Werribee River Park

Visitor Guide



Werribee River Park is located on the west bank of the Werribee River and runs through to the mouth of the river at Port Phillip Bay. Complementing the historic Werribee Park, Werribee River Park is a much more natural setting where the park is based on exploring the beauty of the river.



Opening hours

Gates at the entrance to New Farm Road, Werribee are opened daily from 6am to 9pm.

Getting there

Vehicle entry to Werribee River Park, south-west of Melbourne, is from Geelong Road, then River Walk Estate via New Market Road.

Current subdivision development may result in temporary road and access changes. Please follow the detour signs to Farm Road.

Things to see and do

Walking

Upper Escarpment Trail – 2.5km, 35 minutes one way

The Upper Escarpment Trail takes visitors through grassy woodland, currently being revegetated after former grazing use. Revegetation efforts have included several species of acacia and eucalyptus in addition to patches of remnant indigenous saltbush. Keep an eye out for birds of prey such as kites and eagles, which can be seen flying over from the Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Lower Escarpment Loop – 3.8km, 1 hour circuit

This loop provides spectacular views of the floodplains, K Road cliffs and Werribee River, while the You Yangs may be seen over to the west. The lower section, which winds through the Floodplain Riparian Woodland sits within a significant RAMSAR site, a valuable resource to migrating birds.

Werribee Park Trail – 1km, 15 minutes one way

This walk connects Werribee River Park to Werribee Park. A viewing bridge over the Werribee River Estuary provides views of wading birds during low tide, and a spot for fishing during high tide.

Cycling

Cycling is a great way to explore the park. The park includes 6km of shared cycling and walking trails. Please note that cycling is not allowed in Werribee Park, so on crossing the bridge and entering the historic precinct you will be required to obey signs asking you to park or walk your bicycle through the formal gardens.

Picnicking

Situated right next to the majestic Werribee River among some beautiful Red Gums is River Redgum and Woodlands picnic area, a fantastic place to rest and replenish.

Fishing

Drop a line in the Werribee River for a chance to catch a Southern Black Bream throughout the year, or a snapper, flathead or whiting seasonally.

Boat access is from Werribee South boat ramp.

Adults generally require a Victorian Recreation Fishing Licence, available from the Victorian Fisheries Authority online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au, or your local fishing licence outlet.

Canoeing and kayaking

Paddling along the Werribee River is an excellent way to enjoy this scenic park. The best access to the river is from the Werribee South boat ramp.

Plants and animals

The river and wetlands provide habitat for a diversity of waterbirds. The park is part of a RAMSAR site that aims to protect and enhance habitat for migratory birds. Swamp Harrier, Whistling Kite, Musk Duck and Latham's Snipe birds may be seen, along with more common species such as parrots and lorikeets. The threatened Growling Grass Frog has been recorded within the park.

Majestic River Red Gum trees provide shelter and line the upstream section of the river. Large areas of Common Reed occur adjacent to the river, while patches of colourful saltmarsh are present in low lying areas.

Be prepared and stay safe

Werribee River 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, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit within the park.

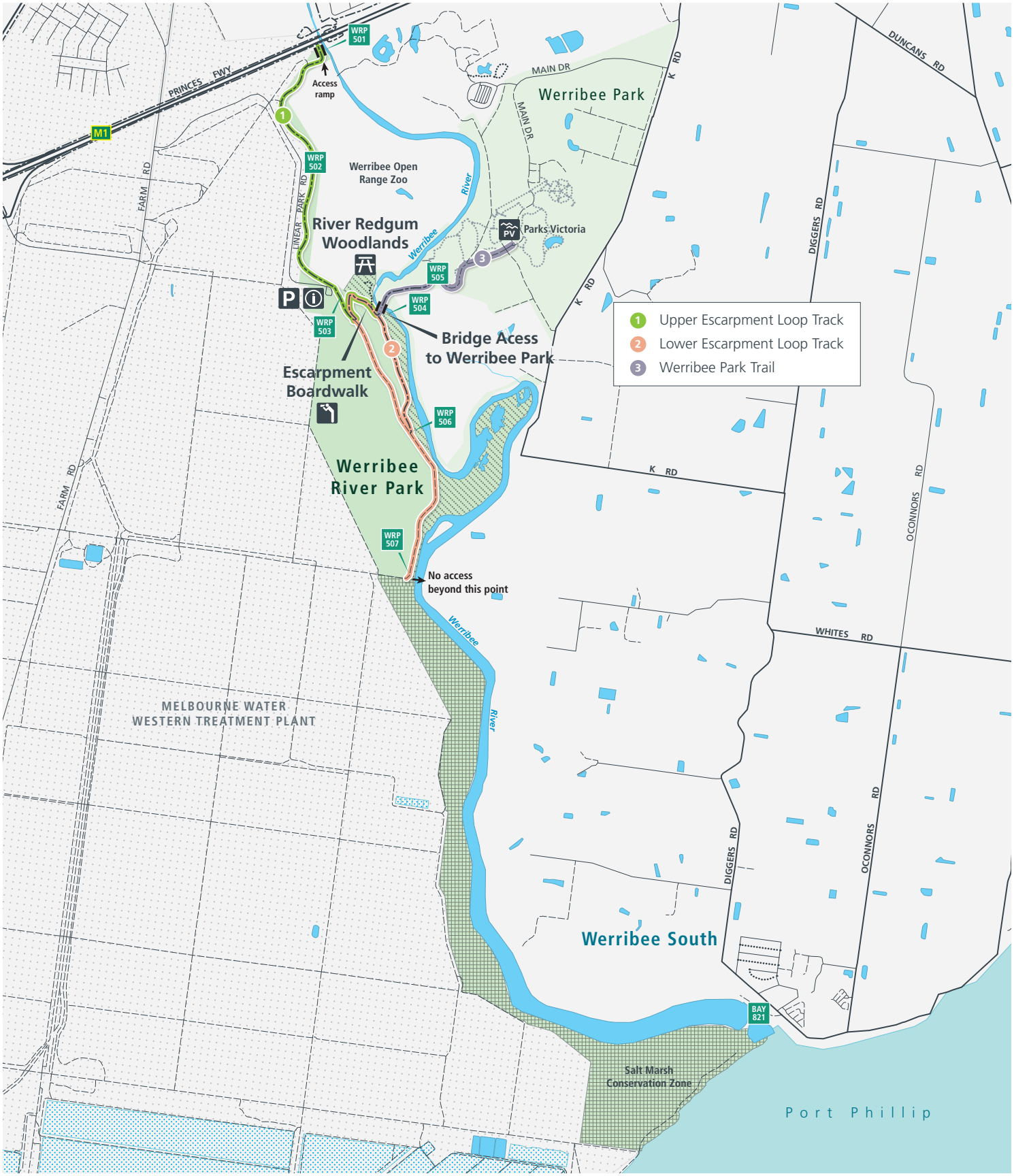
On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

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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Picnic table
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Freeway/highway
Main road
Sealed road
Unsealed road

Walking track
Bridge/ramp

Werribee River Park
Other park/reserve
No public access
Conservation Zone *(dogs prohibited)*

Lake/waterbody
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Water treatement
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