

# Information sheet

## River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan



### Help plan the future for River Red Gum Parks and Reserves

Parks Victoria is developing a management plan to guide the protection of much of Victoria's River Red Gum floodplain parks, reserves and wetlands, looking at how we should manage the environment, cultural sites, tourism and recreation.

This information sheet provides some information about key proposals within the draft plan.

Everyone with an interest in Victoria's River Red Gum parks is invited to comment on the draft management plan at: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/redgumplan](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/redgumplan)

The deadline for online and written submissions is **30 September 2017**.

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## Information about camping

### Camping areas

Free, dispersed camping will remain the main form of camping in the River Red Gum Parks.

To address concerns about over-crowding, health and hygiene, cultural protection and environmental impacts, the River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan proposes to better define some popular camping areas. Specifically, a proposal for clearer boundaries at: Gunbower National Park; Murray-Kulkyne Park: Billabong Bend, Sextons Bend, Tarpaulin Bend; Murray River Park (Cobram): Big Toms Beach; Echuca–Torrumbarry: Wills Bend, Fairley Bend; Yarrawonga: Yarrawonga Common and Forges Beach; Karadoc-Iraak: Karadoc Sandbar; Robinvale: Punt Bend and Knights Bend; Swan Hill-Pental Island.

### Bookable campsites

Due to over-crowding, especially during peak holiday times, and to provide an option to secure a camping spot, the River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan proposes that three very crowded locations could be established as bookable sites, for which a fee may be charged. These being: Wills Bend and Farley Bend in the Echuca-Torrumbarry stretch of the Murray River, and Stanton's Bend near Corowa.

### Camping near large towns

Camping close to some towns has become an issue with some areas being used for itinerant and long-term accommodation. Parks are not equipped to cope with people living in them semi-permanently. The River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan proposes that camping areas adjacent to the following towns be designated as day-visitor only: Cobram, at Scotts Beach; Echuca, at Wharparilla Bushland Reserve; Yarrawonga, at Yarrawonga Common; Shepparton, at Hattens Bend, Genmill Swamp, Reedy Swamp, Youngs Bend, Shepparton Causeway; and Tocumwal, beneath the main bridge.

### Campfires

Campfires will continue to be allowed in all seasons, except on days designated at a Total Fire Ban. In some locations with cultural heritage values, campfires will be restricted to fireplaces constructed by Parks Victoria.

## Information about fishing

The River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan recognises that the Murray, Goulburn and Ovens rivers are highly valued for fishing, and there is a need to improve the management of infrastructure such as boat ramps, access tracks, camping and day-visitor facilities. There will be no change to the types of bait that can be used when fishing. Digging for grubs and worms is not permitted in national or regional parks. The Plan proposes that Parks Victoria will work with VR Fish and angling groups to support the activity of fishing.

**Note:** The Murray River waters are managed by New South Wales.

## Information about boating

No change to Boating.

## Information about rubbish

Parks Victoria will continue to work with local shires on the best ways to manage rubbish and litter. The current "carry in-carry out" policy will remain in place.

View the complete River Red Gums Parks Draft Management Plan at: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/redgumplan](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/redgumplan)