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Geelong & The Bellarine – Top 10 family fun

There is so many family activities to enjoy and experience in Geelong and The Bellarine – here are our Top 10 favourites:

Learn and explore

[MoPA: Museum of Play and Art](#) is Geelong's first children's museum and opened in January 2020 to much acclaim. MoPA's exhibits and activities have been inspired by the world's best children's museums. It's home to an impressive collection of fully immersive exhibits and experiences and bases them on play-based-learning and aligns with academic learning credentials. Be amazed and inspired by what the kids discover, they'll be consumed for hours. At the [National Wool Museum](#), hands-on activities and a clever schedule of temporary exhibitions keep the kids entertained.

Jump around

Jump into Geelong's largest indoor entertainment complex, [Supaworld Geelong](#). With more than 90 connected trampolines, a wall climbing arena, dodgeball courts, an air mat, wall running, basketball rings, a Ninja Warrior course and a toddler playground for the little ones too - there is seriously something for the whole family here. For the ultimate thrill-seekers - check out the seven-meter vertical drop slide, if you dare or enthrall in the Ninja Warrior Course - it's the ultimate test of agility, balance and patience.

Explore the waterfront

There is loads to keep the family entertained along the Geelong waterfront. The youngest members of the family love discovering the old world charm of the beautiful [Geelong Carousel](#), and giant seasonal ferris wheel which operates six months of the year. The older kids will love the diving boards at the historic early century beach promenade at Eastern Beach. And everyone will love the iconic [bollard trail](#) that now comes to life with augmented reality – check the Activate Geelong APP.

Call of the wild

[Sea All Dolphin Swims](#) offers an amazing experience in Port Phillip Bay. Create precious lifelong memories of snorkelling in the Bay as dolphins and seals swim alongside. Take a safari across the savannah at [Werribee Open Range Zoo](#) to see animals up close. [Echidna Walkabout 's](#) experience has you discovering native Australian animals in their natural environment on your own personal safari and [Jirrahlinga Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary](#) is a great place to pat, see and talk to animals and learn about them from the keepers.

Adrenalin rush

Out of town head out to [Adventure Park](#) on The Bellarine to ride the huge Tsunami and Tornado water rides. Super charge your summer at Victoria's biggest theme park. Offering awesome family fun and unlimited rides all day long. One of the safest beaches in Victoria, learn to surf at Ocean Grove with [Great Ocean Road Surf Tours](#) or master the art of floating on water with [Wards Stand Up Paddle Boarding](#).

Train rides

[The Bellarine Railway](#) offers heritage train rides and experiences between Queenscliff and Drysdale, including a kids' favourite – A Day out with Thomas. The trains depart from Queenscliff and Drysdale Stations, on selected Sundays and public holidays, as well as extra days during the Victorian school holidays. Specials held during the year include visits from the Easter Bunny, Father's Day and Santa Trains. At Portarlington, the [miniature Railway](#) is a sweet ride with views over Port Phillip Bay. And in Geelong a [mini train](#) chugs between the Carousel and Eastern Beach on weekends and holidays.

Take a putt and get lost

You're spoilt for choice on the Bellarine for world-class golf courses, but it's not just the big kids that get all the fun. [Bellarine Adventure Golf](#) in Wallington has two big, fun courses, including waterfalls and gravity-defying suction holes. The [Range at Curlewis](#) has 18 holes of mini-golf to conquer designed by a Pro. A Maze 'n' Games on the Bellarine has a time-honoured timber maze to get lost in, while [Barrabool Maze](#) sits on a hillside with picture-perfect garden hedging to while away your afternoon and a café with sprawling views.

More than just books

The [Geelong Library and Heritage Centre](#) is a spectacular part of the city's cultural landscape. The magnificent five-storey dome structure features state-of-the-art facilities, an event space, children's tactile area, archive collection, café and of course a library. In keeping with the magnificent dome structures of libraries and museums around the world. Families will love the dedicated level for children and youth which features age-appropriate collections, exciting digital technology, outdoor deck and parents' room. Free tours of the library run daily at 11am for 45 minutes.

Climbing is key

[The Rock Adventure Centre](#) is a state-of-the-art indoor rock-climbing facility in Geelong. The Rock features 1000 square metres of climbing terrain, walls up to 12 metres high, huge variety of routes, for beginners to experts, two abseiling towers, massive bouldering area and bouldering cave, stretching area and training walls, cafe and specialist climbing equipment shop.

Who doesn't believe in fairies?

[Fairy Park](#) is a castle on top of a rock on top of a hill with animated fairy tales and a medieval adventure playground. Styled like Camelot, Fairy Park brings traditional fairy tales to life with animatronic displays and sounds. Fairy Park has been a rite of passage for kids in these parts for generations. It is a storybook world with animated fairy-tale scenes in castles, cottages, and caves including Snow White, Cinderella, Pinocchio and many more. Spectacular settings abound with dragons, unicorns and breathtaking scenery.

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