

Lysterfield Park & Churchill National Park

Visitor Guide



Lysterfield Park and Churchill National Park are the perfect urban parks to start exploring nature with family and friends. These parks offer excellent recreational opportunities including walking, trail running, mountain biking, on-water activities and picnicking. There is a wide range of native wildlife which can be easily spotted such as the Eastern Grey Kangaroo and echidnas.



Opening hours

Pedestrians and cyclists can access both parks 24 hours a day. The main carparking area at Lysterfield Park is open from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Vehicles can exit the park after hours via one-way spikes.

Getting there

Lysterfield Park is in the east of Melbourne. The main entrance is accessed from Horswood Rd, Narre Warren.

Access to Churchill National Park's main entrance is from Churchill Park Drive, off Police Road in Lysterfield South.

Things to see and do

Walking

Fantastic walking and wildlife viewing opportunities abound within the park, catering for all ages and abilities. Many of the walking tracks can be linked by management vehicle tracks to provide longer walks.



Lake Circuit Trail – 5.5km, 1.5 hours return

The Lake Circuit Trail is the park's most popular trail for walkers and runners. Distance markers every 1km make navigating this walk very easy. The trail is a wide gravel surface which is mostly flat with two short hills. The trail is best walked or run in an anticlockwise direction starting from the Mahogany Carpark.



Granite Peak Trail – 6km one way

For the more adventurous, this trail travels through native forest along the route of the old granite quarry tramline uphill to Trig Point for spectacular 360 degree views of Melbourne. Return along the same route, or via a combination of management vehicle trails including Grassy Spur Track. This trail is not suitable for prams or wheelchairs.

Mountain Bike Riding

Lysterfield Park provides 23.8 kilometres of exciting mountain bike trails. The park provides trails for all abilities, including a skills park to help new users learn and practice new skills. See the [Lysterfield Park Mountain Bike Factsheet](#) for more information.

Hors riding

Horse riders can access the Equestrian Trail from the 24-hour carpark near the main entrance of Lysterfield Park and continues on to Logan Park Road and the equestrian area. Horses are not permitted in any other area of the park.

Water activities

The Lysterfield Lake offers on water activities and two swimming beaches. The boat ramp allows access for sailing, canoeing, and stand up paddle boarding (no powered vessels allowed). The lake is not patrolled by lifeguards and children should be supervised at all times.

Get Involved

To help preserve and enhance this bushland environment visit www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au to find out about the exciting volunteering opportunities you can get involved in with Parks Victoria.

Facilities

There are picnic areas at both Lysterfield Park lake area and at Churchill National Park. Both picnic areas have toilets and provide free bbqs. Drinking water is available at Lysterfield Park. There is no drinking water at Churchill National Park.

Caring for the park

Help us look after this reserve by remembering these guidelines:

- Dogs, cats and motorbikes are not permitted in Churchill National Park and Lysterfield Park.
- Please take all your rubbish home with you.
- Do not feed the animals.
- Firearms, fires and camping are not permitted.
- Snakes live in this park and sometimes sunbake on the paths. Do not approach.

Be prepared and stay safe

Lysterfield Park & Churchill National Park are in a high fire risk area 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 <http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/> or call 1800 226 226. Fires (including campfires and solid fuel heat compounds) are not permitted in Lysterfield Park & Churchill National Park. On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs may be erected but do not expect an official warning. Green 'Emergency Marker' signs are located throughout the reserve in the case of emergency. If you require emergency assistance phone 000 for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services and quote the emergency marker code.

For more information visit Parks Victoria online at www.parks.vic.gov.au or phone 13 1963.

