



BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM

Australia's most authentic working tramway

Museum Information Guide

When Are We Open?

The Museum is open on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, public holidays and on Thursdays during Victorian School holidays. Hours are 11am to 4pm on weekends and 10am to 3pm on all other days.



The Museum:

The Museum operates a collection of historic trams along a return track of 3.2 kms on Wendouree Parade. The Museum entrance fee includes exploring our new Museum building, which has up to seven tramcars on display along with various exhibitions and activities, plus a tram ride. The trams on display include Horse Tram No. 1 of 1887 and examples of early Victorian trams built prior to 1920 - these trams ran in Ballarat, Melbourne and Geelong.

A well-stocked shop with plenty of souvenirs, tramway memorabilia, books, and second-hand items can be found next to the entry kiosk.

Admission: Adult \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$5. Family \$30. All purchases are made at the Museum entry. Digital payment facilities are available at the Museum; no cash out.

Car Parking:

Trams start from the Museum. Car parking is available along Wendouree Parade or at the rear of the Museum in Gillies St . Toilets are also available at two locations within the Gardens area and at the Museum.

Group Visits:

The Museum welcomes visits by clubs, schools and other groups. It can usually accommodate them at any time. The visit includes a tour of the Museum and a tram ride. See: <http://www.btm.org.au/tramhire.html>

For groups picnicking in the gardens prepaid tickets to visit the Museum and ride on the tram are available in advance.

For further information please contact us at info@btm.org.au or call (03) 5334 1580.

Where Are We?

If you look for "Ballarat Tramway" on Google, or Apple Maps, then "Get Directions" button on their entry for the "Ballarat Tramway Museum".

By Car from Melbourne:

Take the Ballarat exit and pass through the city centre. Then travel along Sturt St and turn right at Hamilton Avenue, which is about 3 km from the City centre. The "Lake and Gardens Precinct - Tourist Tramway" sign indicates the turn off.

Or continue along the Western Highway until the Wendouree exit into Gillies St and then south along Gillies St. We are on the left opposite the Ballarat Aquatic Centre.

By Car from Adelaide:

Take the Ballarat exit from the Western Highway and drive along Remembrance Drive and pass the Arch of Victory. Turn left at Hamilton Avenue which is about 300 metres past the traffic lights at Gillies Street or turn left in Gillies Street and then drive south until you see our building or the Aquatic Centre, and then do a U turn at the roundabout.

Our location (the Museum) is at: -37.55157, 143.82137 or S37:33:6, E143:49:12



By Train from Melbourne:

If you look for "Ballarat Tramway" on Google, or Apple Maps, then "Get Directions" button on their entry for the "Ballarat Tramway Museum" and then for public transport, we have found it to be very good for services from Melbourne.

Take a train from Southern Cross Station to Ballarat or Wendouree stations.

For time table and other information go to the V/Line website at vline.com.au or the PTV website at <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/> Your V/Line rail ticket includes metropolitan travel in Melbourne and travel on buses within Ballarat. Refreshments are available at Ballarat station.

Wendouree Railway Station is an easy walk from the Gardens precinct. On arrival walk back, cross the railway and walk south along Gillies St and through the Gardens to Wendouree Parade or to our Museum / tram depot. The gardens are about a ten-minute walk from the station and our location is about 15 to 20 minutes away through the gardens. We suggest you walk along the Prime Ministers Avenue to the Museum, or when trams are operating, catch a tram in Wendouree Parade.

Bicycle accommodation is available on the trains and the lake is great to ride your bicycle around as well.

While waiting for the tram or after a tram ride, you can have a coffee and cake or a meal at our sponsor's gardens cafe: **Pipers by the Lake**. <http://pipersbythelake.com.au/>

Travel by Bus from central Ballarat:

There are two bus routes to get to Gardens:

Route 10 to Ballarat Station - Alfredton via Wendouree:

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/timetable/15162/10-ballarat-station-alfredton-via-wendouree/>

This route starts at the main Ballarat Railway Station and takes a tour via the two major shopping centres. It takes about 30mins to travel from the station to the bus stops in Gillies St for the Gardens including one immediately behind the Museum – alight at the Aquatic Centre Stop. You will see the Fish Hatchery -

<https://www.ballaratfishhatchery.com.au/> on your left. It is probably better to travel to Wendouree Station and catch the bus from there if you wish.

Route 26 – Ballarat Station - Alfredton:

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/15174/26-ballarat-station-alfredton/>

This route runs from the main Ballarat Railway Station, largely via Sturt St. Alight at the Victoria Park/Sturt St stop. We suggest you advise the driver when getting on the bus as the bus has to pull off the main road into a service or side road in order to

stop at the bus stop itself. After getting off the bus, cross Sturt St and walk along Hamilton Avenue to the Lake and the Gardens, past the 1956 Olympic Games Monument.

A tram stop is at Carlton St in Wendouree Parade. This is also the location of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial <https://www.powmemorialballarat.com.au/> You will see the Museum from the Carlton St. intersection as well. The bus trip takes about 15 mins with a further 10 mins walk from the bus stop.

Ballarat Taxis – <https://www.13cabs.com.au>

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