

Lake Eildon National Park

Hunting of Sambar Deer by stalking

Deer hunting is permitted in designated areas of Lake Eildon National Park by persons who hold a current Game Licence and a current Firearms Licence.



The following conditions and restrictions apply:

1. Anyone hunting game in Victoria, including juniors (12-17 years), must hold a current Game Licence. The Game Licence must be endorsed for the type(s) of game that you wish to hunt and only permits you to hunt game in Victoria
2. Hunting and shooting in Lake Eildon National Park is limited to Sambar Deer in designated areas - the Jamieson block and the eastern half of the Jerusalem block (see map overleaf).
3. Access to the hunting area is only via Eildon-Jamieson Road or by boat
4. Deer may be hunted by stalking only from the first Saturday after Easter until 30 November
5. Firearms must be kept unloaded and may not be discharged within 100 metres of any camping or picnic area in the park
6. Firearms may not be discharged from or across any road or public thoroughfare
7. The use of dogs to hunt deer is not permitted in the national park. Pest animals and other species must not be hunted
8. Firearms must comply with the following requirements:
 - i. A centre fire rifle having a calibre of no less than 6.85mm (0.270") with ammunition that has a cartridge case length of no less than 51mm (2") and a projectile weight of no less than 8.45 grams (130 grains).
 - ii. A muzzle-loading rifle having a calibre of no less than 11.45mm (0.45"), with a projectile of not less than 14.91 grams (230 grains) in weight
 - iii. A long bow having a draw-weight of no less than 22.5 kilograms, using a broad-head arrow having a minimum weight of no less than 26 grams and a minimum of two sharpened cutting blades
 - iv. A recurve bow having a draw-weight of no less than 22.5 kilograms, using a broad-head arrow having a minimum weight of no less than 26 grams and a minimum of two sharpened cutting blades
 - v. A compound bow having a peak-weight of no less than 22.5 kilograms, using a broad-head arrow having a minimum weight of no less than 26 grams and a minimum of two sharpened cutting blades
 - vi. A cross-bow having a draw-weight of no less than 68 kilograms, using a broad-head arrow having a minimum weight of no less than 26 grams and a minimum of two sharpened cutting blades

NOTE: The carrying of an unloaded firearm is authorised in the O'Toole Flat Camping Area and Taylors Creek boat-based camping area. O'Toole Flat camping area is adjacent to Gap Track, approximately 800 metres from Eildon-Jamieson Road. Taylors Creek Boat based camping Area can be accessed by boat or hike in via Water Track.

For more information contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or visit www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Caring for the environment

- Please take rubbish with you for recycling or disposal
- All native plants and animals are protected by law
- Fires may only be lit in fireplaces provided. No fires may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban. Built in or portable gas and electric barbecues may be used provided:
 - a 3 metre area is cleared of anything flammable
 - at least 10 litres of water is available for immediate use
 - an adult is in attendance at all times
- Always fully extinguish your campfire with water, not dirt scraped over the top. Do not leave any hot embers remaining in your campfire.
- The Jerusalem and Fraser blocks are in the North Central Fire District. The Enterprise and Jamieson blocks are in the North East Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. 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.
- Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except during the declared hunting season.
- Vehicles, including motorbikes must only be driven on formed roads open to the public

Seasonal road closures apply throughout the park.