

Badger Weir Picnic Area



Yarra Ranges National Park

Badger Weir Picnic Area is the perfect place to enjoy a picnic or barbecue. Visitors can enjoy fresh mountain air and forest walks passing through ancient fern gullies, across clear mountain streams and meandering amongst mighty Mountain Ash.



Superb Lyrebird ©MT

Take a walk

Badger Weir via Slip Creek Track

- 1.4km, approx 30 minutes - Moderate

Because of the many steps on the fern gully boardwalk it is unsuitable for prams and strollers.

Badger Weir via Coranderrk Track

- 1.1km, approx 30 minutes – Easy (follows vehicle track to weir)

Badger Weir via Lyrebird Track

- 1.1km, approx 30 minutes - Easy (a few steps)

Picnicking

Old-style, shingle roof rotundas, landscaped grounds and wood barbecues all bounded by spectacular forest make a picnic with family and friends a memorable experience.

Birdwatching and photography

Badger Weir is a birdwatcher and photographers paradise with the Australian King-Parrot, Crimson Rosella and Superb Lyrebird easily viewed.

A haven for plants and animals

Surrounded by protected water catchment, the mature forest of Mountain Ash and Manna Gum is a magnificent sight. Hollows in these old trees provide homes and nesting sites for many native mammals and birds.

The gullies are filled with tree ferns that grow extremely slowly - about two centimetres each year. Some of these are over 200 years old!

Water for Melbourne

The water catchment area surrounding the weir has been managed for water harvesting for more than 100 years.

Since 1968, research has been undertaken in the area to examine the relationship of Mountain Ash forests to the water cycle. The research has shown that mature age forests use less water than young, fast growing forests. As more water is available from a mature forest, every effort is made to protect the forest from fire. This is one of the reasons why most of the catchment is closed to the public.

Other places to visit

Drive the world famous Black Spur between Healesville and Narbethong and see luxuriant rainforest on The Beeches Walk on Lady Talbot Forest Drive near Marysville. Enjoy a leisurely picnic and short walk at other nearby visitor areas such as Donnelly's Weir, Dom Dom Saddle or Maroondah Reservoir Park.

Park hours

The park is open every day of the year from 9.00am. Please observe park closing signs.

How to get there

Badger Weir Picnic Area is 7km from Healesville (Melway Ref 278 K9). From Melbourne follow the Maroondah Highway through Lilydale to Healesville. In Healesville turn right at Don Road, then turn left into Badger Weir Road and follow it to the (end) park entrance.

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For further information

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Information Centre
Call 13 1963

or visit the
Parks Victoria website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Yarra Valley
Visitor Information Centre
The Old Courthouse
Harker Street
Healesville 3777
Tel: (03) 5962 2600

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:
The park encompasses major closed catchments for Melbourne's pure water supply. It is vital that everyone helps to ensure the prevention of pollution and fire

Take notice of signs stating

No Public Access

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal

All native plants and animals are protected by law.

Please do not disturb them in any way

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the Parks Victoria Light fires only in fireplaces provided

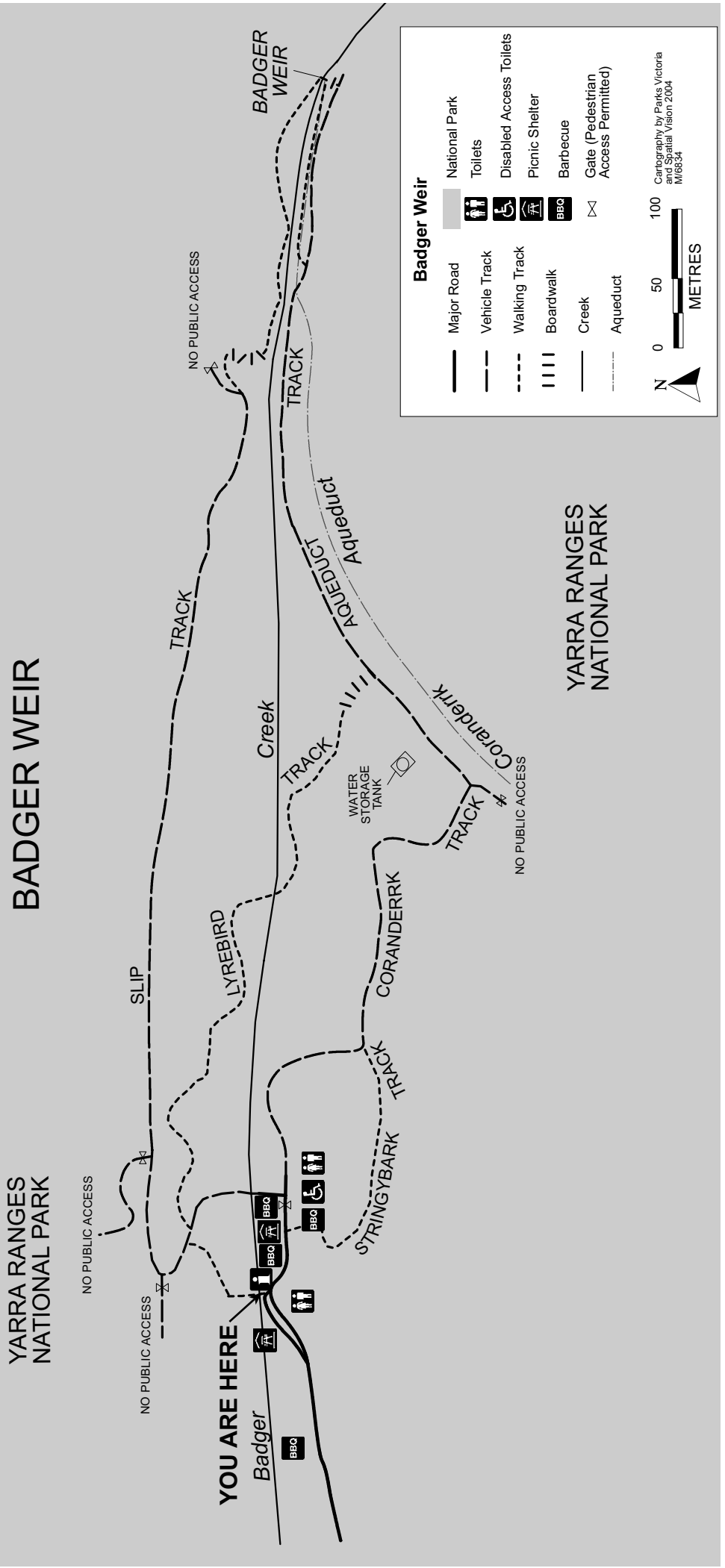
Portable barbecues must be in portable barbecue areas

Feeding of birds and other wildlife is not permitted

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited

YARRA RANGES NATIONAL PARK

BADGER WEIR



YOU ARE HERE

Badger

BBQ

BBQ
Picnic Shelter
Toilets
BBQ
BBQ
BBQ

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

SLIP

LYREBIRD

Creek

TRACK

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BADGER WEIR

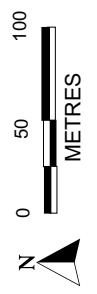
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CORANDERRK

STRINGYBARK

Badger Weir

- Major Road
- Vehicle Track
- Walking Track
- Boardwalk
- Creek
- Aqueduct
- National Park
- Toilets
- Disabled Access Toilets
- Picnic Shelter
- Barbecue
- Gate (Pedestrian Access Permitted)



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