FIND YOUR WAY
MORNINGTON PENINSULA
WHAT WILL YOU FIND?

THE FAMILY FUN ISSUE
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FREE ACTIVITY IDEAS
Pack a picnic, play cricket on the beach or snorkel in the shallows
FLY LIKE AN EAGLE or tip-toe through the TREE TOPS.
Furry encounters and Fun at the Farm!
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Come for the day or choose to stay a while...

The Mornington Peninsula has hundreds of ways to have fun. Maybe it’s taking the kids on the Wine Food Farmgate trail, mastering the art of beach cricket, checking out a rock pool, grabbing a snack in a quaint village or riding a bike around Point Nepean. The one thing that is certain no matter if you are here for the day or even two, your family will have plenty to do.
Wherever you are across the region, you can find all sorts of family fun. Roam around colourful villages right along the coastlines and in the hinterland.

**Mornington** - ride the steam railway train on a Sunday, meet some new farmyard friends at The Big Goose, drop a line in off the pier.

**Mount Martha** - find the bird hides and walking tracks at the Briars Park, take the audio trail along the Balcombe Estuary, swim at the picturesque Mount Martha Beach, grab a pizza at Volpino.

**Dromana** - ride your bike along the Bay Trail, ride the Eagle to Arthurs Seat, have a picnic in Seawinds gardens, tree surf at The Enchanted Adventure Garden.

**Rosebud** - check out the amazing new playground next to the Rosebud Pier, see what is on at the cinema, play mini golf

**Rye** - put on the snorkels and explore the Octopuses Garden under the Rye Pier, get fish and chips.

**Sorrento** - go stand up paddle boarding on the foreshore, grab an icecream, swim in the rockpool at Sorrento Back beach.

**Flinders** - explore Mushroom Reef marine Sanctuary at low tide, Check out the Flinders Blowhole, Try the best hot chocolate at Mornington Peninsula Chocolates, grab a family pub dinner at The Deck at Flinders Hotel

**Hastings** - Meet the pelicans at the pier, cycle along the boardwalk and through Warringine Park, or swim a few laps at the Pelican Park Swimming Pool.

Who knows, you may find a character from *Lights By Dreamworks - the Experience* on your travels!
You will never settle for ordinary when there is so much choice. From fine dining, perfect picnics, funky cafés, charcoal barbecues, seafood just caught, or a hearty breakfast.
FAB FAMILY FARE

Any time is a good time for a homemade icecream from Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm or Mornington Peninsula Chocolates. Grab some tasty local fish and chips and head to the beach or stock up on your own provisions and find family friendly feasting options at Blue Mini Eatery Emporium and Events, or Volpino Mount Martha.
Board a state-of-the-art gondola and fly to the highest point on the Arthurs Seat Eagle. Enjoy breathtaking views across Port Phillip to Melbourne as you soar high above the trees. You can start at the base station or at summit for a one way or return trip.

Don’t forget your camera!
Meet endangered species at Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park. Encounter koalas, colourful birds, reptiles and dingoes. Explore the bushland to feed wallabies. Enjoy a daily wildlife show, or join one of their famous night time lantern lit tours.
The 22 acre Enchanted Adventure Garden features more than six tricky mazes, five thrilling downhill tube slides and Brain Teaser Puzzles. Go Tree Surfing on the high ropes obstacle course or try the Zip Line.
Take a trip to **The Big Goose** to meet more than 25 types of farm animals. Take a tractor ride, explore the petting barn, play mini golf, climb the adventure playground and bounce on the giant jumping pillow!
The Mornington Peninsula is one big adventure just waiting to happen. Get out amongst it... crazy hedge mazes, amazing marine activities and animal encounters.

Apart from the amazing fun to be had at Moonlit Sanctuary, The Big Goose, Arthurs Seat Eagle and The Enchanted Adventure Gardens, there are lots of other great places to check out:

- Lose yourself in a big hedge maze or rose maze at Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens
- Play a round of mini golf or big scale lawn chess at Boneo Maze & Mini Golf
- Catch a whopper with Bay Fish ‘N’ Trips
- Snorkel, Stand Up Paddle or take a scenic kayak trip with Bayplay Adventure Tours
- Ride a horse along the beautiful and rugged ocean beach with Gunnamatta Trail Rides
- Swim with dolphins on a tour by Moonraker Dolphin Swims or Polperro Dolphin Swims
- Have an amazing strawberry dessert in the cafe at Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm
- Bounce on the trampoline and meet the chooks at Green Olive at Red Hill
- See inside a beehive at Pure Peninsula Honey
- Meet the very cute goats at Main Ridge Dairy
- Take a ride on a heritage steam train at Mornington Railway
- Enjoy some Sunday afternoon music at the rustic Hickinbotham Winery
- Collect local crispy apples from the farmgate stall at Mock Orchards or Staples Apples

Find more great adventure and family fun attractions here>>
MORE GREAT KIDS ACTIVITIES:

Find a pleasant picnic spot at Flinders overlooking the pier, at the Point Nepean Quarantine Station, or at Seawinds Gardens on Arthurs Seat.

FOR THE LITTLE KIDS:
Paddle in the shallows at the beaches of Port Phillip, see birds from a bird hide, or discover a local playground.

AND FOR BIGGER KIDS:
Learn to surf at Point Leo or stand up paddle board at Sorrento, go rock pooling at Mushroom Reef, try fishing from a pier, catch a movie at the Drive-In, or hike sections of the Two Bays Trail or Coastal Walk.
With stunning beaches, unique gardens, spectacular walking landscapes and diverse coastlines you won’t be short of activities to enjoy and places to explore without breaking the budget.

ARTHURS SEAT STATE PARK
Great views, walks, picnic area with BBQ's and Seawinds Gardens. Also mountain biking. 
Arthur Seat Road, Arthurs Seat

CAPE SCHANCK BOARD WALK
Boardwalk to the most southern tip of the Mornington Peninsula. Stunning coastal views, trails, lighthouse. 
Cape Schanck Rd, Cape Schanck

BEACHES
The Port Phillip beaches of Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud, Rye and Sorrento are sandy and shallow - perfect for swimming. The ocean beaches of Sorrento, Portsea, Gunnamatta and Point Leo offer good surfing, but also have dangerous rips (care should be taken to only swim between the flags).

COOLART
Historical mansion set among National Park of wetlands with bird hides and walking tracks to the beach. Binoculars available for loan. Picnic area with BBQ's 
Lord Somers Rd, Somers

POINT NEPEAN NATIONAL PARK
Historical Quarantine station, interpretive historical displays, spectacular views. Walk or cycle to explore the military tunnels and forts. Facilities include; picnic area with BBQ's and toilets. 
End of Point Nepean Rd, Portsea

DEVILBEND RESERVOIR
Large reservoir in 1005 hectare national park offering walks and inland fishing. Picnic area with BBQ's and toilets 
Graydens Rd, Tuerong

SKATE PARKS
A range of layouts for all ages and abilities of enthusiast are available at Hastings, Rosebud, Rye, Sorrento, Mornington, Crib Point

THE BRIARS
Wildlife sanctuary and wetlands boardwalk, interpretive Visitor Centre, wildlife and bird watching. Facilities include: picnic area with BBQ's and toilets 
Nepean Highway, Mt Martha

SNORKELLING
The Octopuses Garden is a 200m marine snokelling trail (walk in from the beach), water depth 0.5m to 3m. BYO snorkeling gear 
Rye Pier, Point Nepean Rd, Rye

WARRINGINE PARK BITTERN
Discover three sections of the park; Coastal Wetland, a Creekland and Woodland. Great walking tracks and bird watching. Boardwalk through mangroves 
2230 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Bittern

PLAYGROUNDS
Rosebud, Rye and Sorrento have large adventure playgrounds with picnic areas and BBQ's alongside

FISHING
Throw in a line at any one of the piers along the Port Phillip coastline at Frankston, Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud and Rye, or the Western Port villages of Flinders and Hastings.

ASK A LOCAL>>
ON YOUR BIKE

The Bay Trail from Safety Beach to Rye offers sealed pathways, wide tracks and boardwalks to cruise along - all against the backdrop of blue water and white sand of Port Phillip beaches. At Portsea there is the spectacular scenery at Point Nepean along the gently undulating roadway to the most westerly tip of the Mornington Peninsula. Bring your own bike, or hire one.
TAKE YOUR PICK OF BEACH FUN:
Paddle, float or lounge. The shallow sands of Port Phillip deliver - with space for beach cricket or a shady umbrella. Choose from the large sandy expanse of Frankston Beach through to the smaller yet beautiful pocket beaches, with backdrops of colourful bathing boxes at Mornington and Mount Martha. Then along the long stretch that joins Safety Beach to Dromana, or McCrae to Rosebud and Rye. Around Whitecliffs you find Blaigowrie with the yacht club, and then Sorrento. On the Westernport side, Flinders, Balnarring and Somers delight. For surfers and strong swimmers try Point Leo or one of the ocean beaches at Gunnamatta, Rye Ocean or Portsea Surf beaches. Plus hidden gems like Diamond Bay, Bay of Islands and Bridgewater Bay.
WHAT WILL YOU FIND?

Follow us to join the conversation and keep up to date with what’s happening in region.

As you discover all of the great things to do and places to see on the Mornington Peninsula share your pics on social media using our hashtags.

Hashtagged images stream into social media feeds on our campaign websites so that we can inspire others to get out and explore the region.

We’d love to see what you find!
#winefoodfarmgate
#findyourwaymorningtonpeninsula
You see, there’s so much to see and do on the Mornington Peninsula and it’s our job to help you Find Your Way. **Try our online Trip Planner - you won’t be disappointed**

You can choose all the things you’d like to do and our planner gives you an itinerary that is your own. The itinerary includes a map with directions and driving times. You can reorder it, delete things and add to it - all online.

When you are finished you can download it or email it to yourself and your friends.....give it a go.
GET ON THE TRAIL…

Ashcombe Maze Café >
Bass & Flinders Distillery >
Benton Rise Farm >
Blue Mini Eatery, Emporium, Events >
Blue Range Estate Wines >
Crittenden Estate >
Dromana Estate >
Flinders Hotel Dining >
Foxeys Hangout >
Georgie Bass Café & Cookery >
Green Olive at Red Hill >
Hart’s Farm >
Hawkes Vegetables & Farmgate >
Heronwood Garden & Dining >
Hickinbotham of Dromana >
Hillock Downs Produce Store >
Kings Market Gardens >
Lindenderry Estate Red Hill >
Main Ridge Dairy >
Max’s Restaurant >
Merricks General Wine Store >
Mock Red Hill >
Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove >
Morning Star Estate Restaurant >
Morning Sun Vineyard >
Mornington Peninsula Brewery >
Mornington Peninsula Chocolates >
Mornington Prime Cuts >
MP Experience >
Myrtaceae Winery >
Ocean Eight Vineyard & Winery >
Paringa Estate Winery & Restaurant >
Peninsula Fresh Organics >
Peninsula Fresh Seafood >
Phaedrus Estate >
Polperro Winery >
Port Phillip Estate >
Prancing Horse Estate >
Pure Peninsula Honey >
Quealy Winemakers >
Red Hill Cheese >
Red Hill Cherry Farm >
Red Hill Community Market >
Red Hill Epicurean >
Ripe ‘n’ Ready Cherry Farm >
Spa Dreaming Centre Café >
Staples Apples >
Stillwater at Crittenden >
Stonier >
Stringers Stores, Sorrento >
Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm >
T’Gallant Winemakers >
The Cups Estate >
The Long Table >
Tully’s Corner Produce Store >
Volpino Mount Martha >
Whispering Vines @ Trofeo Estate >
Woodman Estate Food & Wine >
Woolumbi Farm >

The Mornington Peninsula has amazing wine, food and farmgate experiences. Meet the makers, growers and chefs as you find your way around the region.

Find out more >
Discover key regional experiences; attractions and adventure, marine activities, arts and culture, golf, hot springs and wellbeing, tours, transport, markets and shopping, and more.

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What will your wake up call be?
The murmur of the sea? Bird calls in the bush? The rustling of the vines or the first golfers to the tee?

Arthurs Views >
Best Western Plus Brooklands of Mornington >
Big 4 Mornington Peninsula Holiday Park >
Blue Range Estate Villas >
Happy Glamper >
Harmony Bed & Breakfast >
Lakeside Villas at Crittenden Estate >
Lindenderry Country House Hotel >
Mercure Portsea >
Mornington Peninsula Foreshore Camping >
Peppers Moonah Links Resort >
Polperro Winery Villas >
Quarters at Flinders Hotel >
Woodman Estate >