

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.

Access to the park

Pedestrian and cyclist access to Westerfolds Park is available at all times. Vehicle entry is available from:

Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe (Melway 33 G2); or Porter Street, Templestowe (Melway 33 F3). 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.

Dogs are permitted in the park but must be kept on a leash at all times.

Facilities & activities

There are several electric and wood barbecues (wood provided), picnic tables and shelters available at various locations in the park. Fires are permitted only in the barbecues provided, and you are welcome to bring your own small gas barbecue.

Westerfolds Park has three toilet blocks that are all wheelchair accessible.

An adventure playground is available for the children.

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

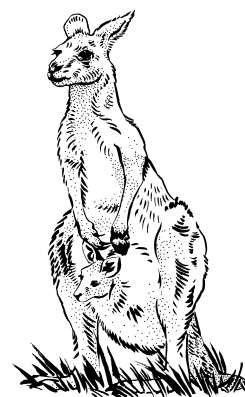
Try canoeing along the Yarra River and enjoy the view of the rapids from the Main Yarra Trail.

Visit the 'Manor', now home to the Mia Mia Gallery and Café.

History

Before European settlement the whole Yarra Valley area was part of the Wurundjeri tribe territory. In 1847 the area which is now Westerfolds Park was purchased from the Crown.

In the early 130s the Turner Family bought the land and built the 'Manor' in 1936. By the 1950s the growing population had pushed most of the large-scale farmers and orchardists out of the surrounding area, but residential and industrial development did not occur mainly because of the threat of flooding. In the 1970s plans to create a residential estate were strongly opposed by the community and the state government purchased the land in 1973; to meet the growing need for public open space. The park was officially opened in November 1984.



Kangaroo and joey © MT

Flora & fauna

The vegetation communities in the park are mainly Grassy Woodlands of River Red Gum and Manna Gum 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 the populations of native insects that feast on the leaves of the native trees. The Powerful Owl has been seen in the park. Westerfolds Park is home to a resident population of Eastern Grey Kangaroos.

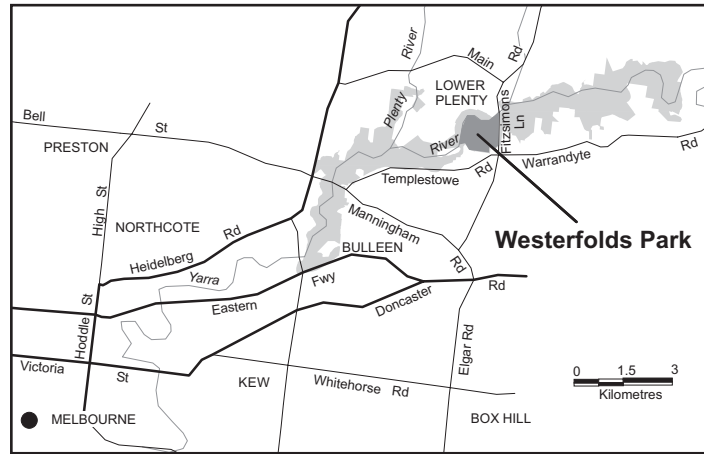
Groups

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

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by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish away with
you for recycling & disposal

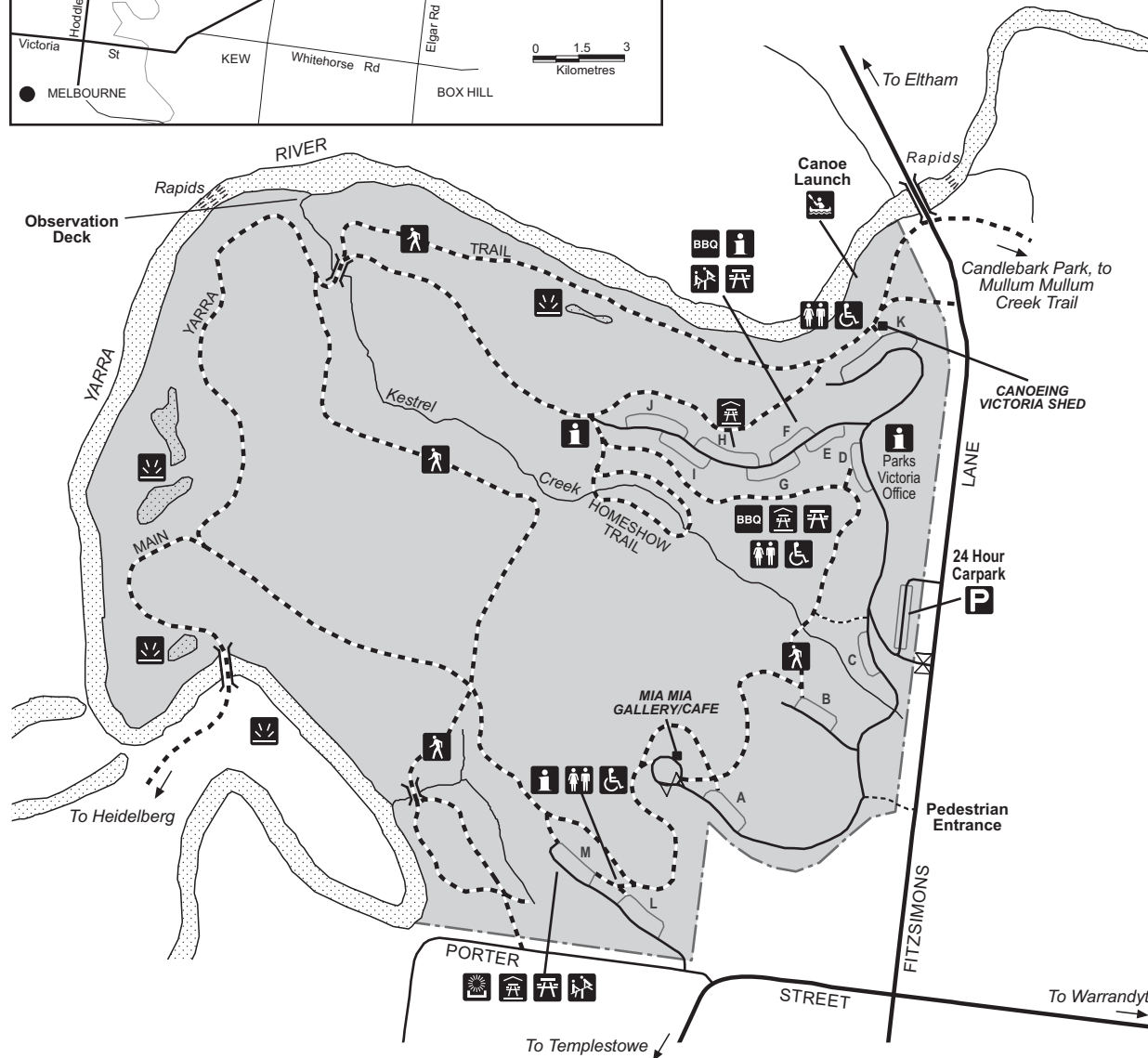
All native plants & animals
are protected by law.

Please do not disturb them
in any way

Dogs are permitted in the park
but must be kept on a leash at
all times

Portable gas barbeques are
allowed

No fires, including barbeques,
may be lit on a day of Total Fire
Ban

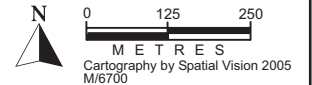


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- Park Area
- Major sealed road
- Minor sealed road
- Walking track
- Shared cycle / walk track
- Gate
- Bridge

Recreational Facilities

- Barbecue - Electric
- Barbecue - Wood
- Canoe launch ramp
- Carpark
- Park information
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Toilets
- Disabled access toilets
- Wetland



CAR ACCESS & PARKING

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| A Overview | H Red Stringybark |
| B Wattlevie | I Manna Gum |
| C Kestrel Creek | J Yellow Box |
| D Melaleuca | K River |
| E Red Gum | L Blackwood |
| F Red Box | M Porter Street |
| G Swamp Gum | |

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