



Christmas in Ballarat Art Trail Social Story



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This book has been created to use as a learning tool and will help individuals understand what to expect when exploring the Christmas in Ballarat Art Trail.

This book aims to provide information about:

1. The Christmas in Ballarat Art Trail and activities
2. Some sounds and sights people may experience
3. Things people can do to feel comfortable and safe
4. Where to get help

CHRISTMAS IN BALLARAT ART TRAIL

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**CAN YOU FIND HOLLY THE
CHRISTMAS SWAN?**



I am going to explore the Christmas in Ballarat Art Trail. I can take someone special with me.

The Art Trail will be set up now until 2 January 2025.

I can visit the Art Trail at a time that suits me while it is set up.

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There are 5 locations for me to visit along the Art Trail. These are all in the centre of Ballarat.

The Art Trail map shows me where to go and the order to visit each location.

I can print the map and take it to the trail or look at it on a smart device while I'm there.

It might take me up to 90 minutes to visit all the locations.

I can take a break along the way if I need to. I can also visit the locations over a multiple days.



At each of the 5 locations marked on the map there will be brightly coloured artwork for me to look at.

I can try and find Holly the Christmas Swan in each of the artwork.

Holly is a red swan who is wearing a Christmas hat and red and white striped socks.





There is a competition I can enter along the Art Trail if I want to.

To enter, I will scan the QR on the posters beside each artwork with a smart device and answer the question.

I can ask my support person to help me.

I can choose to complete the activity on the poster without entering the competition.



There might be others exploring the Art Trail at the same time as me.

I might need to wait my turn to complete the activity.

Waiting my turn is the right thing to do.



There might be some construction works happening in the Bridge Mall.

I will follow the signs and move carefully through this area.

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When I visit location number 5, I am at the end of the Art Trail.

There are no more locations for me to visit and I have completed the activity.



There won't be anyone leading the Art Trail. My support person can help me if I need.

I can also ask for help at the Visitor Information Centre at Town Hall on Sturt Street.

There is a wheelchair accessible entry at the back of the building.

The Visitor Information Centre is open:

Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 5pm

Saturday to Sunday, 10am-4pm.



I will visit the Art Trail during the daytime.

There are some parts of the Art Trail that are not undercover.

I might need a hat and sunscreen if it's hot or warm clothes if it is cold.

I can take an umbrella if it is raining.



I might see other Christmas decorations and shops that have bright lights along the Art Trail.

I might hear people talking, music playing, traffic and construction sounds.

I can wear ear protection if I want to.

I can find a quiet space off the Art Trail with my support person if I need to.





There are public toilets along the Art Trail I can use if I need to.

I can find these:

- At the back of the Town Hall building.
- At the back of the Parent Place building in Albert street.
- Inside Norwich plaza in the bridge mall.

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet at each of these locations.



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