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BUCHAN WILD CAVE SCHOOL ADVENTURES

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BUCHAN

Buchan is in Gippsland just outside of Lakes Entrance and can be accessed via the great Alpine road from Bright or along the Coast from Melbourne.

It is a small township originally based around the Timber Industry, now a holiday area for fisherman, bush walkers and cavers. There is a shop, small country hotel and a variety of Motels, Self Contained and budget style accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

We would normally Camp at the Buchan camping ground. The camping ground has good facilities for campers and is also an excellent option in the warmer months.

SHOW CAVES

No visit to Wee Jasper is complete without a visit to one of the show caves. This is an extra fee, but a small one and is well worth including into your adventure.

LIMESTONE CAVES

Limestone Caves are formed by water seeping along cracks in the limestone slowly dissolving the stone away to form Tunnels and Caverns. This water in turn deposits the Calcite it has dissolved to form magnificent Cave Decoration that hang from the ceilings, flow down the walls, and rise up from the floors.

The Buchan show caves have excellent examples of most forms of Cave Decoration. We will also find cave decoration in the Wild Caves that we explore.

WILD LIMESTONE CAVING

During our Adventure we will use both horizontal Caving techniques and vertical systems to explore the Caverns.

Horizontal caving is where we do not need abseil and climbing systems but are able to access the caves by crawling and walking.

In Vertical caving we use rope or ladder systems to access the areas we wish to visit and explore.

In some Caves this is the **only** way to gain access.

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***We start with horizontal Cave systems:**

HORIZONTAL CAVING (“ITS TIGHT IN THERE”)



***Then we will progress to practicing abseiling etc on a cliffs outside of the Caves:**

ABSEILING



***Once we have mastered these skills we will abseil into one of the Caverns and explore harder to access places.**

VERTICAL CAVING AT THE POTHOLES



*** The practice and use of other techniques such as the use of steel wire ladders and single rope ascending systems etc will also be included.**

Parks Victoria at Buchan restricts group sizes to 6 participants (including Teachers or adult supervisors) to two guides in the key caves. This makes Adventures at this location more costly than at other cave areas.

COST (inclusive of GST)

We can conduct Adventure's of **two or more full Days** duration ex **Buchan**.

➤ For **Two Days Caving** the fee is \$640.00 Per caving team for each Day
(Total \$1280 for two days)

➤ The fee for **Three days Caving** is \$620.00 Per Caving team for each day
(Total \$1860.00 for the three days)

NOTE: We can run caves with two different groups in a day to lower the total cost per student.

***Accommodation and catering can be arranged.**

We can provide quotes for activities to include accommodation and meals.

WE PROVIDE

Two leaders per cave team (Up to 6 students/teachers), all Safety Equipment, Permits, Public Liability Insurance etc.

Contact David Chitty on 0419280614 for Information or Bookings