

# Bunyip State Park



## Visitor Guide - Heritage Horse Trail

Horse riding is a great way to explore the distinctive bush atmosphere of Bunyip State Park and nearby Kurth Kiln Regional Park. The Bunyip Heritage Horse Trail allows riders to experience horse riding while respecting the natural environment and other park users.

### Location and access

The start and finish of the Bunyip Heritage Horse Trail is at the gate to Cannibal Creek Track at the Cannibal Creek horse unloading area off Tynong North Road, Tynong North.

### Total distance

41 km, full day with options for shortcuts.

### Trail Markers

Confirmation and directional markers are located along the Heritage Horse Trail to indicate any changes of direction the rider must take to stay on the Heritage Horse Trail.

### Grade conditions

Riders aiming to complete the entire Heritage Horse Trail should ensure their horses are appropriately conditioned as there are some short steep sections.

If riding the full 41 km route, riders will need to ensure horses have a chance to drink at Mortimer picnic area and along Black Snake Creek Road.

### Effect of change in conditions

In extreme wet, the steep pinches on Helmet Track and Link Road up to Windy Point Track will be dangerous and need to be travelled with care.

### Other Trails & shortcuts

There are a number of shorter tracks or alternative routes along the Heritage Horse Trail including:

- Mulberry Track south from Burgess Road to Gembrook Tonimbuk Road
- Nichols Hut Track via Link Road up to Burgess Road
- Travel full length of Windy Point Road instead of Steege Track.

Check the map for these alternatives.

### Travelling safely

- Stay on designated tracks
- Trail markers may be difficult to see if the trail is ridden in reverse
- Be aware of and respect other people using the park
- Be aware of deer and native animals on trails
- Use a map for distances and availability of water
- Do not rely on mobile phone reception within Bunyip State Park

### Horse regulations

- Bag manure, hay etc. from parking areas and take home
- Remove all tie-up twine and rubbish and take home
- Do not ride off marked tracks and trails
- Report any damage, illegal or antisocial behaviour to Parks Victoria on 13 1963

### Heritage Horse Trail - history

The Heritage Horse Trail follows some of the course from the 2009 Tom Quilty Gold Cup ride – Australia's national horse riding endurance event. Riders from all over Australia (and a few overseas entries) participate in the endurance event with the hope of completing the 160km course.

206 riders entered the 2009 ride with 55% of them successfully completing the full course.

Many of the riders commented on the wonderful scenery and excellent footing of the Tonimbuk Quilty. Today, horse riders who follow the 41km Heritage Horse Trail can also experience these horse friendly features.

### Community Involvement

The Heritage Trail is a joint initiative between Parks Victoria and the Bunyip Horse Reference Group.



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For further information  
 Parks Victoria  
 Information Centre  
**Call 13 1963**  
 Parks Victoria website  
[www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)

## Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Take all rubbish home with you

Firearms are prohibited

Dogs are not permitted but are allowed on a lead within Kurth Kiln Regional Park

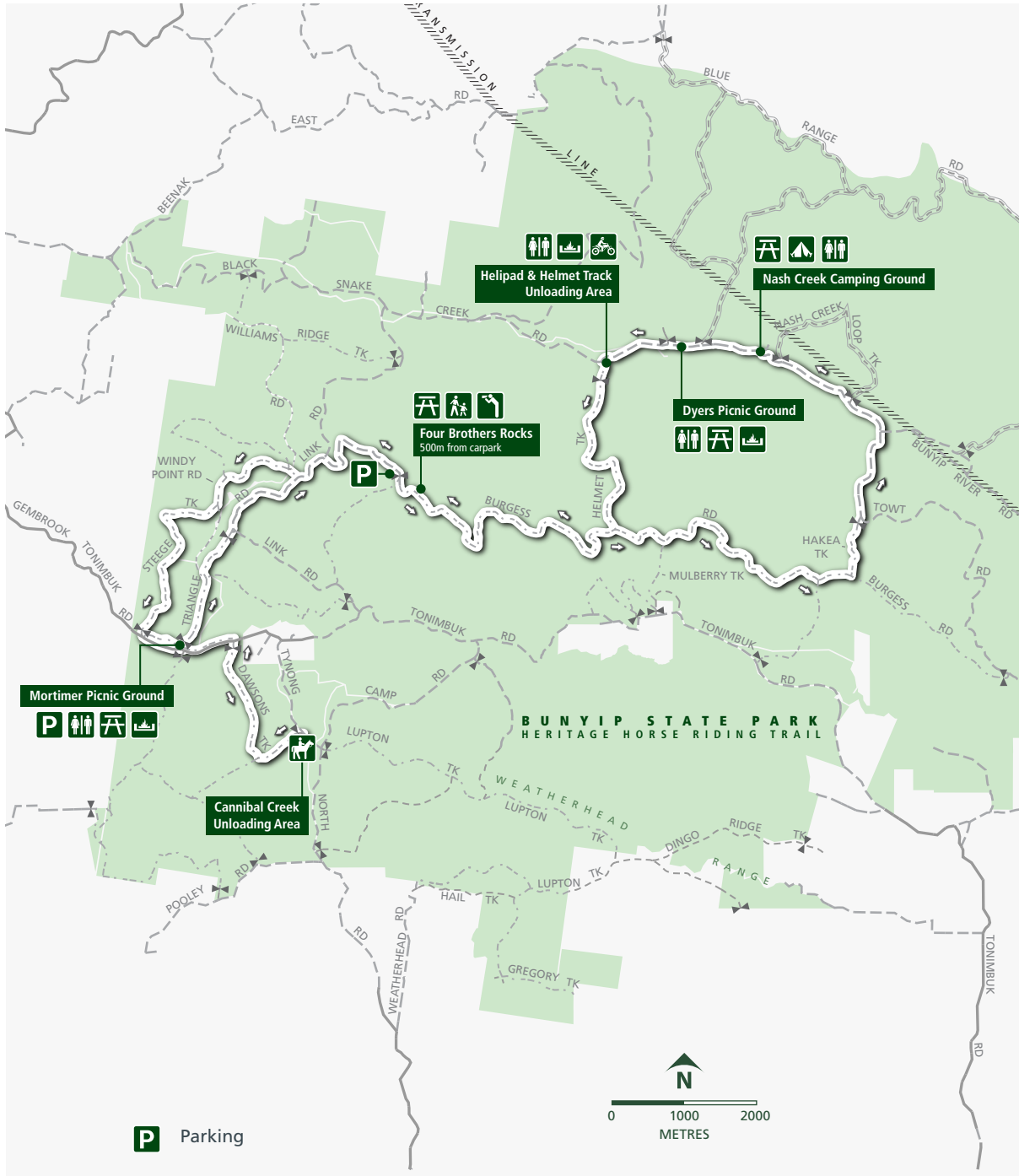
Do not collect plant or animal specimens. Leave them for others to enjoy

Light fires in the fireplaces provided in the picnic and camping areas. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days

Keep to the constructed tracks

Observe signs for 'management vehicles only', 'walkers only' and 'horses, walkers & bicycles only'

Horse riding is permitted on roads and designated tracks, but is not permitted on "Walkers Only" tracks or in picnic areas




**P** Parking

 Toilets


 Picnic Table

 Fireplace


 Camping

 Lookout

 Horse Unloading Area

 Trail Bike Unloading Area


 Family Walk

 Suggested Riding Direction


 Gate

 Bunyip Heritage Horse Riding Trail


 Sealed Road

 Unsealed Road

 4WD Track

 Shared Horse/Walk/Bicycle

 4WD subject to seasonal closure (Mid June to November)

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## Other parks in the area to visit

Kurth Kiln Regional Park (Melway 310 K5).

Cardinia Reservoir Park (Melway 210 E2).

Dandenong Ranges National Park (Melway 75 K4).

Silvan Reservoir Park