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For more information: www.warburtoninfo.com or www.parkweb.vic.gov.
When in Warburton visit the Waterwheel Tourist Information Centre on the Main St.

The charming village of Warburton is nestled at the foothills of Mt Donna Buang, in the Upper Yarra Valley, 70 kilometres from Melbourne. Surrounded by seven mountains, the township offers day-trippers and weekenders a true 'getting away from it' experience that includes snow play in the winter, the best of café culture everyday and the rich life of the river during the summer months. But for those seeking nature beyond the main street, there are many unspoilt 'off the tourist trail' sites that the locals are happy to direct you to.

Site seekers can explore nature's finest secrets any day of

the week – and it's all cost free.

Redwood Forest

Just one kilometre up Cement Creek Road, man and nature combine to provide a stunning 'stand' of Redwood trees. A trial plantation over 50 years ago, the area is untouched and has a special symmetry and silent beauty that begs to be photographed. There are 1500 trees in the plantation, which is considered significant by the National Trust.

The Ada Tree

Stand in awe of nature. The 3.6 kilometre return walk from the picnic ground car park is a delightful wander through a cool

climate rainforest canopy beside pristine streams. Ada is a 300 year old grand dame standing 76 metres high. She has survived logging, firestorms and every other natural disaster of the area.

Big Peninsula Tunnel – Woods Point Rd, East Warburton

When a gold rush swept through the valley in the 1800's the man made tunnels were used to divert water-flow so miners could pan in the shallows. Nowadays it's the golden summer days that draws water lovers to the banks of a swimming hole for frolicking good fun. There is also a pretty picnic area and walk at the Little Peninsula Tunnel.

La La Falls

Gather in the clear, cool shallows of this almost magical, tucked away waterfall. Follow the 1.6 kilometre trail through Mountain Ash and tree ferns to the cascades which run all year round. La La means welcome and if you keep an eye out plenty of local wildlife will greet you.

The Rainforest Gallery Walk

Experience bird life at their level. The Skywalk is an aerial walk suspended 30 metres above the ground, in the rainforest

canopy. Follow the information boards, which reveal interesting facts about the vegetation and local Indigenous culture, for a nature lesson as you walk the tree tops.

Seven Acre Rock

Feel on top of the world. Walk the 2 km return trip to this imposing granite rock with superb views over the Yarra State Forest, the Bunyip State Park and, on a clear day, as far as Western Port Bay.

The O'Shannasse Aquaduct

100 years of water harvesting have preserved the forest surrounds and the old access track. The 30 kilometre trail snakes gently along the base of the mountain offering views across the Upper Yarra Valley, many varieties of native birds, wild deer and the odd wombat. Cycle, walk or run – there are plenty of exit points that will drop you back into town for a latte or local wine.

AT A GLANCE

Redwood Forest

Cement Creek Rd, East Warburton

The Ada Tree

Ada River Rd, near Powelltown (26 km SE of Warburton)

Big Peninsula Tunnel

Woods Point Rd, East Warburton

La La Falls

Old Warburton Rd, Warburton

The Rainforest Gallery Walk

Mt Donna Buang Summit Rd, Warburton

Seven Acre Rock

Learmonth Creek Rd, (off Yarra Rd) East of Yarra Junction

The O'Shannasse Aquaduct

Access from Yuonga or Surrey Rd, Warburton



On the Banks of the Yarra
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Closed Mondays & Tuesdays unless otherwise advised
Closed Good Friday, Open Easter Sat, Sun, Mon (Anzac Day) & Tues.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2011
GPM & Other Imaginings
March 12 - March 31 incls.
Solo Art exhibition by local artist Lorena Young

Tgss & Friends
April 9 - April 26
Photography, Textile Fabric/Paper, Water colour/pastel ink wash & a new medium.

Wandin Arts Community @ Mont De Lancey
May 13 - May 29
Exhibition - Blacksmith Forged iron, textiles, wood, ceramics plus more.

Margaret Mitchell & Friends
June 8 - June 19
Baby and children's clothing, embroidered Blankets, Christening gowns and more.

Wandin Arts Community @ Mont De Lancey
July 8 - July 17
Exhibition - Blacksmith Forged iron, textiles, wood, ceramics plus more.

Bastille Day
Sunday July 10, 10.30am-4.30pm

Wandin Community Bank & Mont De Lancey Art Show
August 7 - August 28

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