

Self Drive Tour Guide & Map



You Yangs Region HERITAGE TOUR

YOU YANGS RURAL DISTRICTS HERITAGE TOUR "BEFORE 1850"



You Yangs Regional Park:

- 1 Big Rock— the You Yangs are an important Wadawurrung heritage site
- 2 Flinders Peak - Flinders Memorial
- 3 Old Duck Ponds School (c.1855) heritage listed building

Branch/Farrars/Little River-Ripley/Bacchus Marsh Roads:

- 4 Western Grasslands - the future 15,000 hectare reserve
- 5 Mt Rothwell Rd to Mt Rothwell Conservation and Research Centre (visit by appointment only)
- 6 Little River-Ripley Reserve and ford site, Bacchus Marsh Rd

Bacchus Marsh/Gilmores Road:

- 7 Balliang Memorial Hall, Bacchus Marsh Balliang Rd
- 8 Old Boundary Rd - indicating the western side of the Port Phillip 'Settled District' approved for pastoral settlement.

Ballan-Geelong/Staceys/ Bacchus Marsh/Patullo's Roads/Flinders Ave:

- 9 Aboriginal Corroboree Ground - cnr. Flinders Ave and Curletts Rd (now an Anglican Church)

Forrest Road South:

- 10 Lara Pioneers Cairn (1835 - 1935)
- 11 Lara Heritage & Historical Museum 'Lake Bank Hotel'
Open: Wednesday & Saturday 11am - 4pm
Entry: Adults \$3, Children free
www.laramuseum.org.au

Canterbury Road East/Rennie Street (Old Melbourne Road):

- 12 Site of 'Robin Hood Inn' overlooks ford at Hovells Creek, first settler building in district, thought to have been erected by William Grass approximately 1840
- 13 Hovells Creek ford (causeway)
- 14 Memorial to Hume and Hovell's visit to the site in 1824

Old Geelong-Melbourne Track:

- 15 Follow unmade road parallel to Princes Highway **OR** turn left along surfaced alternatives Rennie Street and McClelland Avenue. Join Old Melbourne Rd - straight section marked by plough line between the Hovells Creek and Little River fords
- 16 Remnant chimney and oven of 'The Travellers Rest', first settler building in this district. Overlooks ford over Little River, its building is attributed to pastoralist Henry Grass in 1839
- 17 Rees Reserve on south-east side of river, named in memory of John Rees MLA who arrived in the district in 1849 and acquired adjacent land in the 1850s
- 18 Rothwell Reserve north-west of the Old Melbourne Rd, site of main Little River ford. Replaced by Victorian Heritage listed Rothwell Bridge (1866).

Note: when river is low, scramble under the bridge across the natural ford between these two reserves

Rothwell/McLeans/Little River/You Yangs Roads:

- 19 Little River Mechanics Institute & Free Library, home of the Little River Historical Society.
www.littlerivermechanicshall.weebly.com
www.littleriverhistoricalsociety.com
- 20 Grants Bridge & the previous Bulban Reserve. This riverside reserve once extended from Grants Crossing to the Geelong-Melbourne Track. Today, remnants survive in the McNaughton Reserve, Sports Ground, Pub Flats, McLeans Road Swimming Pool area & Rothwell Reserve
There are picnic areas at most of the river reserves.
- 21 Flinders' Memorial, Princess Highway, Little River.

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