

# Longridge Park

## Visitor Guide

Longridge Park, in the middle of the conservation area of the Yarra Valley Parklands, offers a quiet space beside the Yarra River. The river flats are perfect for a weekend camping retreat with friends and family in a beautiful woodland setting.

### Access to the park

Longridge Park is in Warrandyte beside the Yarra River. Camping is available for single groups of up to 40 people. Book online [www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay) or by contacting the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

Dogs are not permitted in Longridge park, in order to encourage wildlife to return to the area.

### Facilities

- Toilet and shower block with access for people with limited mobility, dishwashing area and drinking water.
- Picnic tables, wood barbecue and open fire pit; firewood is provided on site.
- Carpark at the edge of the camping area.
- Canoe launching place 100 metres from the campsite.
- Large open spaces for camping and playing



Kangaroo and joey © MT

### History

Like most of the land in the Yarra Valley, the land was mostly cleared of native vegetation and used for agricultural purposes for most of the past 150 years. In 1977 the Cameron family, who used the land for beef cattle grazing, sold the land to the State. Cattle grazing continued until 1993 when revegetation works began in the park. In 1998, Longridge Park campground was opened to the public for overnight camping.

### Yarra Valley Parklands

In 1929 it was recognised that rapid urban development in Melbourne after the 1880s had resulted in a lack of parklands to meet community needs. Finally in 1971 the state government announced the 1430ha Yarra Valley Park as a vital wildlife corridor and natural recreational space for Melburnians. The parklands now form a significant 'backbone' of interconnecting trails, linear parks, wetlands and waterways throughout the metropolitan area. The ongoing effort revegetating the parklands, mostly with the aid of valued community groups planting about 30,000 trees per year, has seen the return of a number of significant wildlife species.

### Flora and Fauna

At Longridge the vegetation communities change from Red Gum and Manna Gum Riparian Forest beside the river to Red Box and Yellow Box Escarpment Woodland up the hill.

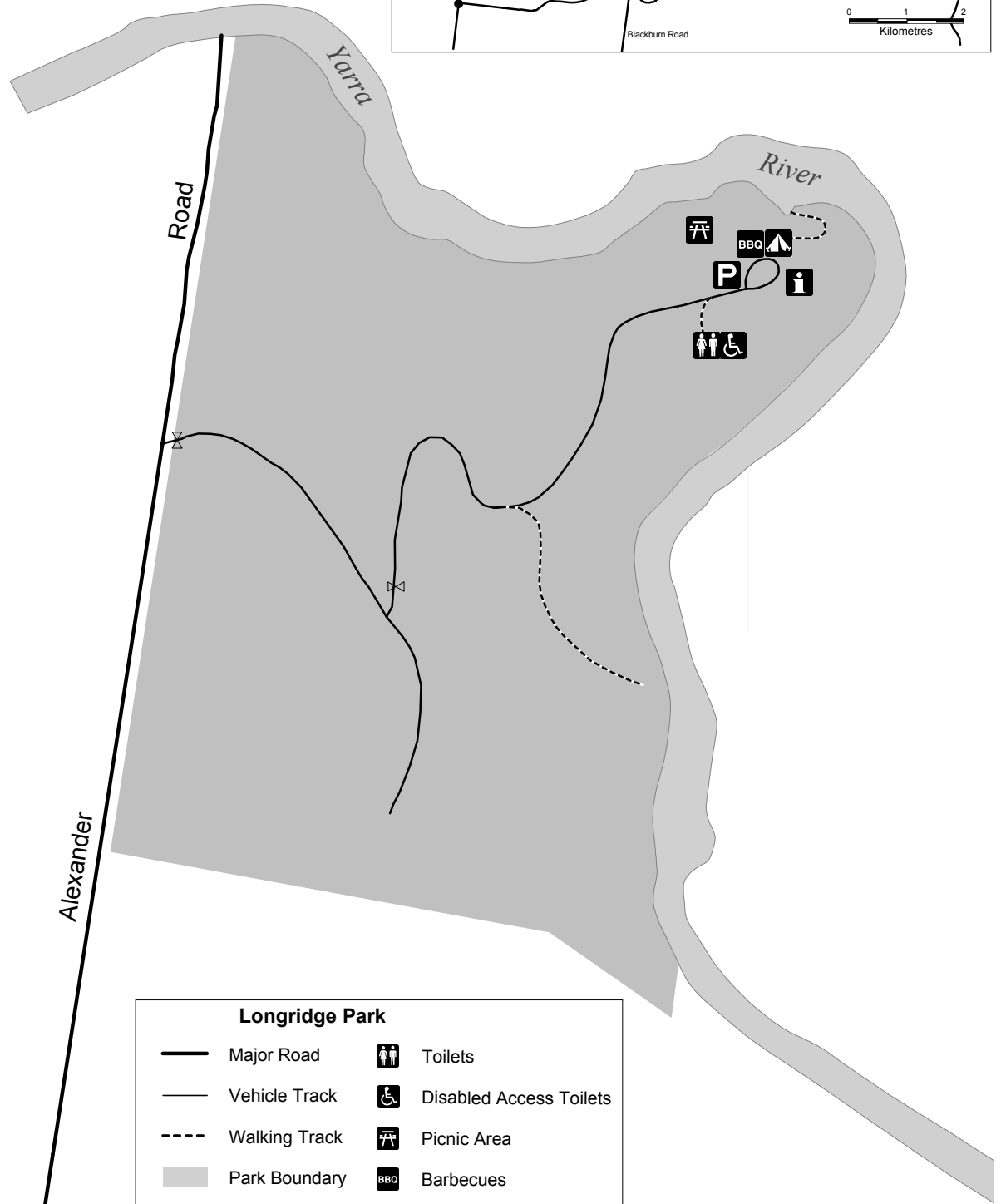
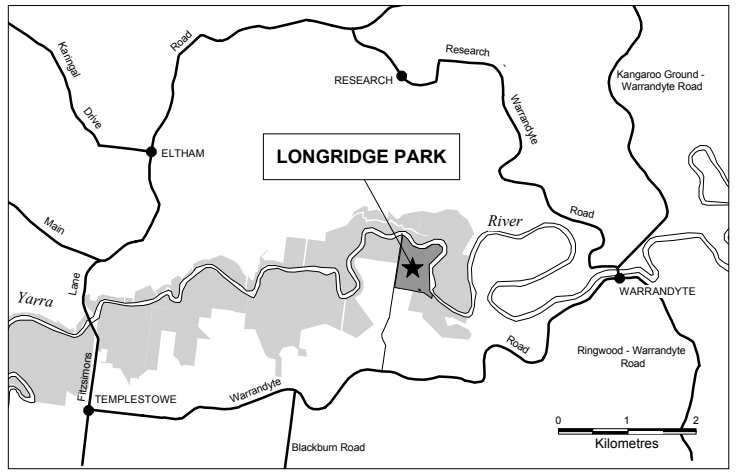
Large native mammals such as Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Wombats and Koalas are slowly increasing in numbers as the revegetation programs extend their habitat from Warrandyte. Numbers of smaller mammals such as antechinuses and possums are also increasing which, in turn, is attracting predators like the Powerful Owls and the Grey Goshawks.



Powerful Owl © MT

A variety of parrots are commonly seen at Longridge. There are several species of bats, such as the Eastern Free-tail Bat, that frequent the park at night





## Caring for the Environment

Help Parks Victoria look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Please take your rubbish home with you.

Please observe the fire regulations at all times in the park.

Longridge is a conservation park - dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted.

All native plants and animals are protected.

Hollow trees and branches are a home for all sorts of animals and insects please leave them where you found them.

Leave the park as you find it. - take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints.

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	Major Road		Toilets
	Vehicle Track		Disabled Access Toilets
	Walking Track		Picnic Area
	Park Boundary		Barbecues
	Car Park		Camping Area
	Information		Gate

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