

Parks Victoria Mooring Permit Information

Port Phillip and Western Port

Parks Victoria manages the Local Ports of Port Phillip and Western Port on behalf of all Victorians. To improve safety for all port users, security of vessels and to protect marine habitat all moorings require a permit issued by Parks Victoria prior to installation in accordance with the Port Management (Local Ports) Regulations 2015.

Who needs a permit?

A Mooring Permit is required if:

- You wish to install mooring tackle, for any length of time, within Port Phillip or Western Port, or
- You currently have mooring tackle installed in Port Phillip or Western Port, but do not have a Mooring Permit issued to you by Parks Victoria.

Mooring Permits are renewed every 12 months if you comply with the terms and conditions. Not complying with permit conditions may result in cancellation of your permit.

An alternative to annual moorings are the limited number of seasonal moorings available for hire in Port Phillip. For more information visit parks.vic.gov.au/water-management/moorings-and-berths/port-philip-seasonal-moorings

Where can mooring tackle be installed?

Set-aside determinations where mooring installations are permitted exist within the Local Port of Port Phillip and Western Port. There are 42 mooring ground areas within Port Phillip and 24 within Western Port.

To find a mooring ground that suits you, please visit parks.vic.gov.au/water-management/moorings-and-berths.

How do I choose a suitable position for mooring tackle?

Applicants should engage an Authorised Mooring Contractor to identify a suitable location for the mooring installation prior to applying for a Mooring Permit.

The Authorised Mooring Contractor will:

- Assess your proposed site,
- Provide proposed GPS coordinates for the installation, and
- Determine mooring tackle specifications for your nominated vessel at your proposed location.

The maximum vessel length for moorings is 15 metres.

A list of Authorised Mooring Contractors can be found by visiting parks.vic.gov.au/water-management/moorings-and-berths/annual-moorings.

How do I apply for a permit?

To apply for a recreational permit, a Mooring Permit application from parks.vic.gov.au must be completed and submitted to moorings@parks.vic.gov.au for approval.

The application must include proof of ownership of the nominated vessel and if required, a Standard Identification Buoy Order.

What fees apply?

Fees apply for the issuing of permits and the annual management of moorings. All associated fees can be found on the *Fees and charges schedule* at parks.vic.gov.au/about-us/fees-and-charges.



When can mooring tackle be installed?

Once the Mooring Permit application is approved and payment of fees have been received, you will be issued a Mooring Permit.

Mooring tackle cannot be installed by an Authorised Mooring Contractor until the Mooring Permit has been issued.

The permit holder must supply a current and compliant Mooring Report and Mooring Condition Report to Parks Victoria, completed by an Authorised Mooring Contractor, for the installation of the mooring tackle within 28 days of installation of the mooring.

When can I put my vessel on the mooring?

The mooring permit holder can choose if and when they wish to moor their vessel on their mooring, throughout the duration of the Mooring Permit. It is not a requirement that the vessel occupy the mooring at all times. Mooring permit holders should consider removing vessels from moorings if adverse weather conditions are forecasted.

When does the mooring tackle require inspection?

All mooring tackle must be inspected by an Authorised Mooring Contractor every 12 months. A compliant Mooring Report from the inspection must be submitted to Parks Victoria.

Mooring Permit holders are encouraged to contact an Authorised Mooring Contractor at least 6 weeks prior to the mooring tackle inspection due date to ensure the inspection can be conducted on time.

Where can I find more information?

For more information on Mooring Permits or the application process, go to parks.vic.gov.au/water-management/moorings-and-berths/annual-moorings or email moorings@parks.vic.gov.au