

Museum Learning Program

Wireless Hill Park Excursion Management Plan

Welcome to Wireless Hill Park

Wireless Hill Park is considered to be of a place of National significance and is listed on the State Register of Heritage Places. Wireless Hill Station, then the Applecross Wireless Station was part of a radio network which controlled Australia's external communications from 1912 to 1962. The military took control of the site during World War One and Two, with troops stationed at Wireless Hill during World War Two. Wireless Hill also broadcast the signals for Perth's first television station, Channel 7 Perth.

Wireless Hill Park has been a place of communication for thousands of years. The local indigenous people used Wireless Hill as a look out and to send smoke signals. Wireless Hill Park is also known as Yagan's Lookout after the local warrior, Yagan.

Wireless Hill Park is located on 40 hectares of bushland in the City of Melville. The site has magnificent sweeping views of the Swan River and Perth city. The bushland is home to numerous wildflowers, native plants, birds and reptiles.

Purpose of the Excursion

Wireless Hill Park's unique history and location proves local links to the Australian Curriculum by connecting students with local history and historical sites as well as opportunities to explore geography and science in connection with the history of the site.

The Museum Learning Program offers a range of programs specifically designed for Year 2 and Year 3 students in history, geography and science. These programs meet aspects of the Australia Curriculum.

Programs offered

The Museum Learning Program offers three discrete program for Year 2 and Year 3.

All Year 2 will participate in the Welcome to Museums and Museum in a Box Program.

The Year 2 programs are:

- Welcome to Museums and Museum in a Box (history)
- Museum in a Box Extended (history)
- Exploring Wireless Hill (geography and mathematics)
- Introduction to telecommunications (history)

All Year 3 students will participate in the Transport Over Time Program.

The Year 3 programs are:

- Transport Over Time (history)
- Mapping Wireless Hill (geography and mathematics)
- Telecommunications- Talking to the World (history)

Schools traditionally book the local history program and choose from one of the other programs to complete their session. The geography programs: Exploring Wireless Hill and Mapping Wireless Hill are outdoor activities and are recommended in the drier months.

The standard Year 2 Museum in a Box Program is completed at school after the visit. There is the option of a full day session of the Year 2 Museum in a Box Extended Program which allows students to plan and construct their project entirely at Wireless Hill on the day. This option is only available for groups up to 50 students and requires specific preparation at school in the lead up to the excursion. The full day Year 2 Museum in a Box Program is \$14 per student prior to 1st July 2016 and \$17 per student from 1st July 2016 onwards.

Program staffing

The Museum Learning Program is co-ordinated by the Museum Learning Officer, Jo-Anne Monaghan. The Program is run by two staff members. When available, the Program utilises fully trained and WWC cleared volunteers.

Cost of the Program

The Museum Learning Program costing for 2016 are:

Prior to 1 st July 2016:	\$7.00 per student
1 st July 2016 onwards:	\$8.50 per student

Teachers and parents are free.

Size of groups

The Program caters for up to 50 students at once. Two Programs will run concurrently. To do this, the group of 50 will be split into two separate groups. Please have your students allocated to a group prior to their visit.

The Programs run for 50 minutes followed by a 10 minute break.

Schools can book into either a morning session or afternoon session. The booking times for these are:

Morning session: 9.30 – 11.30

Afternoon session: 12.30 – 2.30

We encourage schools to book two groups of 50 (100) for the whole day. Alternatively you could come for the morning session, have lunch and enjoy the parklands and bush walks.

Single session booking timeline

If your school were to book for either a morning (or afternoon session), your visit would run as follows:

- 9.20 Arrive at Wireless Hill Park.
- 9.30 Welcome to Wireless Hill under the big gum tree.
- 9.40 Split into two groups – one group enters the museum for the Museum Program while the second begins their chosen Program.
- 10.30 Programs end. 10 min snack break.
- 10.40 Groups swap Programs.
- 11.30 Programs conclude and students depart Wireless Hill Park.

Or the group is most welcome to stay on site to enjoy lunch, explore our parklands and undertake further activities organised and co-ordinated by their teachers.

Full Day session timeline

Schools wishing to bring a large group of students (up to 100) will choose the full day option.

Choosing this option will allow your students to access all three Programs for their year.

The full day option places more organisational responsibility on the teachers as they will be running the Geography Program unaided by Museum staff.

- 9.20 Arrive at Wireless Hill Park.
- 9.30 Welcome to Wireless Hill under the big gum tree.
- 9.40 The large group is broken into a Morning Group and an Afternoon Group.
Morning Group places their lunch in the Cottage, then has a quick play. Jo-Anne briefs the teachers and parents of the Afternoon Group on the Geography Program.
- 9.50 The Afternoon Group commences the self-guided Geography Program under the guidance of their teachers and parents. They organise themselves until lunch at 12.00.
- 10.00 The Morning Group is split into two groups and commence either their Museum Program or the second Program.
- 10.50 The Morning Group concluded their Programs and breaks for a snack.
- 11.00 The Morning Group swaps Programs
- 11.50 The Morning Group concludes their morning Program.
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.20 Jo-Anne briefs the teachers and parents of the Morning Group on the Geography Program. They organise themselves until assembly at 2.20.

- 12.40 The Afternoon Group is split into two groups and commence either their Museum Program or their second program.
- 1.30 The Afternoon Group conclude their Programs and swap. There is no afternoon break.
- 2.20 The Afternoon Group conclude their afternoon session.
Both groups come together for muster and toilet trips prior to walking to the bus.
- 2.30 Depart Wireless Hill Park.

Supervision of students

It is the responsibility of the school to develop a supervisory team which is responsible for the behaviour of students during the visit. The supervisory team is also asked to prepare the students for the visit to Wireless Hill. The supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the visit to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.

During your visit to Wireless Hill Park, City of Melville staff and volunteers may lead, demonstrate, perform and present activities but will not undertake roles in a supervisory context.

Parent helpers are required to lead small group activities under the guidance of Program staff and teachers.

The Program works on a ratio of 1 parent : 6 students.

What to bring on the day

School need to bring their own first aid kits and sunscreen.

Students are recommended to bring:

- A hat
- Drink bottle
- Snack

Schools attending for a full day Program will have access to the Cottage to store lunches and other equipment.

Students attending the Year 2 Museum in a Box Program require a shoe box covered in brown paper or butcher's paper.

The Museum Learning Program will supply students with pencils and rubbers, clip boards and a range of worksheets.

Transport

Transport is the responsibility of the school. There are ample parking bays for buses on the northern side of the park. Please see the Museum Learning Program website to download a bus parking map.

Wheelchair access to Wireless Hill Park

Wireless Hill Park is wheel chair accessible. All buildings have been fitted with accredited ramps. There is a disabled toilet on site as well as a liberty swing. Students in wheel chairs will be able to participate in all areas of the Museum Learning Program; however, there is no wheel chair access to the look out on top of the anchor blocks. Viewings from these platforms are an optional part of the Wireless Hill Park visit.

Facilities on site

Wireless Hill Park is located on 40 hectares of bushland in the City of Melville. The site has magnificent sweeping views of the Swan River and Perth city. The bushland is home to numerous wildflowers, native plants, birds and reptiles. Wireless Hill Park has extensive and accessible bush walks. These walks can be comfortably managed by Primary School aged children.

The park offers:

- a large grassed area
- playground, including a liberty swing
- BBQ facilities
- public toilets
- extensive bush walks
- lunchtime sporting equipment is available if your school books the full day option.

Communication once on Site

Should your school need to contact you during the excursion, they can do so by phoning: 9364 0158.

Further documentation

The Museum Learning Program website contains a number of useful documents for your use.

- The City of Melville has public liability cover of \$1 000 000 000 through the Local Government Insurance Service.

- A bus parking map can be viewed on our website.
- The Wireless Hill Park bush walk map can be downloaded from our website.

<http://www.melvillecity.com.au/community-and-facilities/libraries-and-museums/museum-gallery-services>

Payment of fees

An invoice will be sent to your school after your visit. There are a range of payment options listed on the invoice. Payments can be arranged prior to your visit upon request.

Booking an excursion

Excursions can be booked by emailing the Museum Learning Officer at:

museumlearningprogram@melville.wa.gov.au

The Museum Learning Officer role is a part time role with the majority of the time taken up with presenting the Museum Learning Program. Due to this, it is difficult to contact the Museum Learning Officer by phone. All emails are answered promptly.