



# BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM

*Ballarat Trams are Ballarat History*

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## Museum Information Guide

### When Are We Open?

The Museum operates our trams in Wendouree Parade beside Lake Wendouree in the Ballarat Botanic Gardens on Saturdays, Sundays, public and the Victorian school holidays between 12.30pm and 5pm throughout the year.

Catch a tram from any of the tram stops indicated by the yellow signs beside the poles with red and white markings. They are at several locations along the line. Car parking is available along the length of Wendouree Parade. Toilets are also available at two locations within the Gardens area.

Fares: Adult \$4, Children \$2 and all day ticket \$8.

The vintage tram ride covers 1.3km of original line through the beautiful Botanical Gardens by the western side of tranquil Lake Wendouree and a return journey takes about 20 minutes.



Our tram depot, at the south end of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, houses the tramcar collection, a museum display with photographs, videos, tramway memorabilia, trammie stories, souvenirs and book shop. The depot is open for visitors from 12 Noon on operating days (depending on volunteer staff availability). It is also open every afternoon from about 4pm. A self-guided tour is possible or when volunteers are available, a formal guided tour can be undertaken. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to enable our work to continue. Look for the *Tram Museum Open* sign.



The Tramcar fleet, including Horse Tram No. 1 and our workshops can be viewed. A full inspection can be arranged when our volunteers are available or by prior arrangement – see contact details.

### Group Visits:

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

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

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

## Where Are We?

### By Car from Melbourne:

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



### 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.

Our depot is at: 37 33'6"S and 143 49' 12"E.



### By Train 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](http://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 depot is about 15 to 20 minutes away through the gardens. We suggest you walk along the Prime Ministers Avenue to the depot, 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/view/11350>

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 - <http://www.ballaratfishhatchery.com.au/> on your left.

#### **Route 26 – Ballarat Station - Alfredton:**

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/timetables/line/10305/>

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.

Our tram stop is at Carlton St in Wendouree Parade. This is also the location of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial <http://www.powmemorialballarat.com.au/> You will see the depot 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 Bus Map** - [http://www.cdcvictoria.com.au/images/pdf/ballarat/New\\_Ballarat\\_Network\\_Map.pdf](http://www.cdcvictoria.com.au/images/pdf/ballarat/New_Ballarat_Network_Map.pdf)

### **Ballarat Transport Companies:**

**CDC Victoria** (local Ballarat bus operator)

<http://www.cdcvictoria.com.au/timetables/ballarat>

Phone: (03) 5331 7777

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

Phone: 13 22 27 or (03) 5329 0000

## Contact Us:

**Depot Phone:** - (03) 5334 1580 (if necessary leave a message on the answering machine)

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