

Westerfolds Park

Visitor Guide



Situated beside the Yarra River in Templestowe, Westerfolds Park, a key component of Melbourne's open space, offers over 120 hectares of recreational and environmental parkland for visitors to experience and enjoy.



Getting there and opening hours

Pedestrian and cyclist access to Westerfolds Park is available at all times. Vehicle entry is available from Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe or Porter Street, Templestowe.

Gates are open 6am to 6pm, extending to 9pm during daylight savings. A 24-hour car park with pedestrian access is available off Fitzsimons Lane.

Things to see and do

Westerfolds Park offers over 120 hectares of parkland perfect for picnicking, cycling, jogging walking and canoeing.

There's an adventure playground for the children.

Walking

The Main Yarra Trail forms part of the 6km of sealed trails throughout the park.

Westerfolds Loop Track – 4.8km, 1.5 hours circuit

This peaceful walk passes the old manor, woodlands and riparian shrubland. You will also walk past the main picnic areas that have toilets, drinking taps, picnic tables and a playground. Look out for ancient Red Gums, as well as kangaroos and wombats who often graze in the open areas in the morning.

Main Yarra Trail – 33km

Popular with walkers, runners and cyclists, this scenic riverside path passes through Westerfolds Park on its way from Melbourne's eastern suburban fringe to the CBD. The section of the trail within Westerfolds Park is part of the 6km of sealed trails located throughout the park.

Viewing platforms, bridges along the Yarra River afford good views of the Yarra River and rapids.

Picnicking

There are several peaceful picnic areas in the park.

The Westerfolds Ridge Picnic Area has barbecues, a picnic shelter, picnic table and a playground nearby.

Red Stringbark Picnic Area has a big picnic shelter with tables underneath. There are woodfired barbecues nearby with wood provided.

Porter Street Picnic Area also has a large picnic pavilion with tables and electric barbecues. There is also an accessible toilet.

Flora and fauna

You can spot plenty of native vegetation and wildlife – Eastern Grey Kangaroos are easily seen at any time in open grasslands. Wombats, sugar gliders, possums, echidnas, snakes can also be seen by quiet walkers.

The plant communities in the park are mainly Grassy Woodlands with River Red Gum and Manna Gums that have survived in small areas of the park.

One threatened bird species seen in Westerfolds Park is the Swift Parrot, which plays a significant role in controlling populations of insects that feast on the leaves of the native trees. Powerful Owls have also been seen in the park.

Canoeing

Try canoeing along the Yarra River and enjoy the views from this different perspective.

The canoe launching area is 60m from the Canoe Launch Carpark, off Fitzsimons Lane.

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.
- Organised events or groups with 100 people or more require a permit from Parks Victoria. Permits detail park regulations and guide appropriate activities.

Be prepared and stay safe

Westerfolds 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 on Total Fire Ban days.

Sections of this park have been identified as high bushfire risk and will be closed for public safety on days of Code Red Fire Danger Rating. 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.