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*Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*

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

## **Set Aside(s) for Yarra Bend 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 and set asides 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 and set asides operate in conjunction with ongoing determinations for general park management and where there is a conflict or perceived conflict the temporary determinations take precedence.

### **Signed at Melbourne**

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## Areas set aside in Yarra Bend Park

Regulation(s)		Details of set aside			Further Information	
		Purpose of set aside determination	Area set aside	Specified conditions		
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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.	All sealed and unsealed paths except for Trig Point and Sir Arthur Rylah Oval as outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1a), indicated on Map 1 <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1b) and as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Non-motorised vehicles including bicycles, monocytes, skateboards, roller skates, in-line roller blades or coasters, roller skis and scooters are allowed on sealed and unsealed paths.	The term 'non-motorised vehicle' is defined and administered by Vic Roads <a href="https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/">https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/</a>
29(1)(a)	Road and parking closures to some or all vehicles	To set aside a road or parking area in a park as an area where driving or parking of vehicles or a class of vehicles is prohibited.	Management Vehicle Only paths, tracks and roads as outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1a), indicated on Map 1 <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1b) and as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Motorised vehicles including AWD vehicles, 2WD vehicles, 4WD vehicles, motorbikes, trailbikes and motorised bicycles are not allowed on the paths, tracks and roads set aside and as indicated by on-ground signage.	The term 'motorised bicycle' is defined and administered by Vic Roads <a href="https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/">https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/</a>
30(2)	Vessels	To set aside an area of a park as an area where operating a vessel or a class of vessel of a certain class is permitted.	Canoe ramps at Andrews Reserve, Bellbird picnic area, Deep Rock Ovals – Sir Herbert Olney Oval, Lower Loop picnic area and Studley Park Boathouse as outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1a), indicated on Map 1 <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide</i> (Attachment 1b) and as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Non-motorised vessels (including sailing boats, rowing sculls, rowing boats, canoes, kayaks, peddle boats, stand-up paddleboards and fishing float tubes) may be launched and landed at canoe ramps in accordance with on-ground signage.	Operate includes to facilitate or control the movement or navigation of a vessel, or to launch, land, moor, secure, anchor, load or unload a vessel.

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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 or barbeque is permitted.	Picnic areas and lawn areas except for the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Fires using solid fuels in compact, portable barbeques are allowed.  Native vegetation must not be cleared or damaged during the lighting, kindling or maintaining of a campfire.	
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 or barbeque is permitted.	Picnic areas and lawn areas except for the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Fires using liquid or gaseous fuels in portable barbeques, fuel stoves, burners and heaters are allowed.  Native vegetation must not be cleared or damaged during the lighting, kindling or maintaining of a campfire.	
39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	All of the park as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	An individual person must not bring more than four dogs or allow more than four dogs to enter the park at any given time.	
39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Dogs are not allowed on the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course.	Dogs are not allowed on the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course for the safety of persons in a park.
39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	All playgrounds and the Fairlea Netball Courts as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Dogs are not allowed in playgrounds and at the Fairlea Netball Courts.	Dogs are not allowed in playgrounds and at the Fairlea Netball Courts for the safety of persons in a park.

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39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	The area in the vicinity of Galatea Point bounded by the Yarra River and Yarra Boulevard including the entirety of Galatea Point as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Dogs are not allowed in the area set aside.	Dogs are not allowed in the area set aside for the care, protection and management of the park.
39(3)(a)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are prohibited.	The following sports facilities and sportsgrounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deep Rock Ovals – Sir Herbert Olney Oval</li> <li>- Sir Arthur Rylah Oval</li> <li>- Corben Oval</li> <li>- Fairlea Sports Precinct</li> </ul> as outlined in the <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide (Attachment 1a)</i> , indicated on Map 1 <i>Parks Victoria Yarra Bend Park Visitor Guide (Attachment 1b)</i> and as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	During all sporting events and functions.	Dogs are not allowed on sports facilities and sportsgrounds during all sporting events and functions.	Dogs are not allowed on sports facilities and sportsgrounds during all sporting events and functions for the safety of persons in a park.
39(3)(b)	Dogs	To set aside an area of a park as an area where dogs are permitted to be off lead.	The following area(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merri Creek Valley and Escarpment picnic area</li> <li>- Andrews Reserve</li> <li>- Deep Rock</li> <li>- Deep Rock East</li> <li>- Westfield</li> <li>- Wills St Lookout</li> <li>- Lower Loop picnic area</li> <li>- Dights Falls loop trail</li> <li>- Corben Oval</li> <li>- Fairlea Sports Precinct</li> </ul>	At all times.	An individual person must not bring more than four dogs or allow more than four dogs to enter the off-lead area at any given time.  Dogs must be on leash, chain or cord which is suitable for restraining the dog not exceeding 8 metres at all times controlled by the person bringing the dog into the park when not in the area set aside or inside a	Dogs are allowed off-lead in the area set aside for the preservation of good order in the park.

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			except for within 5m of sealed or unsealed paths as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .		vehicle or on a sealed or unsealed path.  Dogs must be under the immediate control of the person bringing the dog into the park at all times.  Dogs must be restrained by the person bringing the dog into the park from causing a disturbance to persons, or damage to or interference with, property, animals or natural features of the park.  Dog owners must pick up faeces deposited by their dog including in all carparks.	
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 per the information provided on the Parks Victoria website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	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.	Merri Creek Valley and Escarpment picnic area as per the information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	At all times.	Fishing is not allowed in Merri Creek from the Merri Creek Valley and Escarpment picnic area.	
45(1)(a)	Engaging in sport or	To set aside an area of a park as	From the Eastern Freeway to Molesworth Street (Kew) including the Bellbird picnic area	At all times.	Fishing is not allowed in Yarra River in the area set aside for the	

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	recreational activity	an area where sport or recreational activity is prohibited.	per the information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .		protection of the Greater Flying Fox colony.	
45(1)(b)	Engaging in sport or recreational activity	To set aside an area of a park as an area where sport or recreational activity is restricted.	The following sports facilities and sportsgrounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deep Rock Ovals – Sir Herbert Olney Oval</li> <li>- Lower Loop picnic area</li> <li>- Sir Arthur Rylah Oval</li> <li>- Fairlea Sports Precinct</li> <li>- Corben Oval</li> </ul> as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	During sporting events and functions.	Only sport and recreational activities appropriate for the facilities and in accordance with on-ground signage are allowed.	
46(2)	Golf	To set aside an area of a park as an area where playing golf is permitted.	The Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course as per information provided on the Parks Victoria Website <a href="https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park">https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/yarra-bend-park</a> .	During the specified opening hours of the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course.	Playing and practising golf at the Yarra Bend Public Golf Course and the Yarra Bend Par 3 Golf Course is subject to the rules of play as specified by on-ground signage.	

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## **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

**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.

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**Table**

<i>Column 1 Specified regulation</i>	<i>Column 2 Extent to which specified regulation applies</i>
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

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<i>Column 1</i> <i>Specified regulation</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Extent to which specified regulation applies</i>
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

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## Yarra Bend Park

### Visitor Guide



Yarra Bend Park is the largest area of natural bushland near the heart of Melbourne and is the home of the city's famous bat colony. The park features steep river escarpments, open woodlands, playing fields and golf courses.

Explore the park by foot or by bike, go boating on the river and enjoy superb views of the city skyline. Pleasant picnic areas, barbecues, rotundas and playgrounds make it popular with families. Meals, refreshments and boat hire are available at venues within the park.



#### Getting there

Yarra Bend Park is located in inner Melbourne beside the suburbs of Kew, Fairfield and Abbotsford.

#### Things to see and do

Yarra Bend Park is popular for walking, boating, canoeing, team sports, golf, picnicking, bird watching and just enjoying the bush.

Thousands of flying-foxes can be seen roosting in the Yarra Bend Park during the day and the "fly-out" at sunset is a unique spectacle.

#### Walking

Yarra Bend Park provides walking trails of easy to moderate difficulty levels. Sights such as Dights Falls, Wills Lookout, river and city views and abundant birdlife are some of the highlights to be discovered along Yarra Bend trails.



#### 1. Bushland Circuit Trail – 850m, 25 minutes return

This walk begins on the Studley Park Picnic Area side of the river at Kane's Bridge. Heading away from the Boathouse, follow the path to the right, which leads away from the bank of the Yarra River.

Passing through the grasslands, keep an eye out for Black-faced Cuckoo Shrikes, Silvereyes and White-plumed Honeyeaters, all are easily located in the foliage by their constant chatter and song.

The path loops back following the river, returning to the boathouse.

On your return, you will pass through a Red Gum Woodland community, a favoured habitat of the Red-rumped Parrot due to the abundance of grass and other plant seeds for food, and hollows in the older River Red Gums for nesting sites.

While on your walk, you can contribute to our scientific understanding of how climate change is affecting our wildlife through our ClimateWatch Trail - [climatewatch.org.au](http://climatewatch.org.au)



#### 2. Dights Falls Trail – 3.2km, 1 hours return

On this walk you will discover the sites of the former Lunatic Asylum, the lookout over Galatea Point, the 'Greenlink, Yarra Bend' revegetation area, the former Deep Rock Swimming Club, the Koori Garden and Dights Falls.

The walk begins on the north side of Kane's Bridge. The sports oval on your right was the former site of the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum, the first established in Victoria in 1845. The well established exotic

trees (figs, elms, and cypress) stand as remnants of the asylum's garden along the trail.

Following the trail along the bank of the river will lead you to a viewing platform that overlooks the River Red Gum dominated bush of Galatea Point across the river. The lookout is a great place for bird-watching with Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, Sacred Kingfishers and Rainbow Lorikeets frequenting the area.

As you leave the lookout, walk up and around the fenced revegetation area following the path along the ridge. Descending the hill onto the flood plain of Deep Rock, you will see the rocky escarpment on the other side of the river which is made of uplifted silurian mudstone/sandstone sediments.

This quiet section of the river was used by the popular Deep Rock Swimming Club until the 1940s.

Past the site of the Deep Rock Swimming Club, at the junction of the Yarra River and the Merri Creek, you will find the Koori Garden. This site features indigenous plants and marks a former gathering place of the Wurundjeri people.

Cross the bridge over the Merri Creek to discover Dights Falls, an artificial weir built on a natural rock bar across the Yarra River. The original weir was built in the 1840s to provide water to the Ceres flour mill, one of the first in Victoria. The falls were later to become known as Dights Falls after the owners of the mill.

Cross back over the Merri Creek to the junction of the paths. To extend your walk to the Westfield Picnic Area turn left and continue up the Main Yarra Trail (see notes under Westfield Extension). Alternatively retrace your steps to return.



#### 3. Westfield Extension of Dights Falls Trail – 6.3 km, 2 hours circuit

From the junction of trails between the Merri Creek and the Yarra River, follow the Main Yarra Trail under the Freeway Overpass.

As you are walking alongside the Merri Creek, watch for Welcome Swallows, Red-rumped Parrots and other native birds visiting the area.

About half way up the trail, you will pass a lookout. The exposed basalt flows visible in the disused quarry across the creek contrast with the older sedimentary rock viewed earlier at the Deep Rock escarpment. The lookout also offers views over the Northcote area and of the city.

Continue along the path to the Westfield Picnic Area where picnic facilities, electric barbecues and toilets are available.

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From the Westfield Picnic Area, follow the path alongside Yarra Bend Road back towards Kane's Bridge. Before you cross the Eastern Freeway you will see a bluestone pillar which is the remaining section of the original entrance gate to the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum.

Across the Eastern Freeway, you will rejoin the Dights Falls Trail, which returns to Kane's Bridge.



#### 4. Bat Colony Nature Trail – 500m, 20 minutes return

Starting from Bellbird Picnic Area Car Park, follow the gravel track upstream (northwards) past the Flying-fox Lookout. The trail then follows the banks of the river through pristine and restored bushland. There is interpretive signage along the way.

This walk can be made into a 2km circle walk by continuing on past the bat colony, crossing Yarra Boulevard (take care!) and then following the signed but rough in places path, along the side of the old Willsmere Asylum estate and up to the Wills Street park entrance, which offers spectacular views of the city. A sealed path leads you back to Bellbird Picnic Area.



#### 5. Andrews Reserve Trail – 1.2km, 40 minutes one way

This short but challenging walk follows narrow and at times unstable path and has steep steps and several tripping hazards.

The walk begins near the footbridge adjacent to Walmer Street in the southern end of the park. Follow the sealed track taking in the views of the city and the Richmond area until you come to the earthen steps leading down to your left. Descend these steps into the riparian vegetation of the Yarra River.

Following the winding track along the river listen out for the call of Bell Miners. Other birds often sighted in this area include Red Wattlebirds and Willie-wagtails.

The large eucalyptus trees are River Red Gums, habitat for Brushtailed Possums.

At the completion of this trail, relax at the picnic tables by the playground at Andrews Reserve.



#### 6. River Trail – 1.7km, 30 minutes return

The River Trail begins from the carpark beside the Fly Casting Pool, just off Yarra Bend Road. Begin the walk along the gravel path beside the Eastern Freeway fence.

From the ridge where you are standing you can observe the escarpment vegetation dominated by Yellow Gum and Yellow Box on the other side of the river. This vegetation plays a vital role stabilising the steep escarpment. Follow the path down into the sheltered serene riparian or river bank vegetation.

A billabong and a small waterfall have been created providing habitat for native fauna such as the Water Rat and the Striped Marsh Frog, as well as an assortment of native birds.

The track finishes at the bend in the river with a bridge overhead. Return via the same route or turn it into a loop by continuing along the Main Yarra Trail, through Fairfield Park, then turning left into a walking track running along Yarra Bend Road.

#### Cycling

Yarra Bend Park offers many opportunities to cyclists. Popular with walkers, joggers and cyclists, Main Yarra Trail is a scenic river path that passes through Yarra Bend on its way from Melbourne's eastern suburban fringe to the CBD.

There are also several unsealed trails in the park that are shared by walkers and cyclists.

#### Picnicking

Studley Park Picnic Area offers picnic shelters, electric barbecues and toilet facilities.

Bellbird Picnic Area (off Yarra Boulevard) is a peaceful alternative to the busy Studley Park Picnic Area. There is a shelter, electric barbecue, toilet facilities and canoe launching ramp.

On the west bank (Yarra Bend Road) side of the park, Westfield Picnic Area has electric barbecues, shelters, toilet facilities and extensive open spaces. At the Lower Loop, there are also barbecues, shelters, a toilet and a playground, making it one of the park's most popular picnic spots.

Open space and sporting fields are used for organised and informal sports including cricket, football, soccer and bocce.

#### Dog walking

Dogs are permitted in most areas of the park, but must be kept on a leash in certain areas, and kept out of dog exclusion areas. When dogs are in off-lead zones, a leash must be carried to bring your dog under immediate control if necessary.

An area below Deep Rock is a great spot for dogs to enter the river.

#### Dog friendly park code of conduct

- Consider other park users and ensure that dogs are kept under effective control at all times.
- Carry a lead at all times.
- Bring a friend if you wish to walk with more than two dogs.
- Ensure children are supervised when near dogs, as they are vulnerable to attack.
- Ensure your dog's vaccinations are up to date.
- Minimise any disturbance to river banks and native fauna in the park.
- Clean up after your dog and take all rubbish home.

#### Events

The park is popular for fun runs, cross country events, and weddings. Permits for all events must be submitted through the Parks Victoria webpage [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

#### Golf courses

Golf is a popular pastime at Yarra Bend Park. The 18 hole Yarra Bend Golf Course is a picturesque public course near the river. Bookings can be made directly to the 18 hole Golf Course by calling 9481 3729 and the nine hole Studley Park Par 3 Golf Course on 9852 8144.

#### Flora and fauna

Yarra Bend Park contains some of the last stands of original bushland in inner Melbourne. A total of approximately 320 indigenous plants have been recorded in the park of which more than 100 species are considered to be of local, regional or state significance. Animals found in the park include the platypus, water rat and a number of bat and reptile species.

The bird life of the park is diverse, including waterbirds and birds that utilise remnant vegetation, as well as those that occur in more modified habitats.

#### Grey-headed Flying-foxes

Grey-headed Flying-foxes, a nationally threatened bat species, are an important part of Melbourne's wildlife. In 2003, the colony was successfully relocated from the Royal Botanic Gardens to Yarra Bend Park. The flying-fox colony is best viewed from the Yarra Boulevard or Bellbird Picnic Area. At Bellbird Picnic Area, a viewing platform, walking trail and interpretive signage allows visitors to learn about and view the flying-foxes in their natural environment.

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## Other park facilities

Studley Park Boathouse, built in 1863 and recently restored, offers kiosk, café and restaurant dining as well as canoe and rowboat hire.

The Boulevard Restaurant and Function Centre offers a contemporary setting in a country atmosphere only minutes from the CBD.

The fly-casting pool is frequently used by the Red Tag Fly Fishers Club. For further information on joining the Red Tag Club, or to enquire about booking the pool for your club, contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

The Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Co-operative (VINC) is a not-for-profit plant nursery. VINC produces local indigenous flora for the north and east of Melbourne for supply to local government, community groups, schools and members of the public. VINC is located on Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield.

## Caring for the park

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

- Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal.
- All native plants and animals are protected by law. Please do not disturb them in any way.
- Portable coal barbecues or ovens are not permitted. Portable gas barbecues are allowed.

## Be prepared and stay safe

Yarra Bend Park is in the Central Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au), on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Sections of this park have been identified as high bushfire risk. Check the latest conditions and for any closures at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.

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.

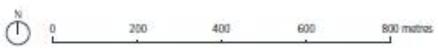
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Attachment 1b – Map 1, Visitor Guide Yarra Bend Park

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