



Southern Peninsula Autumn School Holiday Program 2019

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Mon 8 Apr	9:30am – 10:30am 11:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Tread Lightly...Hoodies Nesting</b> Join a Ranger on a guided walk through Hooded Plover territory. These endangered shorebirds live and breed on our ocean beaches throughout Southern Australia. Learn the plight of the plover, including its habitat, breeding cycle, threats, population monitoring and why they need our protection. With less than 600 Hooded Plovers left in all of Victoria...let's tread carefully. <i>Mornington Peninsula National Park, Rye Ocean Beach</i>
Tue 9 Apr	10:30am – 11:30am 1:30pm – 2:30pm	<b>Bouncing Bandicoots</b> Bandicoots are nocturnal, solitary marsupial mammals that bounce around the bush but are often hard to find. With the help of Ranger and fun games, learn about the life of a Bandicoot, including its habitat, predators, diet, what they look like and why they are protected. <i>Quarantine Station, Point Nepean National Park, Portsea</i>
Wed 10 Apr	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 12.00pm	<b>Wildlife Detectives</b> Be a watchful traveller by learning about tracks and scats (footprints and poo!), burrows and other marks left by animals. Try some birdwatching and bird ID. Bring binoculars along if you have them! <i>Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, Somers</i>
Wed 17 Apr	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 12.00pm	<i>Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, Somers</i>
Wed 10 Apr	1.00pm – 2.00pm 2.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>Flora Explorers</b> Australia has some amazing native plants. Learn how to identify common native plants and discover some of the 200 species found at Coolart. <i>Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, Somers</i>
Wed 17 Apr	1.00pm – 2.00pm 2.30pm – 3.30pm	
Thu 11 Apr	9.00am – 10.00am	<b>Rockpool Ramble - Portsea</b> Find out who and what lives on our rocky shores. With the help of a Ranger, you will get up close and personal to discover the colourful and strange creatures that lurk in the rock pools of coastal Victoria. Sturdy shoes required that might get wet (no thongs). <i>Mornington Peninsula National Park London Bridge, Portsea</i>
Thu 11 Apr	10.30am – 11.30am	<b>Beach Treasure Hunt - Portsea</b> Exploring outdoors is good fun, good for our health and easy to do. Join Parks Victoria for a beach nature treasure hunt and discover colours, patterns and textures of Portsea Beach. <i>London Bridge, Mornington Peninsula National Park, Portsea</i>
Thu 11 Apr	10.30am – 12.00pm	<b>Walk Talk &amp; War</b> This Ranger led 3km walking tour between Gunners Cottage and Cheviot Hill looks at the significant indigenous and introduced flora of this coastal area. Learn about the WWII Cheviot Hill gun emplacement and observation post that was named after a shipwreck, and hear the stories of where Prime Minister Harold Holt went missing while swimming nearby 50 years ago. <i>Gunners Cottage, Point Nepean National Park, Portsea</i>
Thu 11 Apr	1.30pm – 3.00pm	<b>Inside Outside eeewww!</b> Super sleuth with a Ranger as we identify the bones, fur and even poo – eeewww!!! - of animals in the wild! <i>Quarantine Station, Point Nepean National Park, Portsea</i>
Fri 12 Apr	9.00am – 10.00am	<b>Rockpool Ramble – Flinders</b> Find out who and what lives on our rocky shores. With the help of a Ranger, you will get up close and personal to discover the colourful and strange creatures that lurk in the rock pools of coastal Victoria. Sturdy shoes required that might get wet (no thongs). Meet at viewing platform at the middle car park. <i>Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary, Flinders</i>
Fri 12 Apr	10.30am – 11.30am	<b>Beach Treasure Hunt – Flinders</b> Exploring the outdoors is good fun, good for our health and fun to do. This activity is ideal for family and friends to work together as a team and discover colours, textures, and patterns found along the ocean beach coastline at Mornington Peninsula National Park. <i>Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary, Flinders</i>
Wed 17 Apr	10.30am – 12.00pm	<b>Family Treasure Hunt</b> Be part of <b>Nature Play Week</b> . Exploring the outdoors is good fun, good for our health and easy to do. Bring along your friends and family and get active on a nature and history based treasure hunt in the Quarantine Station - discover colours, patterns, textures and historical artefacts in your local environment. A Ranger will be on hand to help you find the treasures using an activity worksheet. <i>Quarantine Station, Point Nepean National Park, Portsea</i>
Thu 18 Apr	10.00am – 11:30am 2.00pm – 3.30pm	<b>The Very Big Bushwalk</b> To celebrate <b>Premier's Active April</b> and <b>Nature Play Week</b> , Parks Victoria is hosting the Very Big Bushwalk - a range of short bushwalks to be held simultaneously at numerous locations right around the State! Join a Parks Victoria Ranger for a family friendly 3km guided walk along the Cape Schanck loop track and then through the Lighthouse Precinct and Museum (no access inside the lighthouse) learning about the history and natural features of this park. <i>Mornington Peninsula National Park - Cape Schanck</i>
	10.00am – 11:00am	Join a Parks Victoria Ranger for a family friendly 3km guided walk through the wetlands and homestead. <i>Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, Somers</i>

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Bookings are essential. Visit [www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au)