



Hoadley Hide 2026


Transport Information



Hoadley Hide Begins at Ballan Station!

Your adventure starts at Ballan Train Station on Thursday evening. You can either catch a train to Ballan Station or get dropped off by car at the meeting point in the Station Carpark.

Please aim to arrive at Ballan as a whole patrol, as this will make the process a lot smoother.

Google Maps -  Ballan Railway Station

81-85 Atkinson St, Ballan VIC 3342

Arrival at Blackwood Scout Camp

Upon arrival at Blackwood you will need to be prepared to hike approximately 1.5km. Someone will be there to lead the way to camp, but it will be dark, so make sure that you are dressed appropriately and your head torch is accessible.

Please ensure you bring your dinner or have eaten before you arrive. Once you check in, you will not be permitted to leave the event.

Help! My Patrol missed the Train!!

If you are going to be late, immediately call the Hoadley Hide Hot Line on **0447 281 828**

Is Private Transport an option?

We are not offering an option to take private transport directly to Blackwood Scout Camp for this year's Hoadley Hide. For all Venturers the event starts on Thursday at Ballan Station.

If your leader is attending, they should plan to drop your patrol at an appropriate train station or directly at Ballan, in time to catch the correct bus.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss specific circumstances relating to transport, email hoadleyhide@scoutsvictoria.com

Booking your Shuttle Bus to Blackwood

As a Patrol, you will need to decide on which shuttle bus you will be catching from Ballan Station to Blackwood Scout Camp.

Shuttle Bus 1 - Departs Ballan at **5:45pm**

Shuttle Bus 2 - Departs Ballan at **7pm**

Select your Bus via the [Registration Portal](#).

Train Timetable from Southern Cross

Departs Southern Cross	Arrives at Ballan Station	Notes
Trains to catch for Shuttle Bus 1 (5:45pm)		
4:17pm	5:13pm	Early Arrival
4:39pm	5:35pm	On Time Arrival
4:58pm	5:54pm	Late, Call HH Hotline
Trains to catch for Shuttle Bus 2 (7:00pm)		
5:18pm	6:14pm	Early Arrival
5:38pm	6:34pm	On Time Arrival
5:58pm	6:54pm	Just in Time Arrival
6:18pm	7:14pm	Late, Call HH Hotline

Check-in Process at Blackwood

1. Hike from Bus Stop to Campsite
2. Check in with your whole Patrol
3. Hand in 2x PIR forms or printed Operoo
4. Hand in a copy of your prepared menu
5. Store Uniforms in the Uniform Bank
6. Complete Pack inspection
7. Check into the VOC & Setup your tents
8. Eat BYO dinner if you haven't already



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Departure from Hoadley Hide

Hoadley Hide 2026 concludes at approximately 2pm on Sunday. At this point, Venturers will then be transported back to Ballan Station by Bus.

Upon arrival at Ballan, Venturers will either board a train or can be collected from the station carpark by private car.

Sunday Shuttle Bus Times

The Bus will make 2 trips to Ballan Station.
The 1st Bus will arrive at approx. **3.15 pm**.
The 2nd Bus will arrive at approx. **4.30 pm**

Allocation of Patrols to each bus on Sunday will be based on distance required to travel home.

Venturers from further away units will be allocated to the first bus.

If you have any questions about transport home at the end of Hoadley Hide, please email hoadleyhide@scoutsvictoria.com

Venturers will not be allowed to order a taxi, uber or other rideshare services to get home.

Useful Links

Below are some useful links to help you when planning how you will be getting to and from Hoadley Hide. There may be disruptions to your local train services, so its a good idea to double check train timetables and road closures.

Hoadley Hide Website

<https://hoadleyhide.com.au/>

Public Transport Victoria

<https://transport.vic.gov.au/>

Metro Planned Works

<https://www.metrotrains.com.au/planned-works/>

Vline Train Information

<https://www.vline.com.au/>

Road and Train Disruptions

<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions>

VicEmergency

<https://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/>

Bureau of Meteorology

<https://www.bom.gov.au/>