

# Non-powered watercraft

## Devilbend Nature Features Reserve

Devilbend Reservoir provides valuable inland habitat for many water birds. Following community consultation, Parks Victoria will allow non-powered watercraft, such as kayaks and canoes, to use a thirty-three hectare section in Devilbend Reservoir.

### Watercraft

A designated zone of thirty-three hectares, located in the northern arm of Devilbend Reservoir, has been set aside for non-powered watercraft. Please value the importance of the birdlife in the area and respect the Code of Conduct.

This includes canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and windsurfers. Yellow buoys and signs mark the watercraft zone.

Two launch facilities are available by walking along the Western Shoreline Trail. The first is approximately 240 metres from the picnic ground and car park.

### Code of Conduct

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1. All watercraft need to comply with the Victorian Recreational boating safety guidelines.
2. Water users must stay within the designated watercraft zone.
3. Care for the waterbirds by observing from a distance.
4. Respect the rights of other park users.
5. Protect the environment that you paddle in and take your rubbish home.

### Minimum safety equipment - lifejackets

Under Marine Safety Regulations in Victoria you must always wear a lifejacket in accordance to the latest Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook. For human powered vessels type 1, 2 or 3 lifejackets must be worn.

### Fishing

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve has been stocked with Rainbow and Brown Trout and Estuary Perch by the Victorian Fisheries Authority. Fishing is only permitted within designated shoreline fishing zones and non-powered watercraft zone. All require a recreational fishing licence. Fishing is permitted in Bittern Reservoir within designated fishing areas.

### Birdlife

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is of high conservation significance and the 243 hectare Devilbend Reservoir is recognised as an Important Bird Area. This means it is an area recognised by BirdLife International as being globally important for the conservation of bird populations, supporting over 1% of the global population of the Blue-billed Duck which is listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. There have been 158 bird species recorded in the area, including 14 international migratory birds.

Keep an eye out for the majestic White-bellied Sea Eagle.



Blue-billed Duck

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### Be prepared and stay safe

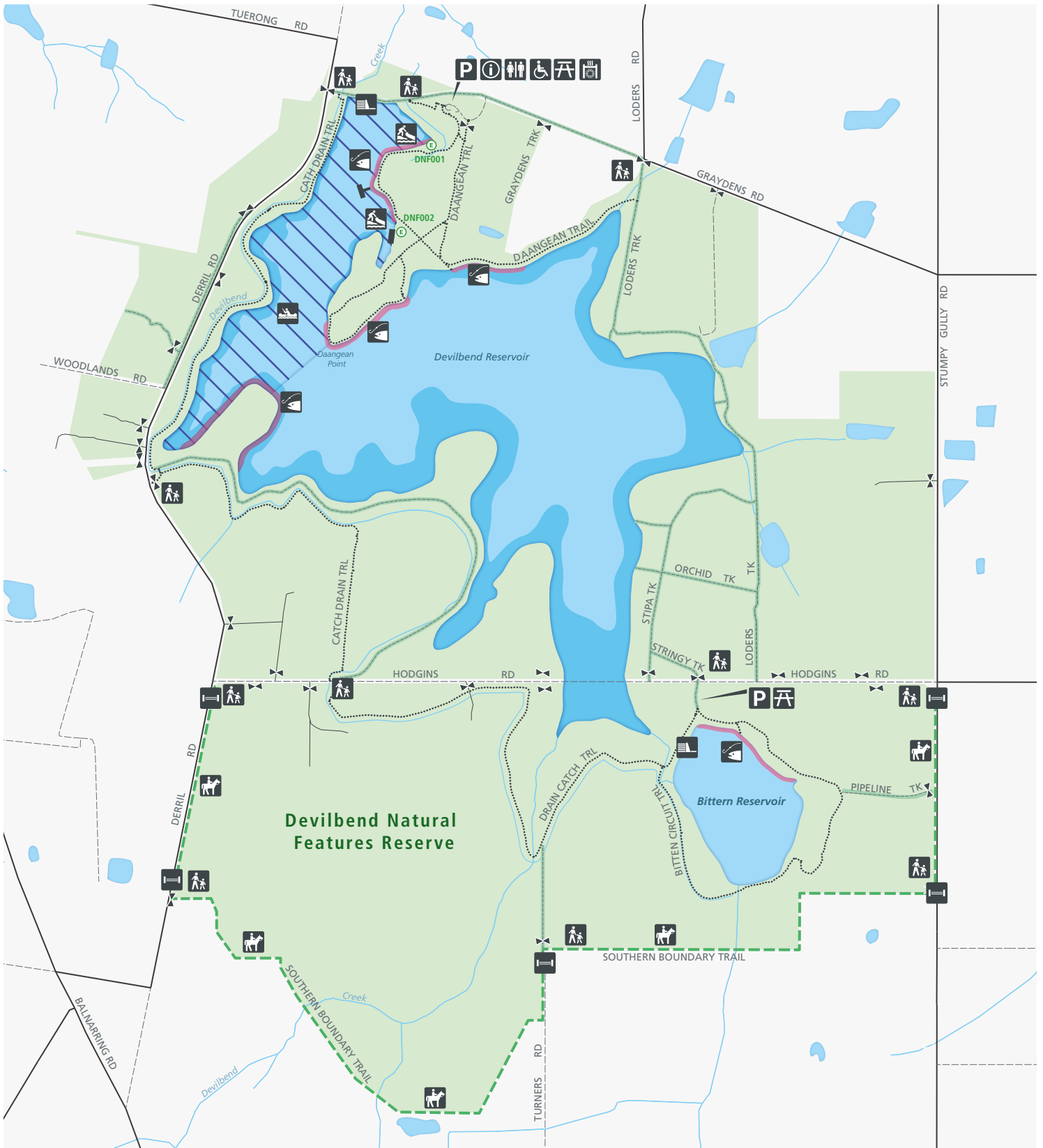
Devilbend Natural Features Reserve is in the Central Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions.

For updated information on Fire Danger ratings or general safety advice please call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667, listen to a local ABC/ACE radio station or visit [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au).

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs may be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://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.

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| Parking         | Fishing zone      | Pedestrian access | Unsealed road           | Waterbody     |
| Information     | Electric BBQ      | ESTA marker       | Main road               | Canoeing area |
| Toilets         | Watercraft launch | Gate              | Walking track           | Devilbend NFR |
| Picnic table    | Canoeing area     | Fishing platform  | Equestrian trail        | Fishing zone  |
| Disabled access | Horse riding      | Fishing pontoon   | Management vehicle only |               |
| Dam wall        | Cavaletti         |                   |                         |               |

