

# Banksia Park



## Visitor Guide

As one of the major recreation areas situated on the Yarra River, Banksia Park covers 23 hectares of gently undulating open space, including a significant ephemeral wetland area.

### Access to the park

Pedestrian and cyclist access is available at all times. Vehicle entry is available from Templestowe Road, Bulleen (Melway 32 E5). Car park gates are open 6am to 6pm, extending to 9pm during daylight savings.

Dogs are permitted in the park but must remain on a leash at all times (except within the fenced dog off-leash enclosure).



### Facilities and Activities

Several wood barbecues (wood is provided), picnic tables and one picnic shelter is available in the park. Fires are permitted only in the barbecues provided, and you are welcome to bring your own small gas barbecue.

The toilet block at Banksia Park is wheelchair accessible.

A playground is available for children.

There are 3 kilometres of sealed trails in the park.

A 'Dog Friendly Park' off-leash enclosure is situated next to the Japanese Cherry Tree Grove.

### History

In 1841 a punt service was established across the river at Banksia Park forming a key crossing point for the area that encouraged the clearing and development of the surrounding land. The first bridge was built in 1960.

### Heide Museum of Modern Art

As an immediate neighbour to the park, the Heide Museum of Modern Art is a unique space – a synthesis of indoor and outdoor environments, a place of modern and contemporary art and design, with a rich and colourful art heritage and social history. Heide is one of Australia's leading public art museums and comprises 16 acres of buildings, gardens and sculpture park. Heide is open every day of the year except Mondays.

### Flora and Fauna

Banksia Park, like most of the Lower Yarra area is classified as 'Riparian Floodplain Woodland' featuring River Red Gum and wetlands.

The majority of the vegetation was removed in the 1800s but remnants can be found along the riverbank. As a result of the land clearing, most of the major populations of animals have also disappeared. A couple of wombats have since taken up residence within Banksia Park. The wetland also provides habitat for a number of frogs, insects and birds.

On the other side of the Yarra River is the significant Warringal Swampland area; a home to a variety of wildlife, particularly wetland birds such as the White-faced Heron which is often seen visiting Banksia Park.



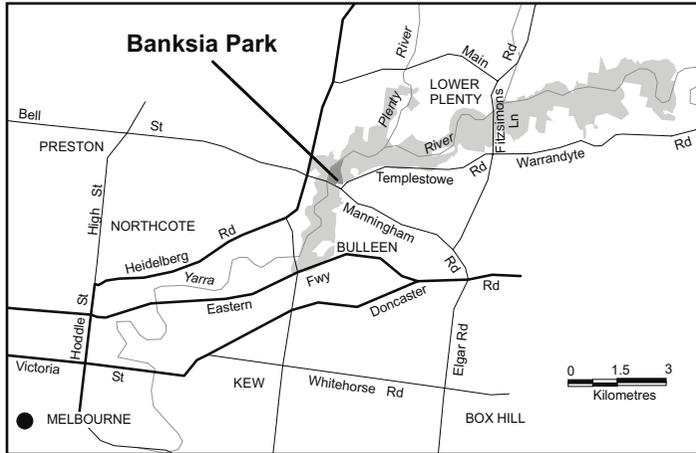
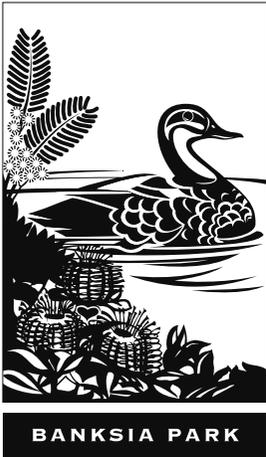
A Japanese Cheery Grove was established in the park after the Prime Minister of Japan gifted the trees to the Victorian government.

### Groups

Organised events or groups of 100 people or more require a permit from Parks Victoria. Permits detail park regulations and guide appropriate activities.

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**Caring for the environment**

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling & disposal

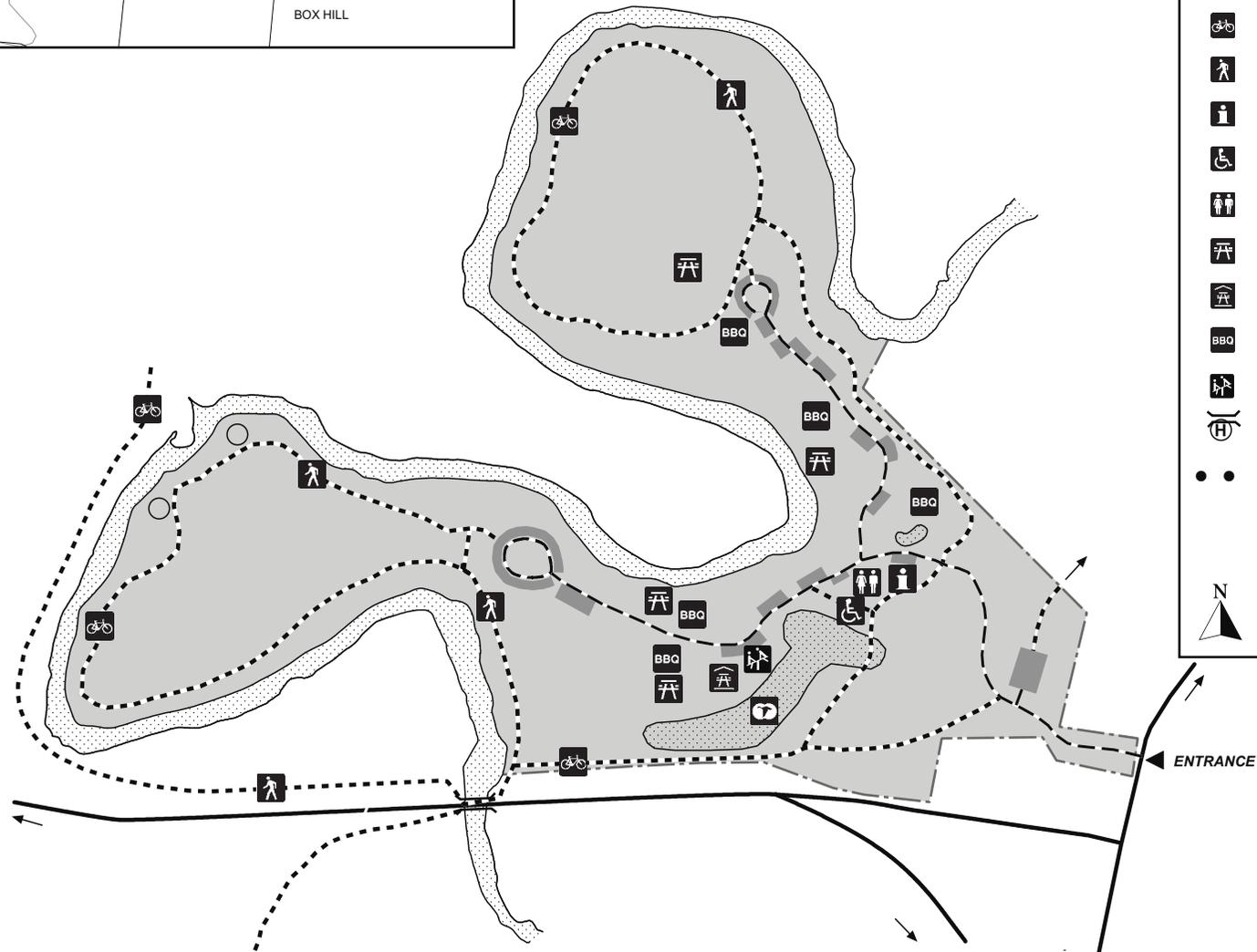
All native plants & animals are protected by law.

Please do not disturb them in any way

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Portable gas barbeques are allowed

No fires, including barbeques, may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban



**Banksia Park**

- Park Area
- Major Road
- Vehicle Track
- Multi-Purpose Track
- Car Park
- Water Body
- Bird Watching
- Cycling Track
- Walking Track
- Park Information
- Disabled Access Toilets
- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Barbecue - Wood
- Playground
- Bridge Plaque
- Distance in km

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