Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978

Crown Land (Reserves) (Metropolitan and Regional Park) Regulations 2023

Set Aside(s) for Westgate Park

The Crown Land (Reserves) (Metropolitan and Regional Park) Regulations 2023 have been made under Section 13 of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

Regulation 10 provides that Parks Victoria may make a determination to set aside an area as an area in which an activity or conduct is permitted, required, restricted or prohibited.

Additional temporary determinations are put in place from time to time for purposes such as planned burning, seasonal road closures or pest animal control programs. These temporary determinations operate in conjunction with ongoing determinations for general park management and where there is a conflict or perceived conflict these temporary determinations take precedence.

Signed at Melbourne

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Areas set aside in Westgate Park

Regulation(s)		Details of set aside			
		Purpose of set aside Area set asid	Area set aside	Specified conditions	
		determination		Times or period	Other conditions
18(1)(a)	Area where access is prohibited or restricted	To set aside an area to which access is prohibited.	Ibis Island within Freshwater Lake (includes the water, marsh, swamp and bog vegetation) as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.	At all times.	N.B. Access is prohibited for the purposes of care, protection and management of the park.
28(2)	Vehicles	To set aside an area of a park, other than on a road or in a parking area, as an area where operating a vehicle or class of vehicle is permitted.	The Bay Trail as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.	At all times.	Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, in-line roller blades or coasters and scooters are allowed on the Bay Trail. N.B. Non-compliant electric bicycles and electric scooters are not allowed. Non-compliant electric bicycles are power-assisted bicycles over 200 watts that don't meet the definition of a bicycle set out in the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act (1983).
33(1)	Lighting, kindling or maintaining campfires or barbeques	To set aside an area of a park as an area where lighting, kindling or maintaining a campfire	All picnic areas as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1), outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 2) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website	At all times.	Fires using gaseous and liquid fuels in portable barbeques, fuel stoves, burners and heaters are allowed.

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		determination		Times or period	Other conditions
		or barbeque is permitted.	https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.		All fires are subject to the Forest (Fire Protection) Regulations 2014. In addition, a 1.5m perimeter from midstorey and canopy vegetation around fires using gaseous and liquid fuels must be maintained at all times.
39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	Freshwater Lake, Ibis Island and Saltwater Lake (includes the water, marsh, swamp and bog vegetation) as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1), outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 2) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.	At all times.	Dogs are not allowed in Freshwater Lake, Ibis Island and Saltwater Lake (includes the water, marsh, swamp and bog vegetation). N.B. Dogs are prohibited for the care, protection and management of the park.
40(5)	Horses	To set aside a road, track or parking area as an area of a park where horses are prohibited.	All roads, tracks and/ or parking areas as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1), outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 2) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.	At all times.	Horses are not allowed in the park.
45(1)(a)	Engaging in sport or recreational activity	To set aside an area of a park as an area where sport or recreational activity is prohibited.	Freshwater Lake, Ibis Island and Saltwater Lake (includes the water, marsh, swamp and bog vegetation) as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1), outlined in the <i>Parks</i>	At all times.	Diving, swimming and wading are not allowed.

Regulation(s)		Details of set aside			
		Purpose of set aside	Purpose of set aside Area set aside	Specified conditions	
		determination		Times or period	Other conditions
45(1)(a)	Engaging in sport or	To set aside an area of a	Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide (Attachment 2) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park. Freshwater Lake, Ibis Island and Saltwater Lake (includes	At all	Fishing is not allowed.
	recreational activity	park as an area where sport or recreational activity is prohibited.	the water, marsh, swamp and bog vegetation) as indicated on Map 1 from the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1), outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Westgate Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 2) and as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/westgate-park.	times.	

Regulation 10 Determinations setting areas aside

(3) If the land manager makes a set aside determination under the Regulations, the land manager must cause signs or notice of the determination and the conditions they must comply with, to be displayed.

Regulation 11 Publication of set aside determinations

- (1) The land manager must cause, as soon as practicable after making a set aside determination under these Regulations, the determination to be published on its internet site.
- (2) If the land manager revokes or amends a set aside determination made under these Regulations, the land manager must cause, as soon as practicable after doing so, publish the revocation or amendment of the determination on its internet site.

Regulation 13 Signs and notices

- (1) The land manager must cause a sign or notice required under these Regulations to—
 - (a) be displayed in a place and manner that is likely to be seen by any person affected by a determination under these Regulations; and

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Example

A sign placed at each entry to an area set aside.

- (b) indicate the area of the park that is temporarily closed or set aside by the determination under these Regulations; and
- (c) if applicable, state the activities that are prohibited, restricted, or permitted by the determination under these Regulations; and
- (d) if applicable, state any conditions specified in the determination.
- (2) If the land manager revokes or amends a determination made under these Regulations, the land manager must as soon as practicable cause any sign or notice that has been displayed under these Regulations to be removed or amended to reflect the revocation or amendment of that determination.

Regulation 9 Disapplication of Regulations to traditional owner group entities

- (1) If a traditional owner group entity has entered into a traditional owner group agreement, any provision of these Regulations (other than a provision of these Regulations specified in the Table in subregulation (2)) that provides for an offence for carrying out an activity or doing anything that is an agreed activity does not apply to a member of the traditional owner group—
 - (a) who is bound by the traditional owner group agreement; and
 - (b) who carries out the agreed activity to which the offence relates in accordance with the traditional owner group agreement and on land to which that agreement applies.
- (2) For the purpose of subregulation (1) the following Table sets out the specified provision and the extent to which that provision applies to a member of the traditional owner group.

Table

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Column 1 Specified regulation	Column 2 Extent to which specified regulation applies
Regulation 12	The whole
Regulation 16(3)	To the extent that it relates to a fee imposed under regulation 16(1)(b) or (1)(c)
Regulation 17(6)	The whole
Regulation 19(3), (4) and (5)	The whole
Regulation 21	The whole, except for the undertaking of cultural activities
Regulation 24(2)	The whole, except ochre or similar material used at a cultural event
Regulation 25(3)	The whole, except if the animal has been bought into the park for a cultural event
Regulation 27	The whole
Regulation 28(1)	The whole
Regulation 29(3), (4), (5), (6), (9) and (11)	The whole
Regulation 31(1)	The whole
Regulation 32(5) and 32(6)	The whole
Regulation 33(3) and (4)	The whole
Regulation 35(1), (2) and (3)	The whole
Regulation 36	The whole
Regulation 37(20 and (3)	The whole
Regulation 38(2) and (3)	The whole
Regulation 39(1), (2), (5), (6), (7) and (9)	The whole
Regulation 40(1) and (3)	The whole
Regulation 41(1)	The whole
Regulation 42(1)	The whole
Regulation 43(1)	The whole
Regulation 44(4) and (5)	The whole
Regulation 45(2) and (3)	The whole
Regulation 46(1)	The whole
Regulation 47(1) and (4)	The whole
Regulation 50(1) and (2)	The whole
Regulation 51(1), (2) and (3)	The whole

Attachment 1

Map 1 Westgate Park Visitor Guide



Attachment 2

Map 2 Westgate Park Visitor Guide

Westgate Park Visitor Guide



Westgate Park is a green oasis located in the heart of industrial Melbourne. The land has undergone many transformations before emerging as one of Melbourne's most visible parks. Westgate Park is a vibrant example of how a wasteland can become a flourishing ecological and recreational wetland environment.





















Opening hours

Westgate Park is accessible at all times, providing vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist access into the park at various locations.

Getting there

Westgate Park is located along the eastern banks of the Yarra River, under the Westgate Bridge. Limited parking is available within the park off Todd Road, or along Lorimer St, Port Melbourne (Melway map reference 56 F1).

Catching the bus is a great way to visit Westgate Park, with the #235, #237 and #606 bus route running past the park.

Things to see and do

Walking and riding

The shared paths in Westgate Park are popular with cyclists, joggers and walkers. From shorter local walks to connections to significant trail networks of Melbourne.

Bay Trail - 53km, 2.5 hours one way (cycling)

The Bay Trail commences within Westgate Park at the Yarra River and heads through the park, all the way to Frankston, along the eastern edge of Port Phillip Bay.

Williamstown Foreshore Trail - 6km, 23 minutes one way

Travel via the bicycle punt service across the Yarra River (westgatepunt.com for timetable) which allows easy access to Scienceworks and the Williamstown Foreshore Trail.

You may wish to take one of the park's other unsealed trails that wind past lakes and wetlands to view the park's plants and animals and unique vistas.

Westgate Park is home to Lyn Moore's Earth Series Sculptures, which are made from natural materials and provide an interesting contrast, adding to the landscape and character of the park.

Picnicking

Pack a picnic or make use of the free shared electric barbecue facility and come and explore this beautiful environment at the city's doorstep.

Seasonal pink lake

Westgate Park's salt lake turns pink seasonally, in response to high salt levels, high temperatures, increased sunlight and lack of rainfall. Algae growing in the salt crust produces the red pigment in response to the extremely high salt levels. The lake returns to its normal colour as the weather cools and rainfall increases.

Bird watching

Westgate Park forms a sanctuary for a variety of bird species from around the world. Wading birds such as stilts, ibis and spoonbills feed on the shores of the lakes. Swimmers and divers including ducks, gulls, coots, pelicans, swans and moorhens venture into the deeper water.

Get involved

You can join the Friends of Westgate Park who regularly conduct tree planting, participate in community science programs and undertake various other activities which enhance the park's ecological values

Caring for the parks

Help us look after your parks by following these guidelines:

- · Please take rubbish home with you.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Please clean up after your dog.
- All native plants and animals are protected by law.
- Camping is not permitted within Westgate Park.
- · Portable solid fuel barbecues are not permitted, however portable gas barbecues may be used.

Be prepared and stay safe

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

For updated information on Fire Danger ratings or general safety advice call 1800 240 667, listen to a local ABC/ACE radio station, or

Visit www.parks.vic.gov.au or phone 13 1963 for the latest conditions and park information.

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