

You Yangs Regional Park

Education Program

Guided education programs at the You Yangs enable students to engage with woodland habitat and understand the importance of the park to the local Wadawurrung people. Students can walk amongst granite peaks and take part in hands-on activities.

The You Yangs supports a rich variety of plant species including tall eucalypts such as Manna Gum, Yellow Gum, River Red Gum and an undergrowth of native shrubs and groundcovers. Home to over 200 species of birds, the You Yangs provides habitat for wildlife such as koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and lizards.

What we offer

The You Yangs programs addresses aspects of the History and Geography Victorian Curriculum for levels 3 – 6 and 9 – 10.

Discovering Wadawurrung:

Levels: 3 – VCE

Key learning areas: History, Geography

Students explore the cultural significance of the You Yangs Regional Park to the local Wadawurrung people.

Students observe key features of the landscape that are vital to the survival of Wadawurrung people while gaining an understanding of the importance of Country and Place. Students explore Big Rock and learn about uses of plants, traditional tools, shelters and rock wells.

You Yangs Geography Fieldwork:

Levels: 8 – VCE

Key learning area: Geography (Environmental change and management)

Students undertake the East-West walk and explore a rocky landscape covered with tall eucalypts, shrubs and groundcovers.

Students investigate how certain factors influence the growth of native plants on the walk and how the landscape around the walk has changed over time. The students discover what negative impacts humans have had on the walk and how these impacts should be managed.



Planning your school visit

For current prices, to book and to discuss your needs please contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or email education@parks.vic.gov.au.

On the day

- Ensure students are prepared for all weather conditions. Bring sunscreen, a drink bottle, suitable clothing and sturdy footwear.
- The healthiest food for wild animals occurs in nature. Do not feed or encourage animals to take any human food.
- Please take your rubbish home.
- For the safety of your students and to protect our natural environment, keep to existing walking tracks.
- Encourage students to respect the park and other visitors by 'treading lightly and quietly' while visiting.
- Cultural significant artefacts are found throughout You Yangs Regional Park and it is illegal to take artefacts as they are protected by law.