

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve

Visitor Guide



A haven for waterbirds and walkers, Devilbend Natural Features Reserve includes the largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsula. The lowland forest, reservoirs and shoreline provide valuable habitat and glistening scenery to enjoy picnics, fishing, photography, birdwatching and non-powered watercraft.



Opening hours

The Daangean Point Picnic Area will be open from dawn to dusk, however the park is accessible to pedestrians 24hrs via a small car park located in front of the main entrance gate. Check the latest opening times online at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

Getting there

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is located off Graydens Road, Tuerong (Melway Map 152 J3).

Things to see and do

Walking

The features of Devilbend can be explored by selected walking tracks. The trail system includes all-ability access to the shoreline, viewing/fishing platforms and boardwalk. Dogs and other pets are not permitted.



Western Shoreline Track – 1.2km, 20 minutes return

Descend from the Devilbend Picnic Area along the 2.5m wide shoreline trail on a compacted surface that takes in views across the expansive reservoir whilst making your way down to the fishing platforms and boardwalks.



Daangean Point Track – 1.5km, 45 minutes return

This bushwalk runs through remnant lowland forest from Daangean Point to the southern shoreline. The walk provides expansive views across the reservoir where waterbirds can be viewed.



Devilbend Circuit Track – 11.5km, 2.5 hours circuit

For the more adventurous walker, this 11.5km circuit combines Daangean Trail and the Catch Drain Trail to circumnavigate Devilbend Reservoir. The trail meanders through lowland forest and grassy woodland with multiple access points to the tranquil waterbody providing birdwatching and passive recreation. If you want to extend your walk an additional 2.5km (45 min), Bittern Reservoir Circuit is accessible off the southern end at Hodgins Rd and can be incorporated into the broader circuit.

Horse riding

A 6.2km, 10m wide horse trail is accessed off Hodgins, Turners or Derril Roads around the Southern Boundary.

Fishing

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve has been stocked with Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Estuary Perch making it an ideal inland fresh water fishing body. Fishing is permitted only in the designated fishing zones as identified on the map and needs to be done in accordance with the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide.

Non-powered watercraft

A designated zone of 33 hectares, located in the northern arm of Devilbend Reservoir, has been set aside for non-powered watercraft. Two launch facilities are available by walking along the Western Shoreline Trail. The first is approximately 240 metres from the picnic ground and car park.

Cycling

Cycling is permitted on all trails in the reserve.

Bird watching

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is of high conservation significance and the 243 hectare Devilbend Reservoir is recognised as an Important Bird Area. This means an area recognised by BirdLife International as being globally important for the conservation of bird populations, supporting over 1% of the global population of the Blue-billed Duck which is listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. Keep an eye out for the majestic White-bellied Sea Eagle.

Facilities

Picnic tables, shelter, toilets and electric barbecues are available in the Daangean Point Picnic Area. There is no drinking water available.

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. Devilbend Natural Features Reserve 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 emergency.vic.gov.au on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

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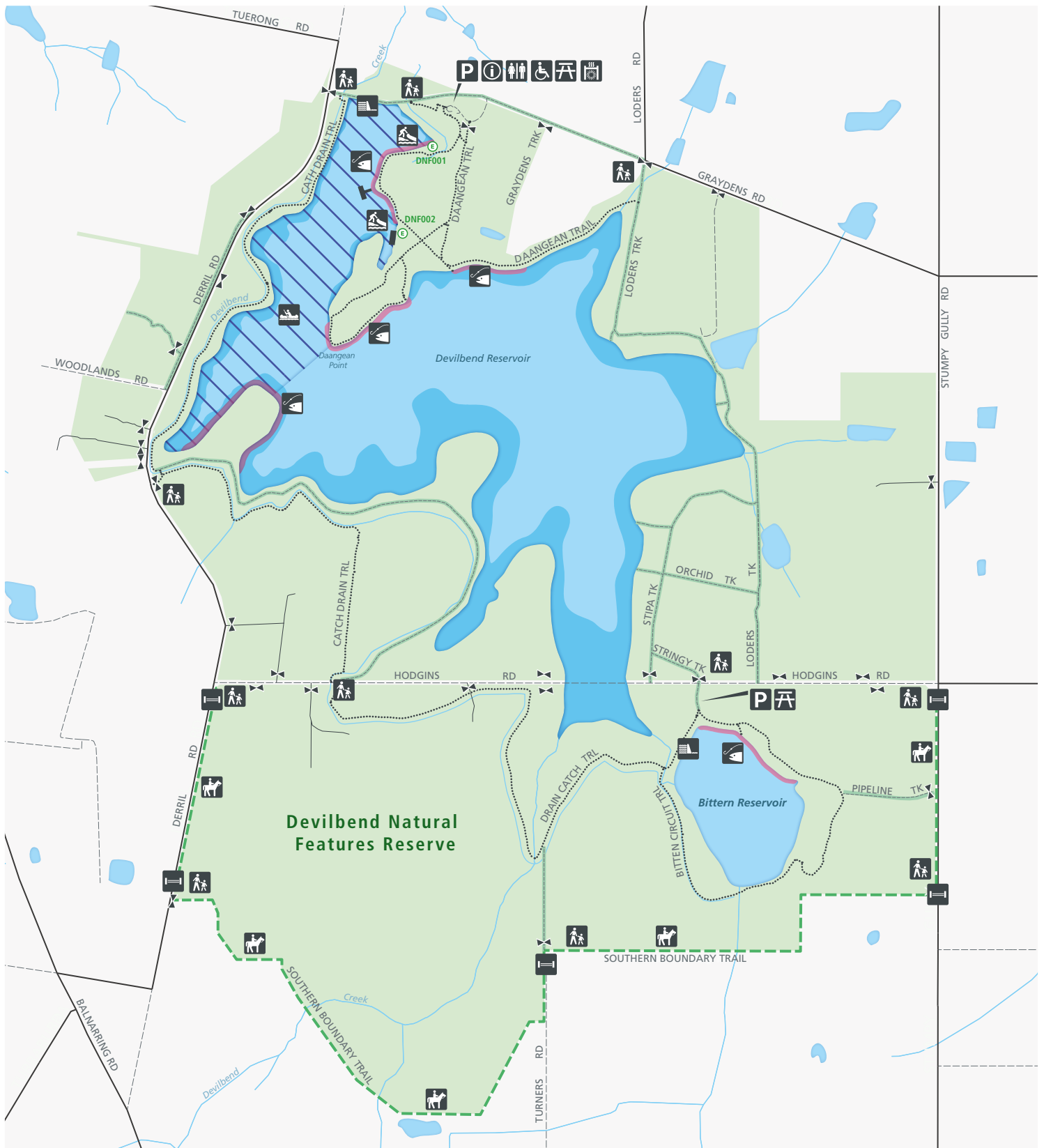
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| P Parking | Fishing zone | Pedestrian access | --- Unsealed road | Waterbody |
| i Information | Electric BBQ | E ESTA marker | — Main road | Canoeing area |
| Toilets | Watercraft launch | Gate | Walking track | Devilbend NFR |
| Picnic table | Canoeing area | Fishing platform | - - - Equestrian trail | |
| Disabled access | Horse riding | Fishing pontoon | — Fishing zone | |
| Dam wall | Cavaletti | | — Management vehicle only | |

