

Braeside Park

Visitor Guide



Braeside Park offers a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. It protects significant environmental and cultural heritage, from Aboriginal occupation to European settlement. You can stroll through the park's Red Gum grassy woodlands, heathland and around the wetlands, which provide a series of diverse, complex and valuable environmental communities.



Opening hours

The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

One-way spikes at the Lower Dandenong Road exit allow you to enjoy the park and leave at your leisure. The Governor Road entrance closes at 4pm daily, with one way spikes so you can leave at your leisure. The Visitor Centre is open 10am to 4pm.

Getting there

Braeside Park is accessible from two entrances:

- Lower Dandenong Road entrance, (Melway reference 88 D8) provides access to the Telford and Federation picnic areas, toilets, visitor centre, playground, park office and trails.
- Governor Road entrance, (Melway reference 93 F2) provides access to the Red Gum Picnic Area, toilet, wetlands and trails.

Things to see and do

Walking

Get active and walk, jog or cycle along the twelve kilometres of meandering multi-purpose trails. Alternatively, stroll through the interactive community garden or see the nearby muralled art walls depicting the flora, fauna and cultural heritage of the area, or gaze at the tree stump art carvings of local celebrities on Cypress Drive.



Self-Guided Heathland Trail –1.2km, 30 minutes circuit

Get in touch with nature and discover the diverse range of bird life along the Heathland Trail. Listen for frogs or search for an echidna. Braeside Park is a haven for native plants, such as Tiger Orchids, Wedding-bush and old River Red Gums.



Red Gum Trail –1km, 20 minutes one way

Before European settlement, Aboriginal tribes hunted, camped and gathered food in the area. Later it was used for grazing, market gardens and a sewage treatment plant.



The Phar Lap Track – 2km, 30 minutes circuit

Walk where Phar Lap's hooves have pounded the turf along the historic race course trail.



Wetlands Trail – 4km, 1.5 hour circuit

Over 235 bird species have been recorded in the park, including the New Holland Honeyeater, Blue-billed Duck and Latham's Snipe. The southern part of this track is only accessible in summer.

Adventure playground

Come and try the adventure playground. Modules are included for junior kids and disabled access, as well as older children.

Get involved

You can be involved in activities such as propagation, planting days, bird watching, water quality monitoring and the community garden with community groups including the Friends of Braeside Park and the Dingley Village Men's Shed. For more information check online www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963.

Facilities

Cook up a feast on one of the free electric barbecues, or enjoy a picnic on the lawn. There are two shared shelters for inclement weather.

Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park:

- Take all rubbish home with you for recycling or disposal
- Dogs, cats and horses are not permitted in the park
- Portable gas barbecues only
- All native plants and animals are protected
- Leave the park as you find it
- Model aircraft are not permitted.

Be prepared and stay safe

Braeside Park is in the Central fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

On days of Total Fire Ban, no fires may be lit, portable barbecues are not permitted, park barbecues do not operate and Governor Road entrance to the park is closed.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

Snakes also live in the park. Please respect them. Braeside Park is their home, where they belong.

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