



LANDSCAPES & GARDENS EDUCATION PROGRAM

5–18 January

Port Arthur's landscapes and gardens have provided inspiration, recreation, natural resources and hard labour for residents and visitors throughout the Site's history. Discover more about the significance and varied uses of Port Arthur's natural environment through participating in our 'Landscapes and Gardens' program this summer. During January our young visitors will have the opportunity to try their hand at landscape painting and garden crafts and learn about some unique and fascinating aspects of Port Arthur's history. Children must be accompanied by adults however due to resource limitations priority will be given to children participating in activities.

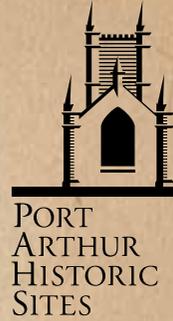
Willow Basketry: Children will be taught to produce a small willow basket using traditional methods & materials.

Tussie Mussies: Children will have the opportunity to work with our Heritage Horticulturalist to make a personalised bouquet, known as a tussie mussie, to take home as a special reminder of Port Arthur's heritage gardens.

Landscape Painting: Children will be able to work with a local landscape artist to produce a watercolour painting of a Port Arthur scene.

MUSEUM HOUSE OPENING TIMES

Commandant's House: 10am–5:30pm
 Junior Medical Officer's House: 10am–5:30pm
 Asylum – Museum: 9:30am–5pm
 Trentham Cottage: 9:30am–6:30pm
 Parsonage: 9:30am–6:30pm
 Separate Prison: 9:30am–dusk
 Smith O'Brien's Cottage: 9:30am–6:30pm
 Watchman's Quarters: 9:30am–6:30pm
 Tower Cottage: 9:30am–6:30pm
 Grounds and ruins remain open until dusk.



DAILY MUSEUM HOUSE TALKS

Junior Medical Officers House on Civil Officers Row –
 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm
 Commandants House – 11:45am, 1:45pm and 3:45pm

REFRESHMENTS & SOUVENIRS

PORT CAFÉ

Located in the Visitor Centre, fully licensed. Open 9am–8:30pm.

MUSEUM COFFEE SHOP

Located in the Asylum, fully licensed. Open 10am–4pm.

FELONS BISTRO

For a quick, tasty family dinner before your Ghost Tour or a relaxed bistro-style meal featuring fresh local produce beautifully cooked and presented, Felons offers great value. Located in the Visitor Centre and open from 5:30 until late. Bookings essential – see our staff at the ticketing counter, or phone 1800 659 101.

PORT ARTHUR GIFT SHOP

Take home something special from Tasmania's premier tourist destination. Our Gift Shop is located in the Visitor Centre and open from 9am until 6:30pm.

CASCADE FEMALE FACTORY HISTORIC SITE

To find out more about Tasmania's female convict history, visit the Cascade Female Factory Historic Site. Extended opening hours for January 2015: 9am–5.30pm.
www.femalefactory.org.au

Please note activities and times may change without notice.

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 1800 659 101 www.portarthur.org.au



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2015



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

26 December–23 January daily

Spend some time at our Education Centre (the Accountant's House) and try your hand at traditional crafts, design work and trades. Make your own peg doll or replica ¼ size convict brick. Learn about early animation by assembling a fantascope or try your hand at making convict love tokens. Challenge your friends and family to a game of quoits, croquet or knuckle bones.

If you're a little weary from your exploring and adventures, take some time out in our specially designed Book Nook space. Discover stories about Port Arthur in our collection of books and magazines for all ages or do a Port Arthur themed colouring in or word game.

Activities are offered in two sessions each day, 12-1:30pm and 2-3pm. Check the information board downstairs in the Visitor Centre for today's activities.

AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS AT THE VISITING MAGISTRATES HOUSE

**28 December–23 January, 2–5pm daily
(excluding Saturdays)**

Refresh yourself in style at the gloriously refurbished mid nineteenth century home that affords a magnificent vista over the grounds of the Port Arthur Historic Site. For the sweeter tooth there will be Devonshire Tea and for something a little more savoury, a tasting platter featuring fine Tasmanian local produce. Premium Tasmanian beers and wine will be available for purchase.



HISTORY PLAYS

28 December–23 January daily (except Saturdays)

This summer we present our ever popular series of plays which bring Port Arthur history to life! The plays are directed by Chris Hamley and performed by Chris with Donna Brooks, Tom Byers and Michael Edgar. Each play runs approximately 20 minutes and admission is included in the cost of your site entry pass.

The Man Who Threw a Stone by Richard Davey.
Performed in the Separate Prison 11:45am & 2:45pm.
As an old man, convict Dennis Collins found that a hunger strike was the only protest available to him. Please be seated early as the Prison will close two minutes prior to the performance to enable a prompt start.

The Shingle Strike by David Young
Performed behind the Separate Prison 12:30pm and 4:15pm (weather permitting) The story of Irish poet Francis Macnamara's endeavour to overcome the bullying tactics of an unscrupulous overseer.

A Boy's Life by Les Winspear
Performed behind the Separate Prison 1:15pm and 3:30pm (weather permitting) A London street kid is sent across the world to Point Puer. Will he escape his life of crime?



HIDDEN STORIES ACTIVITY BOOK

Pick up your free copy of the 'Hidden Stories' kids activity book at the ticketing counter. This book is a great way for kids aged 8 and above to discover the history of Port Arthur through activities and puzzles. Don't forget to collect your stamps along the way!



TWILIGHT FAMILY FRIENDLY GHOST TOURS

26 December–26 January, 6pm daily

Don't miss out on a Ghost Tour because the children should be in bed or might be afraid of the dark. Our special family-friendly ghost tour is presented with younger visitors in mind. The tour happens before dark (you might even need your sunglasses!) and offers plenty of atmosphere and fun.

Family tickets only \$65 (includes two adults and up to six children). Duration 90 minutes.

Call 1800 659 101

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE

**January 17 & 31, 10pm–2am
February 14 & 28, 10pm–2am**

Due to popular demand, our award winning, adults only, late night tours will be offered twice monthly during the warmer months. Our Paranormal Investigation Experience allows visitors to conduct their own paranormal investigations with the assistance of the latest ghost hunting equipment and contributes valuable information to our extensive database of paranormal activity. Call 1800 659 101.

