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A DAY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE IN ROCHESTER

If you want a day where the river slows you down, the trees whisper, and time feels softer, this is the one. You'll get your nature fix, your art fix, and that satisfying feeling of discovering something peaceful and real.

MORNING

Pack your gear, fishing rods, kayaks, SUPSs, bathers, whatever helps you unwind outdoors.

Start your day surrounded by calm waters at **Greens Lake**, a peaceful local favourite for fishing, paddling or simply soaking up the stillness. The gentle sounds of birdlife and the shimmer of the lake make it the perfect place to slow down and reconnect with nature.

When you're ready for lunch, head back into town for something tasty. Enjoy a relaxed meal at **The Cafe** or pick up classic fish and chips from **Rochy Fish Shop** and find a shady spot by the Campaspe River for a laid-back picnic.

AFTERNOON

After lunch, take a moment to admire the **Rochester Silo Art**, where three local endangered species, the Azure Kingfisher, Squirrel Glider and Growling Grass Frog, are brought to life in stunning detail. It's a proud showcase of the region's creativity and connection to the environment.

Treat yourself to something sweet and a perfectly brewed coffee at the **Rochester Bakery**, just a short stroll away.

Once you're refreshed, wander down the **Campaspe River Trail** for a gentle walk through native bushland. Listen for kookaburras, watch for gliders, and enjoy the slow rhythm of the river. If you'd rather be on the water, launch a kayak from the **all-abilities pontoon** and drift under the river gums, it's Rochester at its most peaceful.

Greens Lake Recreation Reserve
Greens Lake Road, Corop

The Cafe
61 MacKay Street, Rochester
0461 527 115
Open Mon - Fri, 7.30am - 2pm
Sat, 7.30am - 11.30am

Rochy Fish Shop
63 MacKay Street, Rochester
03 5484 1939
Open everyday, 11am - 8pm

Rochester Silo Art
Northern Highway, Rochester

Rochester Bakery
46 Moore Street, Rochester
03 5484 1881
Open Mon - Fri, 7am - 4pm
Sat, 7am - 2pm

Campaspe River Trail
Rochester

All-Abilities Pontoon and Kayak Launch
1 Church Street, Rochester

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STAY A LITTLE LONGER

As the sun sets, settle in for a hearty country dinner at the **Criterion Hotel**, where the locals are friendly and the meals hit the spot.

If you're staying the night, settle in at one of these welcoming spots:

- **Rochester Motel**
- **Rochester Riverside Holiday Park**
- **Rochester Caravan Park**

THE NEXT DAY

Rochester 20 Colbinabbin 15 Toolleen 30 Rochester

Extend your adventure beyond riverside calm and into the rolling hills and vineyards around **Toolleen**.

On your way, take a short detour to **Colbinabbin** to admire the six painted silos that tell stories of local life and community spirit. Pop into the **Colbinabbin General Store Co-op** for brunch or a homemade treat and browse local produce and crafts.

Next, make your way to **Toolleen**, a quiet pocket of Victoria known for its high-quality shiraz. Here's a few wineries you might like to visit:

- **Domaine Asmara** - a boutique winery and distillery offering handcrafted wines and small-batch spirits.
- **Peregrine Ridge** - perched high on the eastern side of the Mount Camel Range with sweeping views of the valley below.
- **Shiraz Republic** – a laid-back cellar door serving wine and its own craft beer, made onsite.

Once you've had your fill of wine country, you can either loop back to Rochester or head on toward your next destination, carrying the quiet, the colours and the calm with you.

VISIT IN EARLY SPRING

Golden canola fields transform the landscape each year.
Wander through the blooms and snap the perfect shot at the **Cornella Canola Walk**.

Criterion Hotel
49 MacKay Street Rochester
03 5484 3145
Open Wed - Sat for lunch & dinner
Sunday for lunch only

Rochester Motel
24 Echuca Street, Rochester
03 5484 1077
rochestermotel.net

Rochester Riverside Holiday Park
1 Church Street, Rochester
03 5484 1622
rochesterriverside.com.au

Rochester Caravan Park
2 Pascoe Street, Rochester
0438 841 622
rochestercaravanpark.com

Colbinabbin Silo Art
Meade Lane, Colbinabbin

Colbinabbin General Store Co-op
37 Mitchell Street, Colbinabbin
03 5441 5807
Open Mon - Fri, 7am - 5pm
Sat & Sun, 8am - 2pm

Domain Asmara
61 Gibb Road, Toolleen
0432 501 135
domaineasmara.com
Open everyday, 11am - 5pm

Peregrine Ridge
404 Cornella-Toolleen Rd, Toolleen
0411 741 772
peregrineridge.com.au
Open Sun, 1pm - 4pm

Shiraz Republic & Cornella Canola Walk
507 Hamblin Road, Cornella
03 5433 6338
shirazrepublic.com.au
Open Fri - Sun, 11am - 5pm