

Karkarook Park

Visitor Guide



Karkarook Park is 40 hectares of recreational and environmental oasis for the community to enjoy. It is revegetated with indigenous plants and features wetlands, which improve water quality by filtering storm water, before it flows into Port Phillip. The 15-hectare lake was previously a sand mine, but now provides a home for many water birds as well as opportunities to fish, sail or paddle. Visitors can enjoy walking tracks, picnic facilities and a lake lookout.



Opening hours

The vehicle gates to the park are open between dawn and dusk all year round. Pedestrian access is always available.

Getting there

Karkarook Park is located on the corner of Warrigal Rd and Fairchild St Moorabbin, nestled amongst an industrial and commercial hub.

Things to see and do

Walking

Get active and walk, jog or run around the 6km of trails in the park. Reduce your stress levels and get in touch with nature, watch the sun set across the lake from the pier or see how many different birds you can spot.



Wetlands Trail – 1.4km

The Wetlands Trail of Karkarook Park runs around the perimeter and through the centre of the wetlands. This is a great walk to observe the local birdlife. Watch out for the signs along the way, there is lots of useful information to describe the wetland function and the storm water sediment ponds.

On the eastern side of the lake, the trail runs through the wetlands. Become immersed within the natural environment, as you observe the local birdlife going about their day.



Lake Trail – 2.0km circuit

The Lake Trail goes all the way around the lake. It's a shared trail for walkers, cyclists, joggers and dogs on leads. It's a great walk to explore the park.

There are two small jetties along the trail - a good spot to drop a line and try your luck fishing. Bird watchers can enjoy many viewing opportunities.

Picnicking

The Dragon Fly and She-oak picnic grounds are the perfect spot for a barbecue picnic with friends and family. You will find free electric barbecues, picnic tables and shelters, toilets and a playground.

Boating

Non-powered vessels including canoes, kayaks and single-hulled sailboats (under five metres) are permitted on the lake.

Cycling

Explore the park on two wheels. Cycling the shared trails is a great way for everybody to enjoy all the park has to offer.

History

The area around Karkarook would have been a rich source of food for Aboriginal people. "Karkarook" is an Aboriginal term meaning "a sandy place." After European settlement, Karkarook was used for flood retarding, market gardens and horse agistment. Through a partnership between Parks Victoria, Boral, Readymix and the community, the area was mined for sand, then transformed into the beautiful park you see today.

Caring for the park

Help us look after the park by following these guidelines:

- Take all rubbish home with you.
- Dogs are permitted in the park, please observe relevant regulations.
- All native plants and animals are protected.

Be prepared and stay safe

Snakes live in this park, be aware and keep your distance.

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. Karkarook Park 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. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. Fires, charcoal and solid fuel barbecues are not permitted at any time.

Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963

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| Parking | Boat ramp (non-powered vessels only) | Karkarook Access Road | Managed by Parks Victoria |
| Coach parking | Jetty | Main road | Wetlands |
| Information | Boardwalk | Sealed road | Dogs off-lead area |
| Toilets | Shared Path | Shared path | Restricted area |
| Sheltered area | Park entrance | Bridge | Parking area |
| Electric barbecue | Park exit | No sailing | No boating area |
| Lookout | ESTA emergency marker | No canoeing | Fishing zone |
| Playground | | | |

