

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 water skiing. Relax in a scenic environment and experience native wildlife.



Getting there

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.

Things to see and do

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 long 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.

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, 45mins 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 mins one way

School Point – 7km, 2 hrs 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.

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.

Picnics

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.

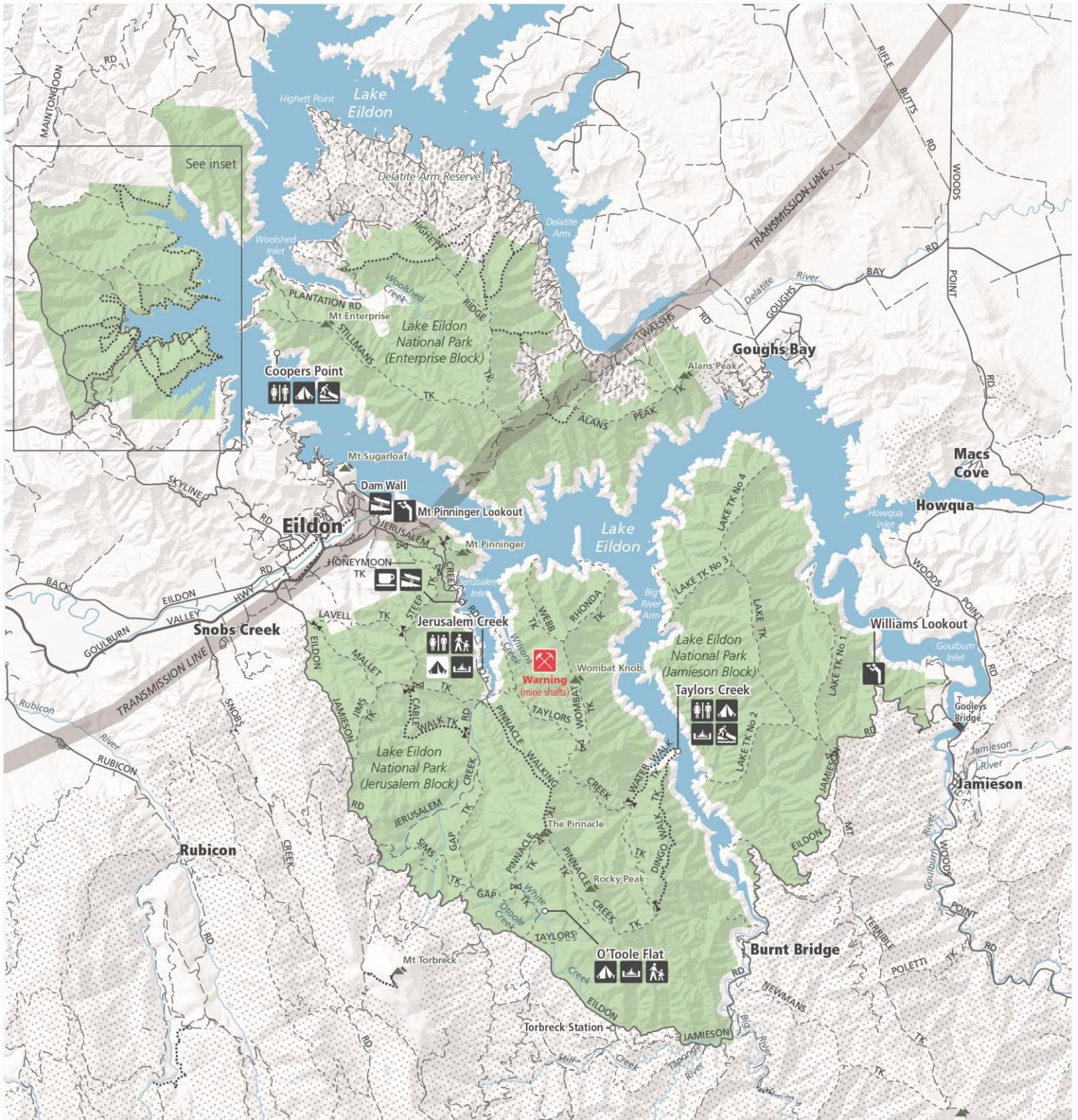
Water sports

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

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.

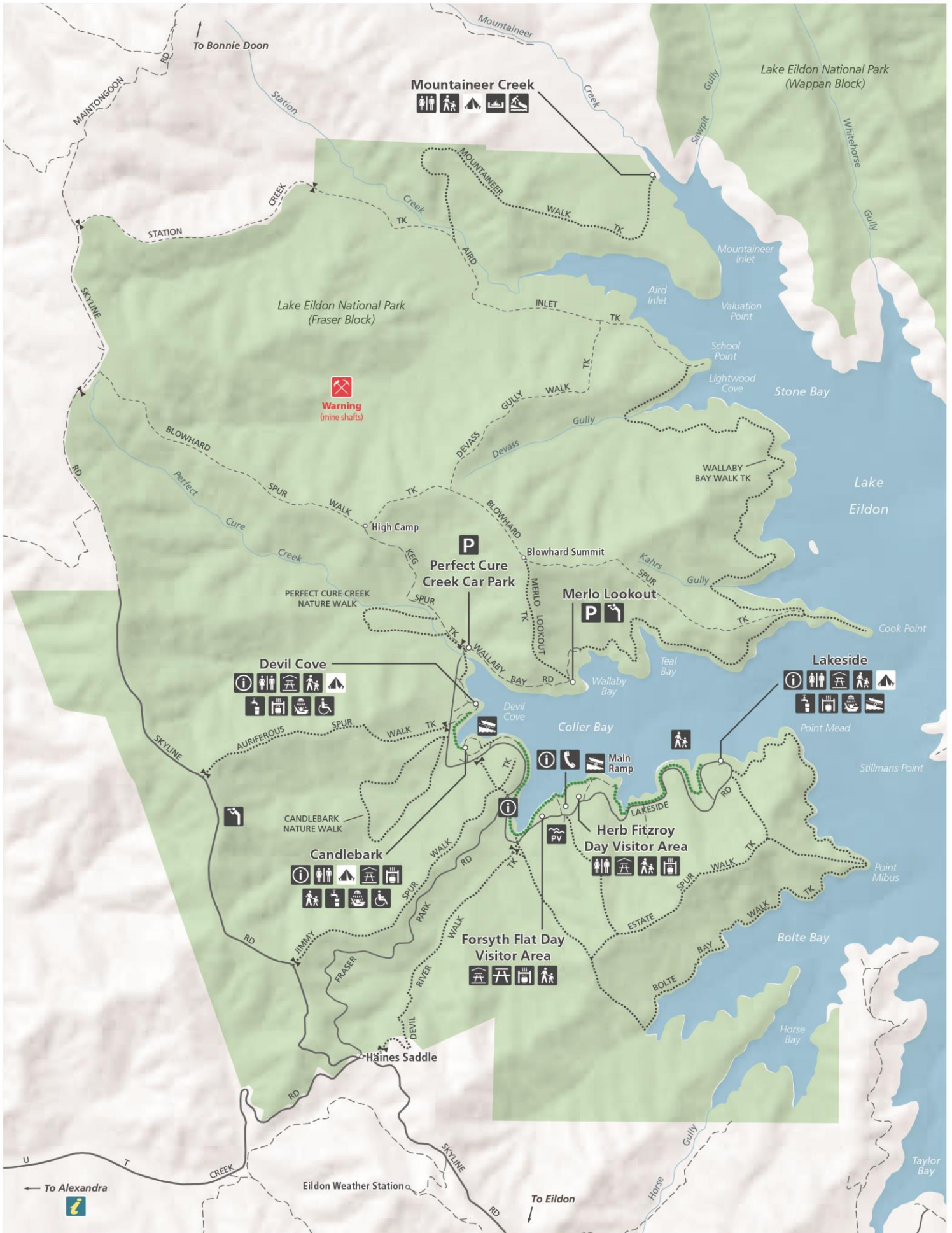
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| Park information | Fireplace | Showers | 4wd track |
| Toilets | Boat ramp | Mine shafts (warning) | Walking track |
| Disabled access | Walk in boat access | Gate (management vehicle only) | Coller Bay Walk/Bicycle track |
| Telephone | Lookout | Gate (seasonal closure) | Lake Eildon National Park |
| Picnic shelter | Camping | Highway | State Forest |
| Picnic table | Camping (permit required) | Main road | Softwood plantation |
| Family walk | Cafe/Store | Sealed road | Waterbody |
| BBQ (Gas) | Water | Unsealed road | |



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Camping

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

Camping fees apply throughout the year. Bookings are required and can be made at www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay.

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.

Facilities

Lake Eildon National Park spreads over nearly 28,000ha and has eight campgrounds that vary from boat-access only sites with basic facilities, such as Coopers Point, to full-amenities campground, such as Lakeside. Lakeside Campground boasts flushing toilets, hot showers, free gas barbecues, shelters, picnic areas and boat launching facilities.

There are also two day visitor areas – Forsyth Flat and Herb Fitzroy. Both have picnic tables and shelters and free gas barbecues.

Be prepared and stay safe

Lake Eildon National Park is in the North 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.vic.emergency.gov.au. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. 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.