

**Caving at Britannia Creek**

Your Trip Leader details for this weekend:

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Enclosed please find the final information to help assist you prepare for the Caving activity and all set for a great day.

The place we are going to is Britannia Creek caves.

The nearest town is Yarra Junction on the Warburton Hwy. (Melway map 288)

There are no shops or toilet facilities at the cave site. The closest toilets and shops are be at Yarra Junction.

For those caving in the morning please bring a packed (no cooking facilities at the caving site) lunch and water or drinks. For those caving in the afternoon please ensure that scouts and leaders have had lunch prior to arrival at the caving site. Please bring water or drinks for the afternoon and afternoon tea for an end of day snack.

Directions and maps are included in a later section.

**Program and Equipment**

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| **Date and Time** | **Group** |
| 5th August 9.30 to 12:30 | RingwoodMcLeod |
| 5th August 13.30 to 16:30 | ElwoodWonthaggi |
| 19th August 9.30 to 12:30 | MelbourneTHD |
| 19th August 13.30 to 16:30 | MalvernBeaumaris |

**Meeting point: Outside the Upper Yarra Public Cemetery on the Warburton Hwy at 9.30am for the morning groups and 13:30pm for the afternoon groups. In all instances one or more people from the Vic Scout Caving Team will be there to meet you and guide you to the caving site.**

Caving team and Scouts will then travel in convoy to the caving site.

**What to bring:**

* **Prior to leaving**. Check the weather and determine if a raincoat and additional warm clothing is required
* **For CAVING**, bring - 2 sources of light with new batteries
Primary source - A good quality headlamp or a ‘dolphin’ type torch (on a tether, bulky but reliable). Secondary source – another headlamp or a pen-light or similar small emergency torch (no wind-up torches).
* **For CAVING**, - wear **long sleeved** overalls - If you can't obtain or borrow overalls, then OLD Clothes, with long sleeved tops and old jeans protect your skin. Bring a change of clothes so that you have a change of clean and dry clothes for the trip home. The cave is a wet cave, in that it has a creek flowing through it.
* **For CAVING**, - wear sturdy boots like old hike boots or gumboots. Runners or good shoes are not suitable as they will not have adequate grip and they will get muddy - the cave floors are rough, wet and muddy, so footwear will get scuffed.
* **For CAVING**. - You might like to bring a pair of gardening gloves and knee pads to protect your hands and knees from rocks and floor features in the caves - OPTIONAL, but handy.
* **Food.** Your lunch/afternoon tea and water / drinks.
* **Photos.** Don’t forget your cameras.
* **For the trip home**. Change of clothes to get into clean dry clothes for the trip home with your leaders.

**WE WILL SUPPLY**; Caving Helmets, and any ropes, or other specialised Caving equipment, First Aid kit, and experienced Caving Guides.

Have a safe trip and if you have any questions please either phone or email any time. We look forward to meeting your Troops outside the Upper Yarra Public Cemetery on the Warburton Hwy.

***PLEASE re check*** the included reference information, which contains all the requirements regarding personal gear for the Scouts to bring with them, – clothing and torches, etc.

Regards

Ulysses De Vincentis

Trip Leader

**Directions and Map**

**Meeting Point.**

The Upper Yarra Public Cemetery is approx 2.5 km east of the Yarra Junction Post Office along the Warburton Hwy (Melway map ref 288 K7).

