

# Enfield State Park

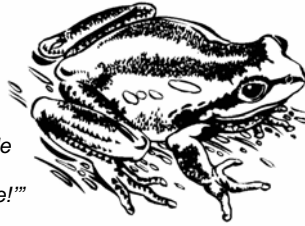


## Visitor Guide

This park is an important haven for wildlife, but during the Gold Rushes the peaceful landscape was dominated by tents and diggers from around the world. The digger's lifestyles are often reflected in local place names like Misery Creek and Surface Point. Surface Point was a Chinese settlement in the 1860s, and there are still relics to be found there, including round mine shafts and a memorial.

### Southern Brown Tree Frog

"Nature, in her blind search for life, has filled every possible cranny of earth with some fantastic creature!"  
Joseph Wood Krutch



area as you found it. *Relics are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.*



### Wildflowers and wildlife

**Trees:** The open forest of the park supports a number of different types of eucalyptus including Messmate, Broad-leaved Peppermint, Narrow-leaved Peppermint, Swamp Gum, Manna Gum and the rare Yarra Gum.

**Wildflowers:** Spring is the best time to view the colourful and unusual ground flora, including 61 species of orchids, and the endemic Enfield Grevillea. The vegetation is recovering from a major wildfire in February 1995.

**Birds:** Around 100 bird species have been recorded in the park. Common birds include kookaburras, Grey Currawongs, Boobook Owls, Crimson Rosellas and the Superb Fairy – wrens.

**Mammals:** The Park has 22 native mammal species. These include the Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Swamp Wallaby, echidnas and Koalas. Several species of possums, bats and antechinus also occur in the park but are generally only active at night.

**Frogs:** Frogs are common in the park and can be heard calling at night. Some that you may hear are the Common Froglet, Victorian Smooth Froglet and Southern Brown Tree Frog.

## Enjoying the park

Enfield State Park holds remnants of a rich goldmining history and offers a wide range of activities for visitors.



### Picnics

Picnic and toilet facilities are available at Surface Point Picnic Area and at the Enfield Township. Bring your own firewood as it is not always available locally.



### Exploring on foot

The park features a large circuit walking track with side tracks to Enfield and Bald Hills. Walkers with some navigational experience will enjoy tracks that go through a variety of bush types and terrain. The Searle's Loop Walk from the Enfield Township picnic area passes through mining relics and different vegetation and will take around 40 minutes to complete at an easy pace.

**Warning: There are deep mine shafts in the area - avoid walking off track.**



### Camping

There are basic facilities at Surface Point. Bush camping is permitted in other areas. *Remember that fires may only be lit in fireplaces provided.*



### Horse riding

Many tracks in Enfield State Park and the surrounding Enfield State Forest provide an attractive setting for horse riding. Horses may only be ridden on formed vehicle tracks open for public use except walking tracks where signs indicate no horses.



### Fossicking

Nearly half of the park is available for fossicking or panning for gold along Misery Creek. Remember to fill any holes made and leave the

## Caring for Country

Through their rich culture Aboriginal people have been continually connected to Country – including the area now known as Enfield State Park – for tens of thousands of years.

Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas.

## Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. 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 own safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol when 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.



## Enfield State Park

- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD, Horse, Trail & Mountain Bike track
- Management Vehicles Only track
- Walking track

- Enfield State Park
- State Forest
- Other Reserves
- Water body
- Seasonal Road Closure Gate
- Fossicking Area

A 20 metre strip either side of Mount Misery Creek is included in the area available for fossicking

- Camping
- Fireplace
- Picnic table
- Toilets



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## Drinking Water

Be self-sufficient and carry water in, and/or know how to make untreated water safe for drinking.

## Mobile Phones

You may not be in network range in some areas of the park. To be connected to Police, Ambulance or CFA, key in **112** then press the

### For further information

Parks Victoria  
Information Centre  
Call **13 1963**  
or visit the website  
[www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)

Parks Victoria Office &  
Landcare Centre  
Tel: 13 1963

Ballarat  
Visitor Information Centre  
39 Sturt St  
Ballarat 3350  
Toll Free: 1800 648 450

**Miners Rights**  
Department of Sustainability  
& Environment  
Information Centre  
Level 2, State  
Government Offices  
Cnr Mair and Doveton Sts  
Ballarat 3350  
Tel: (03) 5336 6856  
8.30 am-4.30 pm Mon - Fri

### Caring for the environment

Help us care for our parks and reserves by remembering these guidelines:

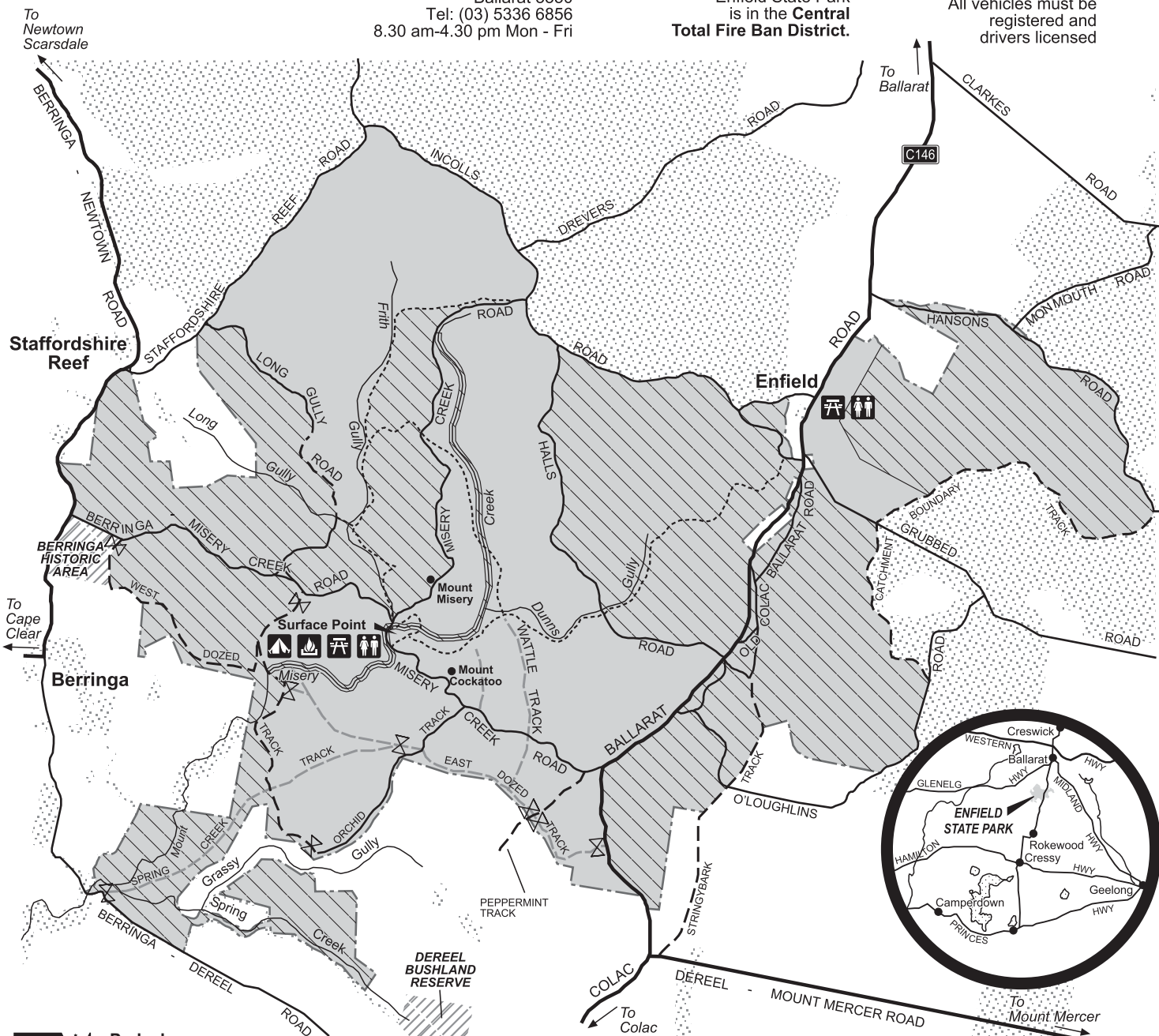
Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided. No fires including barbecues may be lit on days of **Total Fire Ban**. Enfield State Park is in the **Central Total Fire Ban District**.

All native plants and animals are protected. Please keep your dog on a leash at all times

Do not camp within 20 metres of waterways

Please take your rubbish with you when you leave

Vehicles including motor cycles must not be driven off formed roads. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed



### Park closures

Be prepared to leave early as extreme weather may cause the closure of some park areas for public safety.