



NGT's Grand Tour: Monday 2nd Oct – Saturday 7th Oct 2023

FAQs:

Can I attend parts of the Grand Tour, rather than the whole 6 days?

- Yes, you can register for any combination of events, from just one event to all six events.

Is a 2WD adequate or is a 4WD required?

- A 2WD vehicle will be adequate to attend any day of the Grand Tour. We may seek to carpool at one or two locations to assist with access beyond our meeting point (Eaglehawk Waterhole on Day 3 and Long Swamp in the morning of Day 5).

Will NGT be catering?

- All events on the Grand Tour are self-catering, except for day 6 when NGT will be hosting a free BBQ lunch for our supporters.

What accommodation is available?

- Participants will need to arrange their own accommodation. See subsequent pages for suggestions on where to stay for each day of the tour.

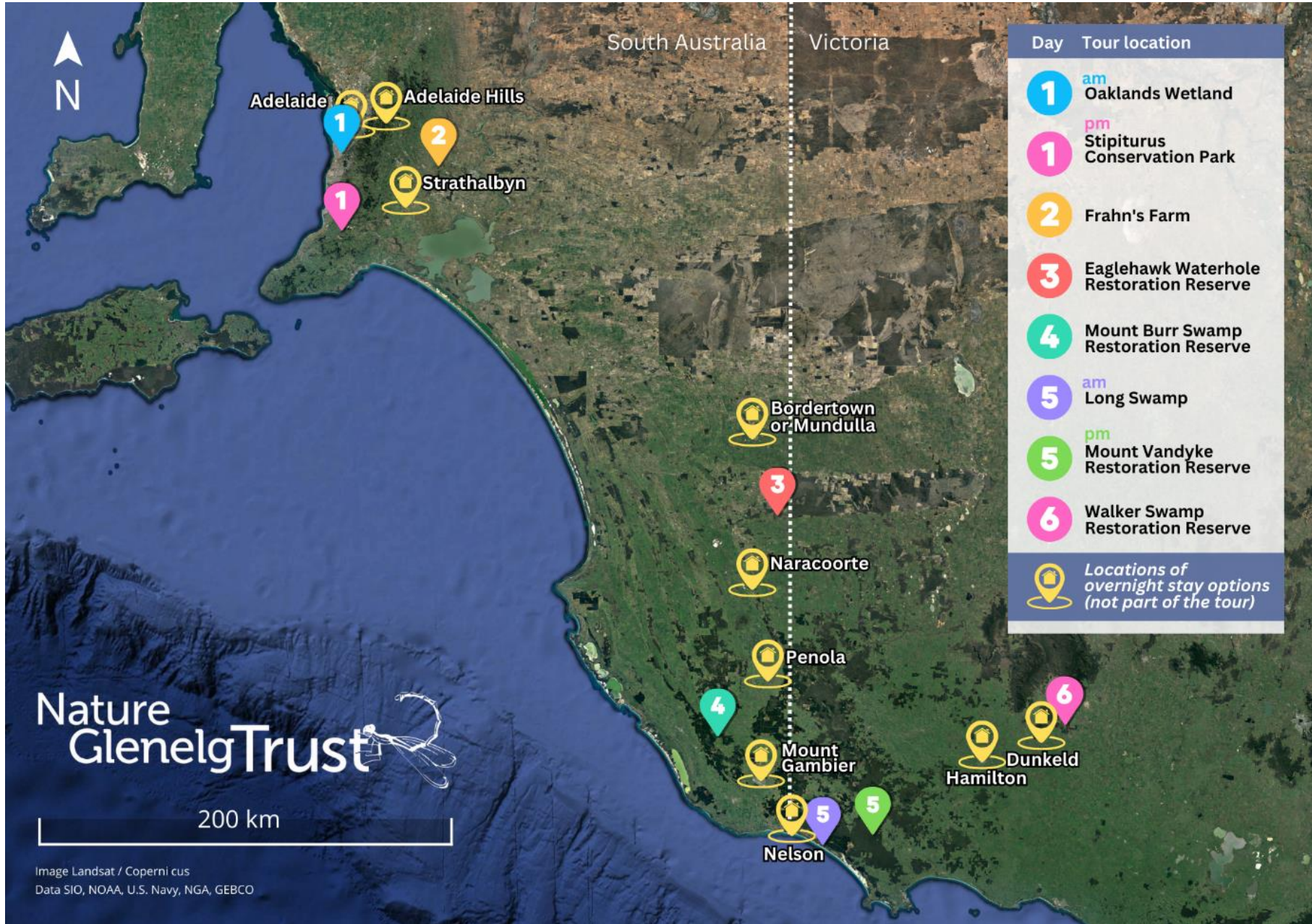
What will I need to bring to each event?

A general list of recommended items to bring to any day of the Grand Tour is:

- appropriate clothing for cold, wet weather and/or hot, sunny weather
- your lunch and plenty to drink
- a backpack to carry the above
- sturdy walking shoes
- binoculars and camera
- clean gumboots may be advisable to have on hand for some days (esp. Day 4 and Day 6)

When and where do we meet each day?

- Detailed instructions on when and where to meet each day will be provided to registered participants prior to the event.



Day 1 – Adelaide and Fleurieu Peninsula

How far away is it?

- Participants can join us at one or both of two locations.
- The first location is Oaklands Wetlands located in Oaklands Park a 25 minute drive south-west of the Adelaide CBD.
- The second location is Stipiturus Conservation Park located west of Mt Compass about 1 hour and 10 minutes drive from the Adelaide CBD.

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.

What facilities are there?

- Oaklands wetlands has public toilets and there may be a coffee or food van on site, but we can't promise it.
- Stipiturus Conservation Park has no facilities. The nearest public toilets and food outlets are located a 15 minute drive away in Mt Compass.

Where shall we stay?

- For those participants continuing on for Day 2 of the Grand Tour we recommend overnight accommodation either in Adelaide, in the Adelaide Hills, or at Strathalbyn. The Day 2 location at Frahn's Farm is within reasonable driving distance of these locations.

Day 2 - Eastern Mt Lofty Ranges

How far away is it?

- Frahn's Farm is a 1 hour drive from the Adelaide CBD up the South Eastern Freeway, taking the Callington exit then a few dirt roads to the event location.

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.

What facilities are there?

- There are no toilets, water, food or shelter at Frahn's Farm – you will need to be very self-contained. The nearest public toilets and food outlets are located a 10 minute drive away in Callington.

Where shall we stay?

- For accommodation recommendations the evening prior see Day 1.
- For those participants continuing on for Day 3 of the Grand Tour we recommend overnight accommodation in Bordertown, a 2 hour and 20 minute drive from Frahn's Farm south east down the Dukes Highway. Smaller towns such as Mundulla, Wolseley or Frances may also be options.

Day 3 - Upper South East

How far away is it?

- NGT's Eaglehawk Waterhole Restoration Reserve is located on Frances Rd near Bangham some 30 minutes drive south of Bordertown or 3 hours and 30 minutes from the Adelaide CBD.

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.

What facilities are there?

- Eaglehawk has a toilet but no other facilities. The nearest public toilets and food outlet are located a 10 minute drive away in Frances.

Where shall we stay?

- For accommodation recommendations the evening prior see Day 2.
- For those continuing on to Day 4 we recommend overnight accommodation in Naracoorte, Penola, Millicent, Mt Gambier or one of the smaller towns in the region such as Coonawarra or Kalangadoo.

Day 4 - Lower South East

How far away is it?

- NGT's Mount Burr Swamp Restoration Reserve is located a 40 minute drive south west of Penola, 30 minutes east of Millicent, or 30 minutes north-west of Mt Gambier.
- We are 4 hours and 40 minutes from the Adelaide CBD so we recommend those coming from Adelaide or from Victoria to make their way to the region the day prior (see accommodation recommendations for Day 3 above).

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.

What facilities are there?

- The old shearing shed at Mt Burr Swamp has flushing toilets, running water and power. The nearest food outlet is in the town of Mt Burr a 20 minute drive away.

Where shall we stay?

- For accommodation recommendations the evening prior see Day 3.
- For those continuing on to Day 5 we recommend overnight accommodation in Mount Gambier or Nelson.

Day 5 - South West Victoria

How far away is it?

- Our first stop on Day 5 is Long Swamp in Discovery Bay Coastal Park, 1 hour's drive south east of Mount Gambier. This is a 5 hour and 40 minute drive from the Adelaide CBD so, as for Day 4, we recommend those coming from Adelaide make their way to the region the day prior (see accommodation recommendations for Day 4 above).
- Our second stop of the day is NGT's Mt Vandyke Restoration Reserve, a 40 minute drive north east of Long Swamp.

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.

What facilities are there?

- There are no facilities at Long Swamp. The nearest public toilets, food and fuel outlets are located in Nelson, 20 minutes drive away.
- Mt Vandyke has an unpowered shed with a toilet.

Where shall we stay?

- For accommodation recommendations the evening prior see Day 4.
- For those continuing on to Day 6 of the Grand Tour we recommend overnight accommodation in Hamilton, 1 hour's drive north east of Mt Vandyke, or Dunkeld, a further 25 minutes towards Walker Swamp.

Day 6 - Southern Grampians

How far away is it?

- NGT's Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve is located on Lynchs Crossing Rd a 45 minute drive north east of Hamilton, or 20 minutes from Dunkeld.

What is happening?

- Please refer to the Nature Festival event description.
- This event is also a larger community celebration for the recent successful addition of land to the Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve, so will provide a great way to finish off the tour.

What facilities are there?

- NGT will provide portable toilets for the event.
- We will also be hosting a BBQ lunch.
- There is no power and limited shelter at Walker Swamp, but if inclement weather is expected, a marquee will be provided.

Where shall we stay?

- Accommodation in Hamilton or Dunkeld the night before the event is recommended.
- Travellers may wish to arrange accommodation after the event nearby in Hamilton or Dunkeld, or at another location on the route back to your home address.