

# Lake Eildon National Park

## Visitor Guide



Lake Eildon National Park offers a variety of settings to explore, from open bush in the north, to dense vegetation in the south and east. Enjoy bushwalking, cycling, boating and fishing or try the more adventurous pursuit of water skiing. Relax along the scenic shores and encounter native wildlife, or walk up to one of the lookouts to appreciate stunning views across the lake and hills.



Parks Victoria acknowledges the Taungurung Clans as the Traditional Owners of Lake Eildon National Park and pays our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. All Aboriginal artefacts are protected by law and must not be removed or disturbed.

### Getting there

The park is a leisurely and picturesque two hour drive from Melbourne (145km north east). Fraser camping area is located 17km east of Alexandra and Jerusalem Creek camping area is 10km east of the Eildon township.

### Things to see and do

#### Picnics

Enjoy a picnic with family and friends at Forsyth Flat or Herb Fitzroy Day Visitor Areas. Both have shelters with free gas barbecues and picnic tables. No bins are provided – please take your rubbish home.

#### Bike riding

The Collier Bay Walking and Cycling Track links the three campgrounds. Cycling is permitted on roads and vehicle tracks throughout the remainder of the park, but not on walking tracks.

#### Walking


Walking is one of the best ways to explore the park and there are tracks suitable for all ages, interests and fitness levels. Enjoy a gentle lakeside walk between the camping areas or take a longer hike and explore some of the more remote and scenic areas of the park.

Most long walks are of moderate to steep grade. They incorporate a variety of forest types and include remains from the gold mining era. Estimated times do not include breaks.

 **Perfect Cure Creek Nature Trail – Grade 2**  
1.5km, 1 hour circuit

 **Candlebark Nature Trail – Grade 3**  
2km, 1 hour circuit

These short, self-guided walks will each take around one hour and introduce you to the park's natural features and history. Spot kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and the remnants of a once thriving gold mining industry.

 **Collier Bay Walking and Cycling Track – Grade 2**  
3.5km, 45 mins one way

This shared-use track follows the lake edge, connecting all camping and day visitor areas from Devil Cove to Lakeside. Enjoy the varied


landscapes of Lake Eildon and stop for a scenic picnic along the way.

 **Wallaby Bay Walk – Grade 3**  
Cook Point – 2.5km, 40 mins one way  
School Point – 7km, 2 hours one way

This shady gently undulating walk begins at Wallaby Bay car park and follows the lake shore to Cook and School Points. Stop at one of the points for a swim, before returning the same way. Take a short detour from the car park to the Merlo Lookout for stunning views across the turquoise waters of Collier Bay.

 **Estate Spur and Bolte Bay Tracks – Grade 4**  
Point Mibus or Lakeside – 3 km, 1 hour one way  
Bedrock Creek – 2.2 km, 45 mins one way

From the park office, this track climbs steeply to the top of the hill. Turning east onto Estate Spur, the track is open and undulating, offering expansive views before descending to Point Mibus or Lakeside. For a longer walk, turn west and south down the well-shaded track which descends to Bedrock Creek, and follow Bolte Bay Track to Point Mibus. Return along the lakeshore via Point Mead.

 **Keg Spur and Blowhard Spur Tracks – Grade 4**  
Perfect Cure to High Camp – 1.5km, 30 mins one way  
Perfect Cure to Cook Point – 5km, 1.5 hours one way  
Perfect Cure to School Point – 4.6km, 2 hours one way  
High Camp to Blowhard Summit – 1.7km, 45 mins one way  
Blowhard Summit to Merlo Lookout – 1km, 30 mins one way

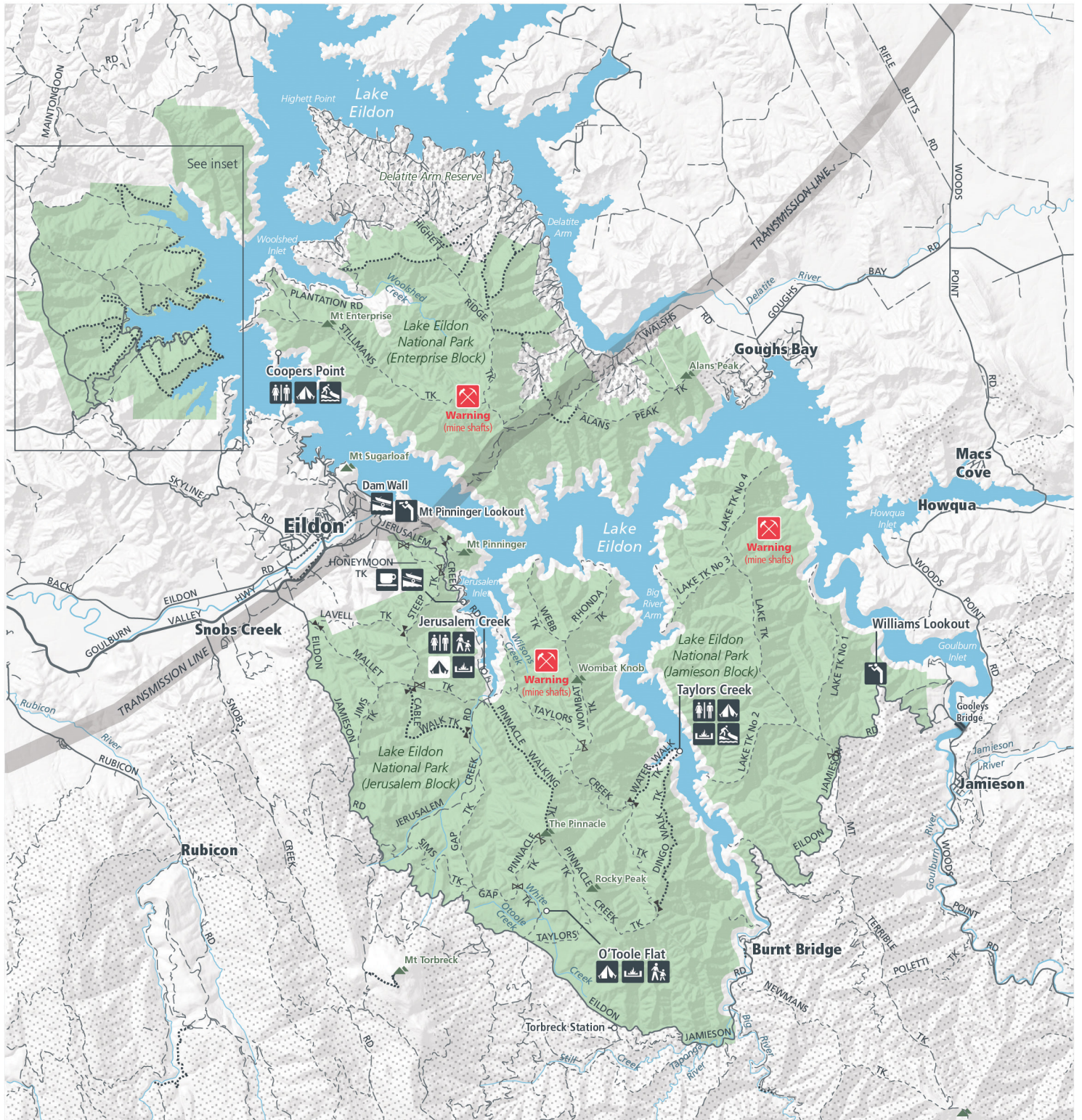
Several challenging walks begin at the Perfect Cure Creek car park, suitable for people with some bushwalking experience. Sections of the tracks are steep and exposed with loose surfaces that can be slippery. Walkers need to self-reliant, carry sufficient water (3 litres recommended for the longer walks), a first aid kit, and be prepared for changing weather conditions.

The walks all begin with a steep climb up the Keg Spur Track to High Camp. For a short walk, return the same way. There are several options for a longer hike, which all start by following the Blowhard Spur Track north east, and on to Blowhard Summit and Merlo Lookout or Point Cook, or to School Point via the Devass Gully Track.

 **Pinnacle Walking Track – Grade 4**  
10km, 4 hours return

From the southern end of the Jerusalem Creek Campground, this track leads up to The Pinnacle for views across the lake. There are some short steep sections, and the track can be slippery in wet weather. Some bushwalking experience is recommended. Walkers

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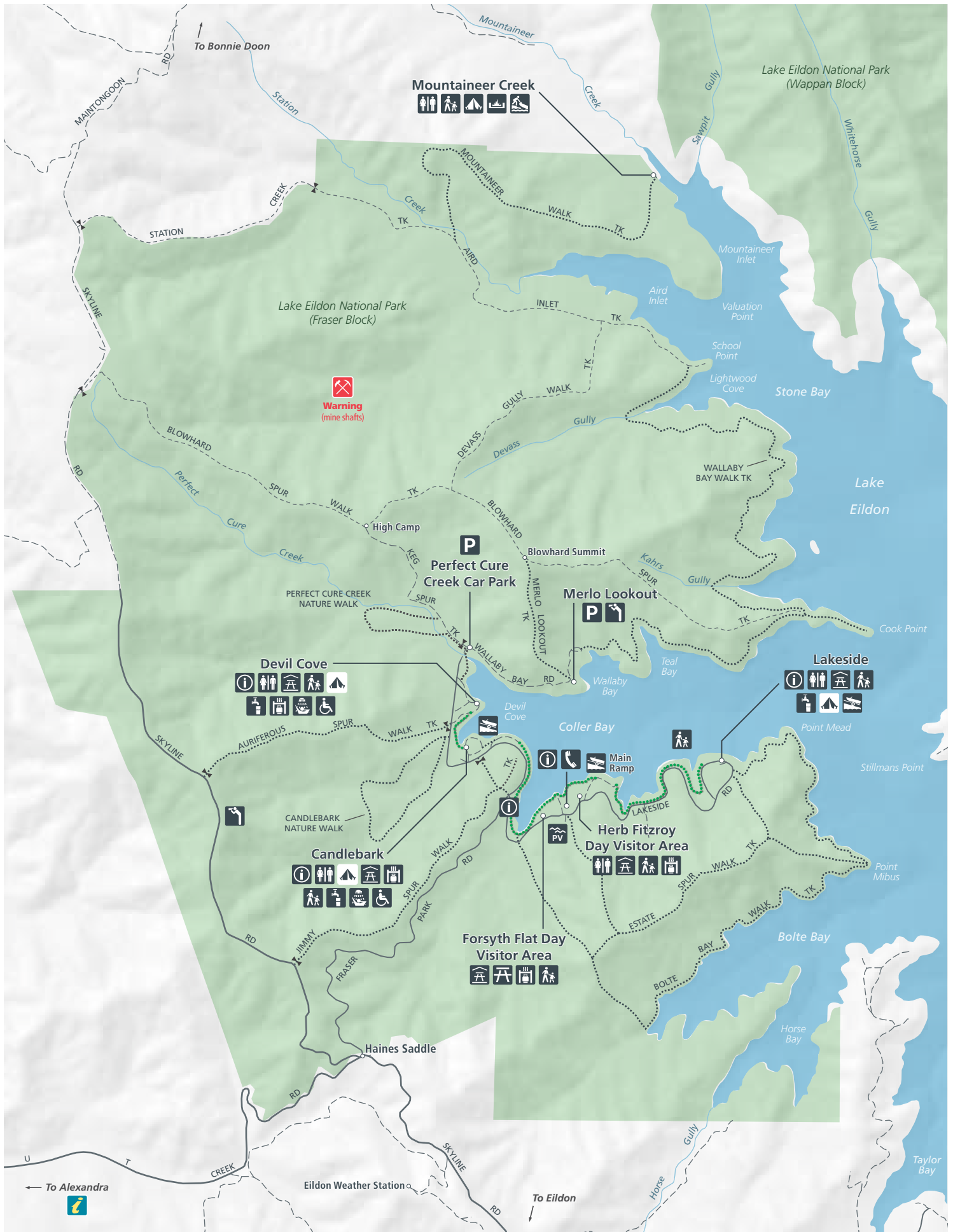
Park information	Fireplace	Showers	4wd track
Toilets	Boat ramp	Mine shafts (warning)	Walking track
Disabled access	Walk in boat access	Gate (management vehicle only)	Collier Bay Walk/Bicycle track
Telephone	Lookout	Gate (seasonal closure)	Lake Eildon National Park
Picnic shelter	Camping	Highway	State Forest
Picnic table	Camping (permit required)	Main road	Softwood plantation
Family walk	Cafe/Store	Sealed road	Waterbody
BBQ (Gas)	Water	Unsealed road	



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need to self-reliant, carry sufficient water, a first aid kit, and be prepared for changing weather conditions. A topographic map and compass or GPS are recommended as track markers are infrequent.

### Swimming

There are many beautiful spots for a swim at the day visitor area areas, campgrounds and along the lakeshore walking tracks.

### Boating and water sports

The lake provides great opportunities for boating, paddling and water skiing. Boats and house boats can be hired from local operators. Boat ramps at the day visitor and camping areas provide access to the lake. Please follow the regulations and guidelines in the *Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook* which can be found at [transportsafety.vic.gov.au](https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au).

### Fishing

Shore and boat-based fishing is a popular activity around the lake with many great spots available. Fish include Murray Cod, Redfin, Carp, Golden Perch, and Brown, Yellow-belly and Rainbow Trout. Fishing requires a Victorian fishing licence, which can be purchased from many local outlets and online from [service.vic.gov.au](https://service.vic.gov.au).

### Camping

Car and boat-based camping opportunities abound within the park. All campsites are unpowered. The Fraser camping area can accommodate tents and some caravans and campervans.

#### Fraser camping area – Lakeside, Candlebark and Devil Cove

Fees apply, and bookings are required via [parks.vic.gov.au/stay](https://parks.vic.gov.au/stay).

**Lakeside** is a beautiful campground on the edge of Lake Eildon, providing panoramic views of Collier Bay. It has toilets, drinking water, picnic tables and a shelter. It is a great spot for motorised boating and watersports enthusiasts. There is a boat ramp below the campground offering access to the lake year-round.

**Candlebark** is a large campground with camp sites close to the edge of the lake surrounded by woodland. It has wheel-chair accessible flushing toilets and hot showers, drinking water, free gas barbecues, shelters and picnic tables. It is an excellent base for walking and for non-motorised water-based activities like canoeing, paddle-boarding and swimming.

The **Devil Cove** camping ground can accommodate tents and some caravans and campervans. It has wheel-chair accessible flushing toilets and hot showers, drinking water, free gas barbecues, shelters and picnic tables. There is no boat ramp, making it best suited for walkers and nature lovers looking to relax. Wake up to the sights and sounds of native birds and grazing kangaroos.

#### Jerusalem Creek camping area

Jerusalem Creek has eight camping areas. Fireplaces and pit toilets are provided. Bring your own drinking water and firewood. Dogs are permitted at this camping area but must be kept on a lead. Fees apply and bookings are required via [parks.vic.gov.au/stay](https://parks.vic.gov.au/stay).

Launch a boat or canoe in Jerusalem Inlet and discover picturesque coves, unexplored swimming holes and the submerged township of Darlingford. Walk up to the Pinnacle, or walk or drive to Foggs Lookout for beautiful views across Lake Eildon.

#### Boat-based camping

Self-sufficient campers can relax and fish at the remote and secluded Taylors Creek, Mountaineer Creek and Coopers Point campgrounds, which can only be accessed by boat or on foot. No bookings or fees apply. Composting toilets are provided at all three campsites. Fireplaces are provided at Taylors Creek and Mountaineer Creek. Bring your own drinking water and firewood.

## Caring for the park



- All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- There is no rubbish collection in the park, please take all your rubbish home with you for recycling and disposal.
- Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the park, except at the Jerusalem Creek Campgrounds where dogs are permitted but must be on a lead at all times.
- Firewood collection is not permitted in the park. Please bring your own firewood or barbecue coals.
- Fires must only be lit in the fireplaces provided that:
  - It is not a day of Total Fire Ban.
  - Never leave the fire unattended. An adult must supervise at all times.
  - Put the fire out with water, not soil. Make sure you have at least 10 litres of water available for immediate use.
  - If the campfire is cool to touch, it is safe to leave.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for its health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.
- Please abide by speed limits within the park, drive safely and watch for wildlife.
- No vehicles, including bicycles, are permitted on walking tracks, except for the Collier Bay Walking and Cycling Track.
- Seasonal road closures apply in the park. Comply with local signs.
- Loud noise can disturb wildlife. Please respect the local wildlife and your fellow campers and keep noise to a minimum.
- Firearms are only permitted in designated areas from the first Saturday after Easter to 30 November for hunting Sambar deer by people who hold a current Game Licence for Deer and a current Firearms Licence. At other times and in other areas of the park, firearms are not permitted. Refer to the *Lake Eildon National Park – Deer Hunting* factsheet for further information.

## Be prepared and stay safe



Phone signals are unreliable in the park. Campers at remote sites and walkers on longer hikes should consider carrying a radio or personal locator beacon and download the free geolocated park map from the Avenza app before leaving home.

Take care when swimming, boating or paddling - deep holes, submerged objects, and currents may not be obvious. Supervise children at all times near water. Avoid camping under or near large trees – branches may fall and swing away from the tree at any time.

### Emergencies

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.

The Jerusalem and Fraser blocks are in the North Central Fire District. The Enterprise and Jamieson blocks are in the North East 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](https://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. Do not enter the Park. If you are already in the Park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Warning signs may be erected but do not expect a personal warning. Check the latest conditions at [parks.vic.gov.au](https://parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.