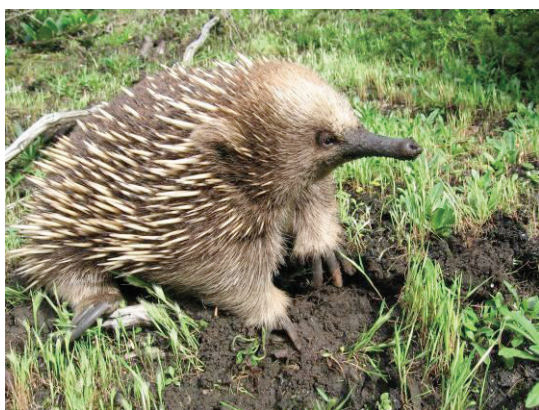


# Lake Eildon National Park



## 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 waterskiing. Relax in a scenic environment and experience native wildlife.



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## Enjoying the park

### Camping

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

Camping fees apply to Fraser and Jerusalem Creek camping areas. Bookings are required and can be made at [www.parkstay.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkstay.vic.gov.au). Refer to Camping Area maps on the website.

#### *Fraser camping area - Lakeside, Candlebark and Devil Cove*

Visitor facilities include toilets, hot showers, free gas barbecues, shelters and picnic areas.

There are excellent concrete boat ramps within the camping area that have been positioned at different water levels (down to 10% of capacity) to ensure maximum lake access year round.

#### *Jerusalem Creek camping area*

Jerusalem Creek has eight camping areas. Fireplaces and pit toilets are provided. Bring your own drinking water. Dogs under control are permitted only at Jerusalem Creek camping area.

#### *Boat-based camping*

Remote style camping can be accessed by foot or boat at Taylor's Creek, Mountaineer Creek and Coopers Point. Facilities include composting toilets and fireplaces at Taylor's Creek and Mountaineer Inlet. Camp fees do not apply for boat based camping.

For more information call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

### Picnicking

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.

### Water Sports

The lake provides great opportunities for fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking and water skiing. The day visitor and camping areas provide access to the lake.

### Walking

Walking is one of the best ways to explore the park and opportunities abound 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 longer 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. Refer to the map.

#### ***Candlebark (2km) and Perfect Cure Creek (1.5km) Nature Walks***

These short, self-guided trails will each take around one hour and introduce you to the park's natural features and history.

#### ***Coller Bay Walking and Cycling Track***

- 3.5km, 45 minutes one way

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

#### ***Wallaby Bay Walk Track***

Cook Point - 2.5km, 40 minutes one way

School Point - 7km, 2 hours one way

This easy walk begins at Wallaby Bay car park. The undulating shaded track follows the lake shore to Cook and School Points.

#### ***Cook Point and School Points via Keg Spur and High Camp***

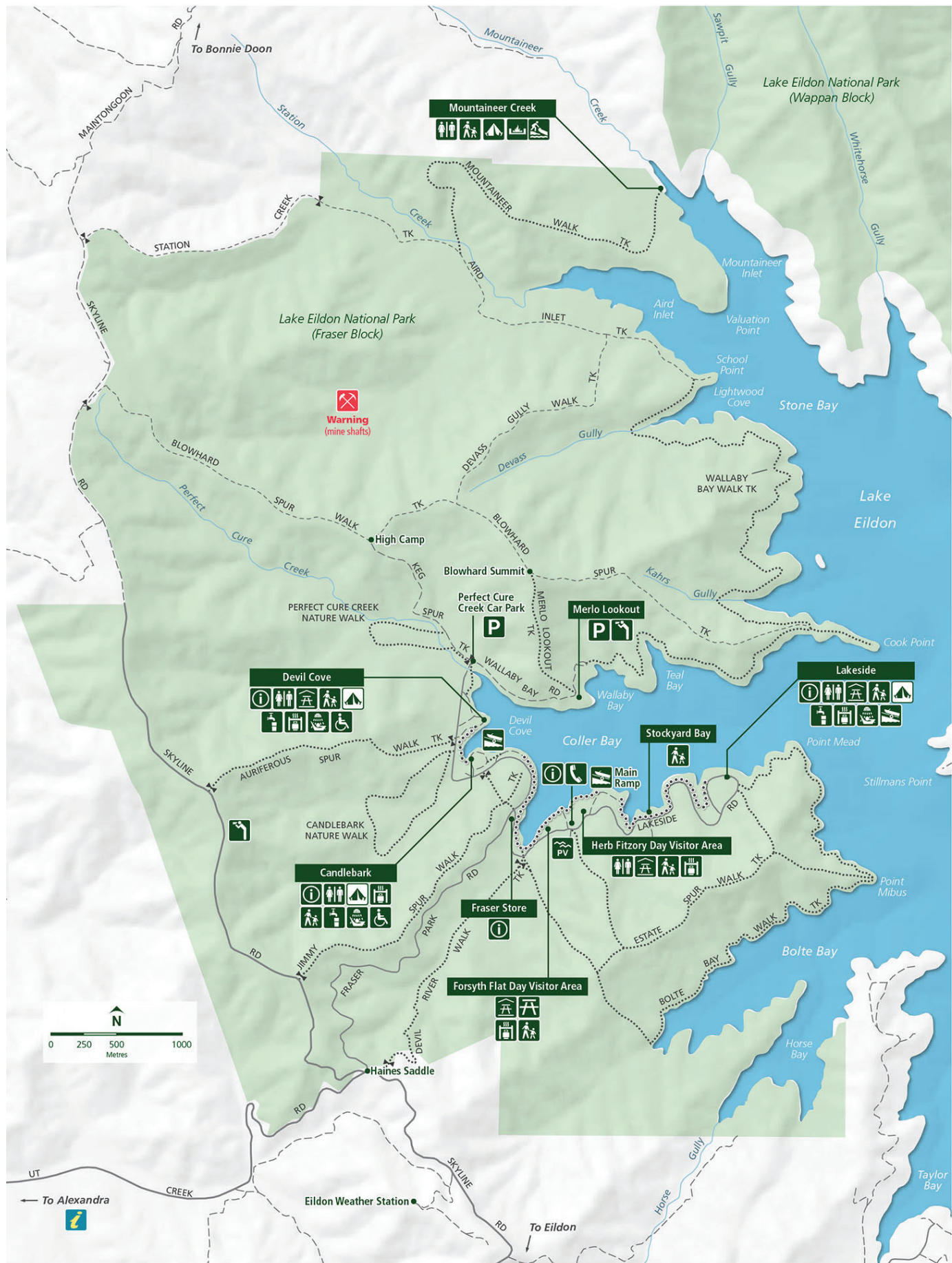
Cook Point - 5km, 1.5 hours one way

School Point - 4.6km, 2 hours one way

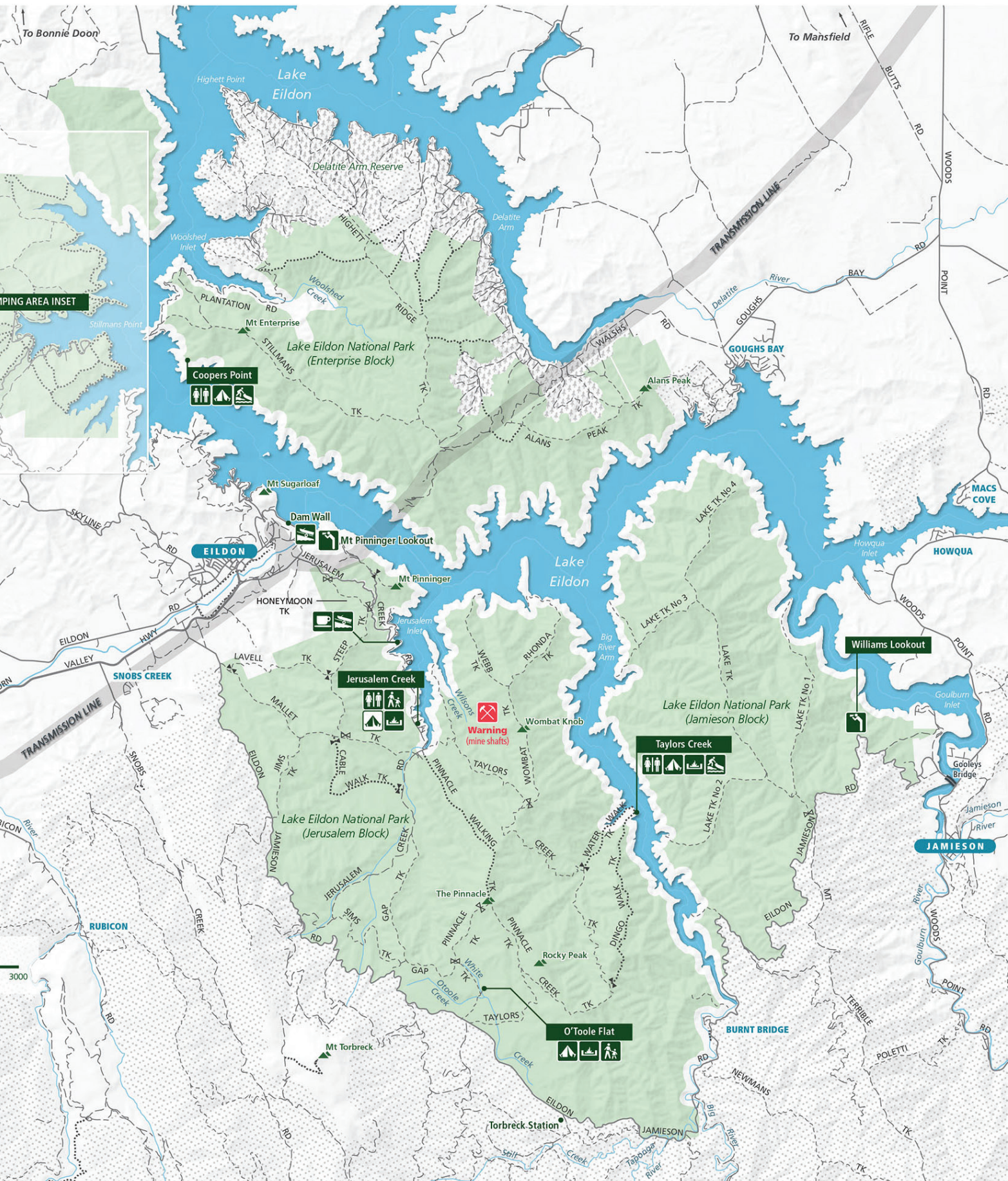
These walks begin at Perfect Cure Creek car park and follow Keg Spur Track with an initial steep climb to High Camp and Blowhard Spur Track.



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|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Park information | Picnic shelter | Fireplace           | Camping                   | Showers               | Gate (management vehicle only) | Highway       |
| Toilets          | Picnic table   | Boat ramp           | Camping (permit required) | Mine shafts (warning) | Gate (seasonal closure)        | Main road     |
| Disabled access  | Family walk    | Walk in boat access | Cafe/Store                |                       |                                | Sealed road   |
| Telephone        | BBQ (Gas)      | Lookout             | Water                     |                       |                                | Unsealed road |



- 4WD track
- ..... Walking track
- ..... Collier Bay
- ..... Walk/Bicycle track
- Lake Eildon National Park
- State Forest
- Softwood plantation
- Waterbody

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## For further information

Call Parks Victoria on **13 1963**  
or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

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Tel: 03 5772 1100

## Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park  
by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish with you for  
recycling or disposal

Fires may only be lit in fireplaces  
provided. No fires may be lit on a  
day of **Total Fire Ban**. Built in or  
portable gas and electric  
barbecues may be used provided:

- a 3 metre area is cleared of anything flammable
- at least 10 litres of water is available for immediate use
- an adult is in attendance at all times

**All camping areas in the Fraser, Jerusalem and Jamieson blocks of the national park are in the North Central Total Fire Ban District.**

The Enterprise block of the national park is in the North East Total Fire Ban District

**It is your responsibility to know if it is a day of Total Fire Ban.** If in doubt call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667**

**Park closures** - Be prepared to leave early as **extreme weather may cause the closure of some park areas** for public safety

Dogs are permitted only at the Jerusalem Creek camping area.

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in other areas

All native plants and animals are protected by law

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except during the hunting season when licensed hunters may carry firearms for hunting Sambar deer in the Jamieson Block and the eastern half of the Jerusalem block

Vehicles, including motorbikes must only be driven on formed roads open to the public

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## Blowhard Spur Track

Perfect Cure Creek car park to High Camp  
- 1.5km, 30 minutes one way

Blowhard Summit - 3km, 1hr one way

Merlo's Lookout Track to Blowhard Summit  
- 1km, 30 minutes one way

A steep climb up Blowhard Spur Track provides excellent views of the lake and surrounding bushland and hills from some of the parks highest points at Blowhard Summit and High Camp.

## Devil River Track to Skyline Road

2.8km, 1hr one way

This delightful forest walk winds through a moist gully and follows the old park entrance road.

## Estate Spur Track

Point Mibus or Lakeside - 3 km, 1 hour one way

Bedrock Creek - 2.2 km, 45 minutes one way

From the park office, the track climbs steeply to the top of the hill and intersects the main spur. To the left, the track is open and undulating giving expansive views and descends to Point Mibus or Lakeside. To the right, the track becomes well shaded and descends to Bedrock Creek and Bolte Bay Track. Return along Bolte Bay Track for a pleasant lake walk.

## Bike riding

Coller Bay walking and bike riding track links the three campgrounds. Cycling is only permitted on roads and vehicle tracks throughout the remainder of the park.



## A rich history

The traditional homeland of the Taungurung people extends across the land on which Lake Eildon National Park now exists. These areas, rich and diverse in plant and animal life, have been gathering, ceremonial and camp sites for thousands of years. Many cultural sites and spiritual links remain today.

The original Sugarloaf Dam was built in 1927 to provide irrigation water to farmers in the Goulburn Valley. In 1955 the wall was extended and the Goulburn and Delatite Rivers were flooded to create Lake Eildon.

Lake Eildon's western shore was declared as Fraser National Park in 1957 and in 1980 the forest to the south and north was declared as Eildon State Park. The two parks were joined in June 1997 to create the 26,670 ha Lake Eildon National Park.

## A haven for plants and animals

The park is home to a diversity of wildlife including, kangaroos, koalas, wombats and echidnas.

Birdwatchers will discover Kookaburras, Rosellas, Wedge-tailed Eagles, King Parrots and a variety of water birds.

During spring the orchids and wildflowers are prolific on the hillsides, beside the tracks and around the lake edge. Look out for Nodding Greenhoods, Spider Orchids, Early Nancy and a range of "pea" flowers.

## Be fire ready and stay safe

**On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.**

If you are already in the park you should leave the night before or early in the morning for your safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol where possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling **13 1963** or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au).

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667**.

## Location and access

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.

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