

# Nortons Park & Shepherds Bush



## Visitor Guide

Visit Nortons Park in Wantirna South and enjoy a family picnic on the large open lawns. A picnic shelter with electric barbeques adjacent to the lily pond also provides an ideal setting to relax and enjoy the surrounds. Take a walk through Shepherds Bush, an important conservation area in the Dandenong Valley, and discover a natural oasis in the hustle and bustle of suburbia.

## Access

Nortons Park has excellent carparking facilities off Nortons Lane (Melway reference 72 A2). To minimise disturbance to native flora and fauna, pedestrian access only is available to Shepherds Bush (see map over page). Parking is on High Street Road (Melway 71 J1) and at the end of Shepherd Road (Melway 71 J3).

Wheelchair access is available on the sealed trails and paths from Nortons carpark to the nearby picnic area and toilets. Limited wheelchair access is available on other paths particularly in Shepherds Bush where the paths are gravel or dirt.

Large groups may need an event permit and should contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963. Cyclists are asked to stay out of the marked conservation areas in Shepherds Bush.

## Tracks & trails

Leading south from Nortons Park picnic area is a gravel path. This takes you past the remnants of an old orchard to Shepherds Bush, where you can link onto the Dandenong Creek Trail or explore one of the other paths. Jells Park is only a short distance away to the south, and Napier Park is close by to the north.

## Flora and fauna

Shepherds Bush trails go over boardwalks and through swampy riparian vegetation, dominated by Silver Wattle and Swamp Paperbark. Along the Dandenong Creek, the grand Manna Gums with smooth white trunks tower high overhead.

Shepherds Bush is a natural haven for over 90 species of birds, including a number listed as rare. Visit at daybreak and listen for the wonderful dawn chorus. Stroll through the bush in the evening to watch flocks of Sacred Ibis fly in and squabble over roosting places.

At night you may catch a glimpse of a beautiful Sugar Glider gliding from tree to tree. Ringtail Possums feed on eucalyptus leaves and flowers. Or you might spot the Common Brush-Tail Possum.



Sugar Glider ©MT

## Billabongs

As a result of regular creek flooding, Shepherds Bush has a scattering of billabongs. These are home for a variety of frogs, reptiles, insects and invertebrates. If you listen carefully you're bound to hear dozens of male frogs calling.

## Community involvement

Since 1989 the Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands have worked closely with the Park Rangers on various environmental activities. The Shepherds Bush Community Gardens are also progressing the ongoing project of developing a public garden within the Parks Victoria office site at 95 Shepherd Rd, Glen Waverley. To join either group or for further information ring 13 1963.

## Dogs on leads

Dogs are allowed in both Nortons Park and Shepherds Bush, except in the marked conservation area. Please consider other users and the environment and ensure that your dog is restrained on a leash at all times and also remember to clean up after them.



**For further information**

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

**Caring for the environment**

All native plants and wildlife are protected  
 Solid fuel barbecues are not permitted, however portable gas barbecues can be used within Nortons Park, except on days of **Total Fire Ban**  
 Please don't throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:  
 Please take all rubbish home with you  
 Dogs are permitted in all areas except the conservation area and must be restrained on a leash at all times

**Please clean up after your dog**

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**Emergency Marker**  
 Call 000 and quote

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Green 'Emergency Marker' signs are located in this park to help pinpoint your exact location in the case of an emergency. Codes are unique to every marker and park eg: KNP001.

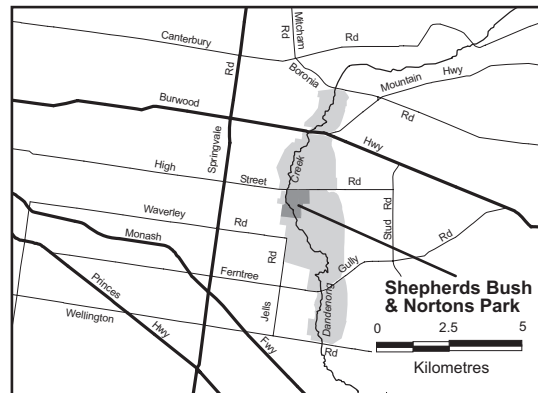
In an emergency, call 000 and quote the emergency marker code. Markers are identified on the map with an **E** symbol.

For further information see [www.esta.vic.gov.au](http://www.esta.vic.gov.au)

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	Park Area		Bike Track
	Conservation Area		Walking Track
	Water Body		Information
	Community Garden		Toilets
	Parking		Picnic Area
	Major Road		Picnic Shelter
	Minor Road		Barbecue - Electric
	Multi-purpose Track		Bird Watching
	Walking Track		Drinking Fountain
	Boardwalk		Disabled Access
	Fence		Gate
	Bridge		ESTA Emergency marker

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