

Karkarook Park



Visitor Guide

Karkarook Park is a recreational and environmental 40 hectare oasis available for the community to enjoy. Revegetated with indigenous plants, it has wetlands which improve water quality by filtering storm water as it flows on to Port Phillip Bay. The 15 hectare lake was previously a sandmine, but now provides a home for many water birds as well as opportunities to sail a man-powered boat or fish. Visitors can enjoy walking tracks, picnic facilities and a lake lookout.

Location & access

Karkarook Park is located on Warrigal Road in Moorabbin, nestled amongst an industrial and commercial hub. Melway reference 78 D7.

Things to do...

Get active and walk, jog or cycle around the 6km of trails in the park. You can use one of the free electric barbecues, or bring a picnic to enjoy by the lake.

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.

Canoes, kayaks and single-hulled sailboats (under five metres) are permitted on the lake, so join a club and have fun on the water!

Grab your fishing line and try to catch a Rainbow Trout or Red Fin. Explore the wetlands and discover how they improve water quality. Or take the kids to enjoy the playground.

Park 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.

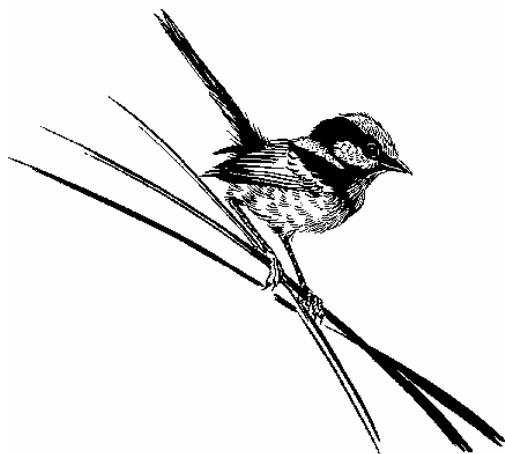
Flora and fauna

Karkarook Park is gradually being restored to a healthy environment. Over 500,000 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted, many by volunteers. As the park improves, birds are returning to make Karkarook their home. More than 110 species of bird have already been recorded at the park.

Karkarook is represented by the dragonfly, chosen to represent a healthy environment and metamorphosis (transformation). The information display is in the shape of a dragonfly.

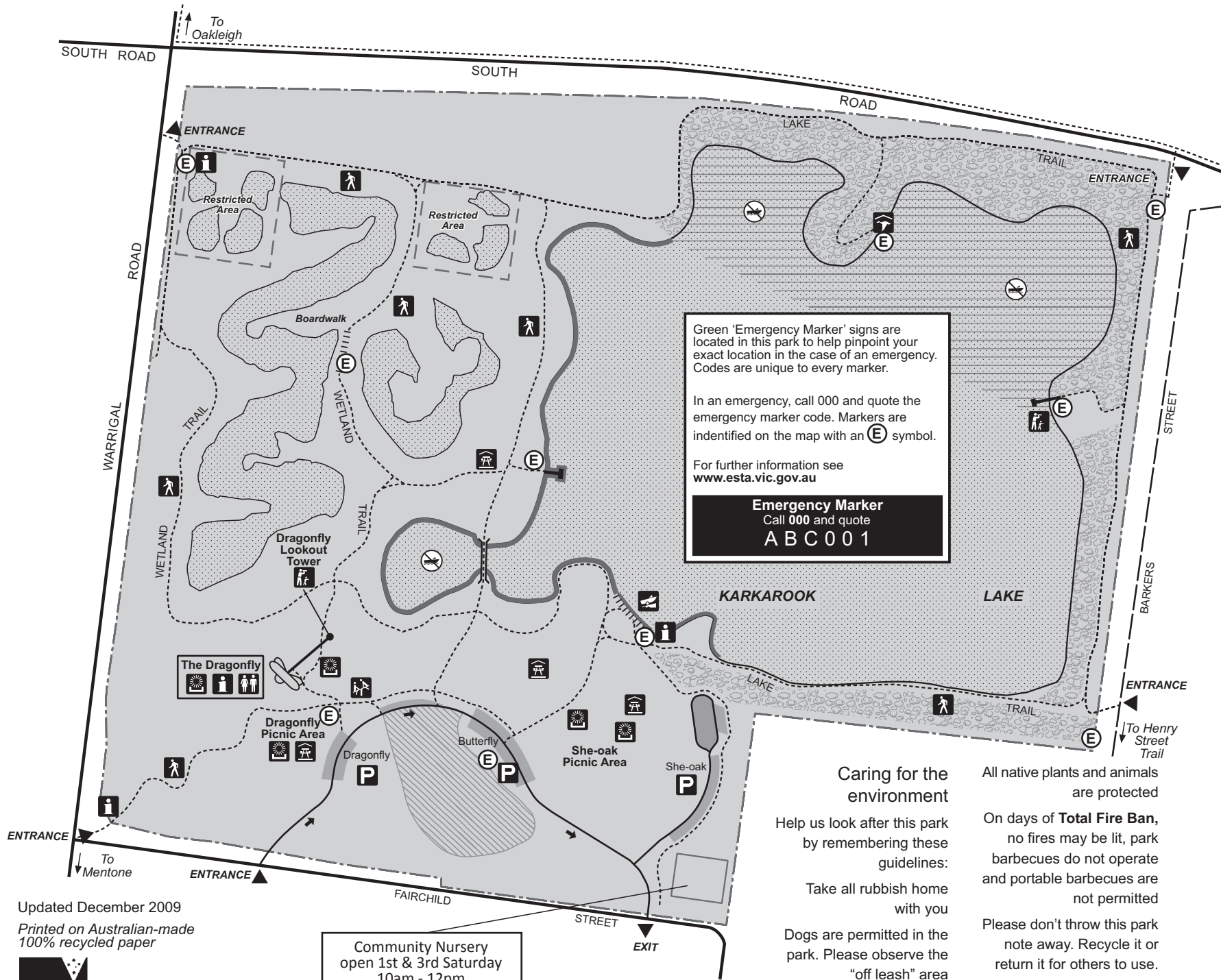
Become a volunteer

Become a member of the Friends of Karkarook and you can be involved in propagation, water quality monitoring, planting days and many other activities. For further information, contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



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- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Multi-purpose track
- Boardwalk
- Park area
- Conservation area -water
- Conservation area -land
- Fishing Zone
- Carpark
- Dogs Off-leash area
- Pier/Platform
- Waterbody
- ESTA Emergency marker

Recreational Facilities

- Barbecue - Electric
- Bird hide
- Boat ramp
- Park information
- Lookout
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic table
- Playground
- Toilets
- Walking
- No Boating

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Community Nursery
open 1st & 3rd Saturday
10am - 12pm

Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

- Take all rubbish home with you
- Dogs are permitted in the park. Please observe the "off leash" area
- All native plants and animals are protected
- On days of **Total Fire Ban**, no fires may be lit, park barbecues do not operate and portable barbecues are not permitted
- Please don't throw this park note away. Recycle it or return it for others to use.