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## THE TOP 7 LOCATIONS FOR WINTER FAMILY PORTRAITS IN BALLARAT

Known for its vicious winters and unpredictable weather, you'd be forgiven for thinking the best place for a family photo shoot in Ballarat during winter is inside next to the heater.

But that'd be doing a great injustice to the variety of outdoor locations and spectacular colours this time of year. In fact, you could not find a better place to do your family portrait session despite the the cold. Just make sure you're rugged up first!

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

In no particular order, here are the Top 7 locations you might consider for your next winter family photo shoot in Ballarat:

### 1. LAKE WENDOUREE

This is arguably the beating heart of Ballarat. There are so many nooks and crannies at Lake Wendouree that I swear the place changes every time I go there. I do a lot of shooting here for family portraits and for good reason.

Whether it's next to Pipers in the sometimes eerie Fairy Land, or next to St Pat's boat shed with the sun falling in the background, or near the flag pole and cannons across the road from the Lake View Hotel, Lake Wendouree has got it made.

### 2. BALLARAT BOTANIC GARDENS

This place is one of my personal favourites and it is definitely the go-to for families unsure of where to do their family photo shoot. The colours in all seasons provide an incredible backdrop and immediate sense of calmness.

Autumn is possibly the best time of year with leaves slowly melting from the trees. But it's pretty damn good at the gardens all year round. Especially late afternoon before twilight.



### 3. VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park is massive so you have to be pretty specific when talking about Vic Park. The dark row of wooded trees is like entering the set of Lord of the Rings for a moment.

The top right corner on Russel and Sturt St is a sensible meeting point. Otherwise, there is a chance I won't see you. The kids can run wild here and there's no shortage of puddles to stomp in and get dirty in winter.

### 4. KIRK'S RESERVOIR

This place is unreal. It's never ending and offers a bit more privacy and room to breathe than Lake Wendouree, the Botanic Gardens or Vic Park. The backdrops are natural and ever changing according to the seasons.

It's also a place when your kids can go absolutely nuts for an hour. Even better, you can plan a family BBQ or picnic there before your family photo shoot.

# A WINTER WONDERLAND



## 5. GONG GONG RESERVOIR

Just up the road from Kirk's, this is another little sanctuary that provides a more rustic and Australian bush scene for your family photo shoot. Spring is best for this location but it will not disappoint any time of the year.

Just remember to dress for the occasion and rug up if it's going to be a winter freeze. It gets especially cold in this part of town.

## 6. BUNINYONG BOTANIC GARDENS

This one's a bit of a trek if you live in town but it's often overlooked. It's a great little spot and offers a nice clean backdrop, especially in spring and autumn.

Once again, you can combine a family day out at the gardens and top it off with an unforgettable family photo shoot late afternoon.

## 7. YOUR FAMILY HOME

This is the place where you are going to feel most comfortable. It's your castle and your sanctuary after a hard day's work so you are naturally going to be at ease when you're at home.

It's especially good if you have a few acres, and a pond, and a BMX track, and a rollercoaster. Well, maybe not. But, I've seriously seen some backyards that could quite easily be turned into a theme park.



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