

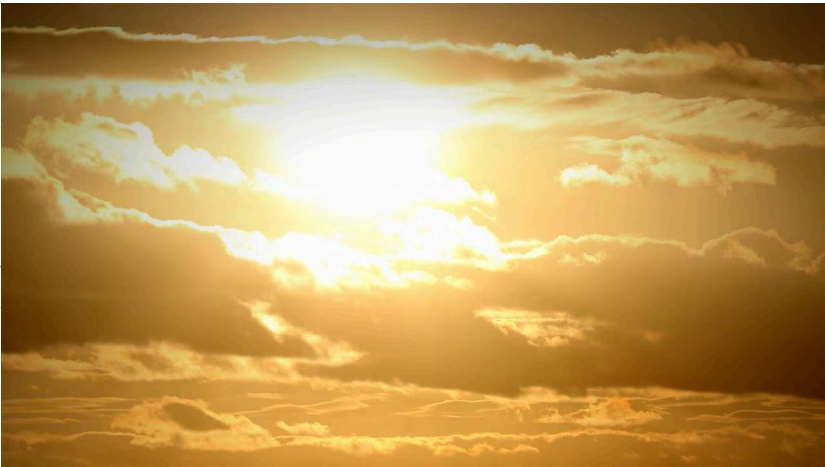
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The best 'hidden gem' caravan holiday



It might be time to dust off the caravan if you haven't yet planned a trip away this Easter.

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"A lot of caravanners are very loyal, they go to the same place every year," she said.

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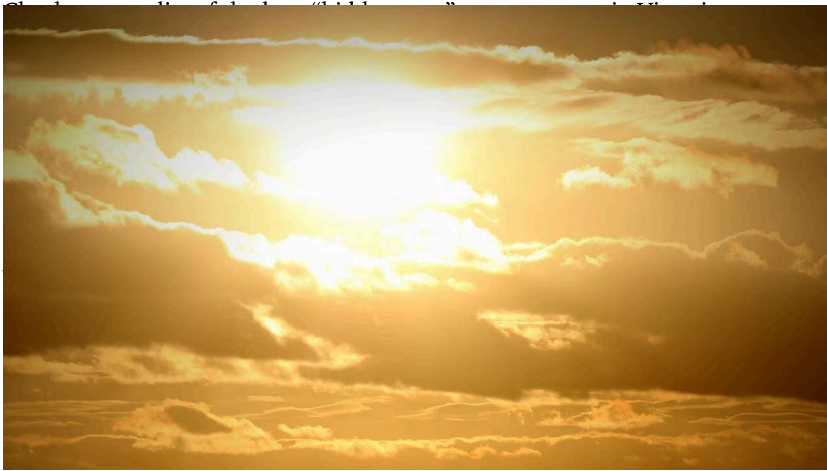
But there are so many new places and opportunities popping up. You can stay at places where previously you may never have had access to which amazing."

She said the opportunities had changed post-Covid.

"Victoria has so much choice that some people can get overwhelmed and just stick to their habits. But have you thought about going somewhere you've never been? Or booking in Autumn or along rivers rather than the beach?"

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With a population of about 2200 people, Koroit is Australia's Irish heartland and hosts one of Victoria's biggest Irish festivals every year.
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Good Afternoon George in the heart of the historic Irish town along the Great Ocean Road
Picture: Koroit Tower Hill Caravan Park



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Forrest Holiday Park, Forrest

Less than a two-hour drive from Melbourne’s CBD and in the heart of the Otways, Forrest is one of Victoria’s outdoor adventure hotspots.

While the town itself has a tiny population of less than 300 people, the area is widely renowned as being a mountain bike haven, with massive parkland and green terrain.

This quiet spot is “well off the beaten track” and “perfect” for a quiet caravan getaway.

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The Forrest Holiday Park is the perfect destination for outdoor adventures Picture: Forrest Holiday Park

The park is only a two hour drive west of Melbourne along the Great Ocean Rd — filled with mountain views, tennis courts and a brand new kitchen.

Beyond the park walls are an abundance of trails and opportunities for water adventures, including tours through Lake Elizabeth.

Princetown Recreation Reserve, Princetown

Not only is it one of the closest camping spots to the Twelve Apostles, Princetown also ticks all the boxes for caravanners.

The Princetown Recreation Reserve site has both powered and unpowered sites — for holidayers looking to completely switch off — and is within walking distance to beaches and rivers.

The site is also a short drive from famous Victorian landmarks like the Twelve Apostles and the new Poombeeyt Kontapool look out.



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Princetown Recreation Reserve is a great spot to camp near the Twelve Apostles Picture: Great Ocean Road



Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road Picture: Supplied

Grampians

Acacia Caravan Park, Ararat

It may be small, but this Ararat caravan park has been described as a great spot for first time caravanners or for people looking to trial a new van.

The park — less than a three-hour drive from Melbourne — offers fully enclosed pet sites and a dog wash.

It has been described as one of the best places to travel with a furry companion.

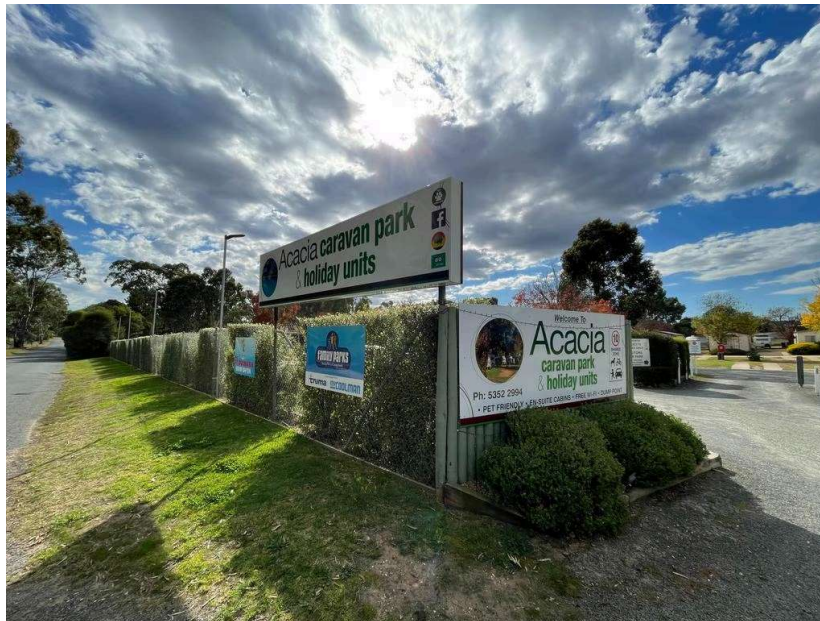
Acacia is located in the heart of Ararat's CBD and right on the door step of the Pyrenees and Grampians wine regions.

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Acacia Holiday Park is located in the heart of Ararat and close to the Grampians' many wineries Picture: Visit Victoria

In addition to being a great spot for first-time caravanners, the Ararat park is widely renowned as being a popular “shakedown option” for avid caravanners from Melbourne.

A shakedown trip refers to a caravan holiday — or an extended test run — where people test out their new vans for any maintenance issues before locking in a bigger and more adventurous trip.

Tiny Away at Grampians Edge, Dadswell Bridge

This tiny park is another great introduction to caravanning for first-timers keen to explore Victoria’s Grampians in a bit of comfort.

Located at Dadswell Bridge in the Northern Grampians, the park offers a variety of caravan sites as well as 27 “cosy cabins” and “tiny stylish homes”.



Tiny Away at Grampians Edge is a great spot for first-time caravanners Picture: Visit Victoria

The site offers picturesque views of the Grampians and is within close proximity of tourist hotspots like the Giant Koala and the Beehive Falls.

But there is also plenty to do inside the park, which features tennis courts, swimming pools, an open fireplace and playground.

Avoca Caravan Park, Avoca

Fancy a glass of red? The Avoca Caravan Park might be a good place to base yourself for the ultimate wine weekend.

The Avoca Caravan Park ticks all the boxes with lots of cabins and motor home sites on offer at all times of the year, with the park located within walking distance to the historic Goldfields town.

Free camping is also available along the banks of the Avoca River.

But what makes Avoca stand above the rest is the abundance of wineries on offer to explore, including Mount Avoca and the Blue Pyrenees Estate.



Mount Avoca Winery

Goulburn Valley

Numurkah Caravan Park, Numurkah

Located on the Broken Creek and just a five-minute walk into town, Numurkah's Caravan Park is a key tourism driver for the small country town in the state's north.

The park is in a central location, offering holidayers an opportunity to explore the best of Victoria's "foodbowl" agricultural hub.

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The Numurkah Caravan Park Picture: Visit Victoria

The Numurkah Caravan park is among the many in the state that bring in significant tourism dollars into their local towns.

Terry Harbor, who manages the Numurkah Caravan Park, said caravanners often spent “three to four times more money” in the regional towns they stay in.

“People who stay will stay one or two nights longer at our park because of our location and while I may get an extra \$38 the town will get an extra \$100,” he said.

“It’s the towns that really benefit.”

BIG4 Tiny Away Escape @ Seymour Riverside, Seymour

Located on the banks of the Goulburn River and only about an hour’s drive from Melbourne, this Seymour holiday park is a perfect spot for a quick and easy getaway.

The park may be on the smaller side but its location along the river and close proximity to Seymour allows visitors to explore beyond the walls of their caravan.

Ms Sweetman said parks like these were “amazing” for those who wanted to get to know small country towns.

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Great Ocean Road

Grampians

Goulburn Valley

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“These parks are great because the caravans can be left for the day to go for a hike or explore the town,” she said.

The Goulburn River Rail Trail and Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk are both close by, with the Seymour township also within walking distance.

Victoria Lake Holiday Park, Shepparton

For those looking to explore Shepparton and enjoy a family caravan holiday, then this is the park for you.

Unlike other sites tucked away in a forest or up a mountain, this site is located on the Victoria Park Lake — right in the heart of Shepparton.

It has easy access to activities like canoeing, fishing and swimming at the lake and is next door to Shepparton’s aquatic centre.



Located right on the Victorian Lake, this Shepparton holiday park is perfect for those looking to explore the town Picture: Victoria Lake Holiday Park

The park also offers drive-through, waterfront, powered and unpowered caravanning sites.

Like the Seymour Holiday Park, Victoria Lake provides visitors with a great base to explore the various towns that make up Greater Shepparton.

‘Off Grid’ spots

And now for the parks and farms for those looking to really get away from city life.

Eden Pines Farm, Tallarook

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Eden Pines — near Tallarook — is barely out of Melbourne, but it offers a caravanning and camping experience unlike any other.

The area contains 45 acres of “undulating pastures” near the Tallarook State Forest, with a variety of sites to park your caravan on offer — including spots near water, deep among the trees or high upon the north hill.



Imagine camping under the stars here. The view at the Eden Pines Farm near Tallarook Picture: Hipcamp

Eden Pines has been described as being ideal for adventurous “self-contained campers” with no toilets, showers or portable water available.

Campers can also bring their horses to the park that has a secure paddock and 20m round yard, with a rail trail also located nearby for scenic rides.

Horseshoe Lagoon Flora and Fauna Reserve, Trawool

The aptly named Horseshoe Lagoon is a hidden gem east of the Goulburn River at Trawool, past several private farms and the ideal spot for “low impact and simple” private camping.

The Lagoon is the perfect site for campers looking to avoid the bells, whistles and noise of the bigger parks.

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Horseshoe Lagoon is one of the best off the grid camping and caravanning spots in the state Picture: Visit Victoria

In addition to caravan facilities, the park also has a walk-in only campground with no vehicle access or bookings.

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