot guarantee pick-up or drop-off times and is not liable for passenger failure to connect with other services or any associated costs incurred. We accept no responsibility for loss/damage to personal belongings or baggage. Conservation Volunteers Australia reserves the right to cancel any program in the event of minimum numbers not being reached. You will receive a full refund in this instance.

Contact Details

If you have any questions about the information provided or your participation please contact the Naturewise Team at Conservation Volunteers:

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