

# Koomba Park

Koomba Park was opened in December 1981 and covers 33 hectares between Boronia Road and Burwood Highway in Wantirna. Enjoy a quiet stroll through remnant vegetation alongside Dandenong Creek. Take the family bird watching near the billabongs scattered throughout the park or enjoy a barbecue with friends under the shelter at Koomba Pavilion.

## Access

Koomba Park south entrance - Off Mountain Hwy, Wantirna (Melway Ref. 63 C8).

Koomba Park north entrance - Off Boronia Road, Wantirna (Melway Ref. 63 D5).

## Trails and paths

In June 1997, 880 metres of boardwalk was completed, filling the missing link in the Dandenong Creek Trail, which heads south, crossing the Dandenong Creek to Burwood Hwy and Jells Park. This trail is ideal for a variety of activities including walking, cycling and jogging and is a very important link in the trail network for the Dandenong Valley.

## Wetlands, orchards and bushland

The Dandenong Creek Trail meanders through the park, through a beautiful and diverse landscape including old orchards.

Koomba Park lies in the floodplain of the Dandenong Creek. It has many low lying marshy areas which flood after heavy rain as well as several permanent water bodies. Some ponds are left over dams from the days of the orchards, others form part of drainage works and some (like the Koomba Lake) have been built for wildlife habitat.

Keep a look out for the variety of wildlife living in the Koomba Park billabongs and dams. The wetlands are interspersed with bushland areas, making it a wonderful area to bird and frog watch. Sit back for a while and test your knowledge by identifying birds or recognising frog calls. Watch the wildlife from the bird hide the Friends group constructed on the lake.



New Holland Honeyeater ©MT

## Barbecues and jazz

Enjoy a family outing at the southern Koomba picnic area (entrance via Mountain Highway). Facilities available, including a picnic shelter, toilets (daylight hours only), electric barbecues and a grassy lawn area, make it the ideal location for a family barbecue or picnic.

Koomba Park is also home to the Victorian Jazz Archive. For more information please call the Collection Manager on 9800 5535.

## Community involvement

Since 1989 the Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands have worked closely with the Park Rangers to restore and improve this and other nearby parks. The group works on various activities such as planting, weeding and constructing walking tracks and bird hides. To join or for further information on the park ring 9561 2381.

## Group visits and further information

Koomba South is an open grassed area, and is an ideal venue for a large family outing or group activity.

Large groups and schools are welcome to visit the park, but must observe the regulations as overleaf and may require a permit. For more information please phone the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963. Koomba Park is open all year, with 24 hour pedestrian access.



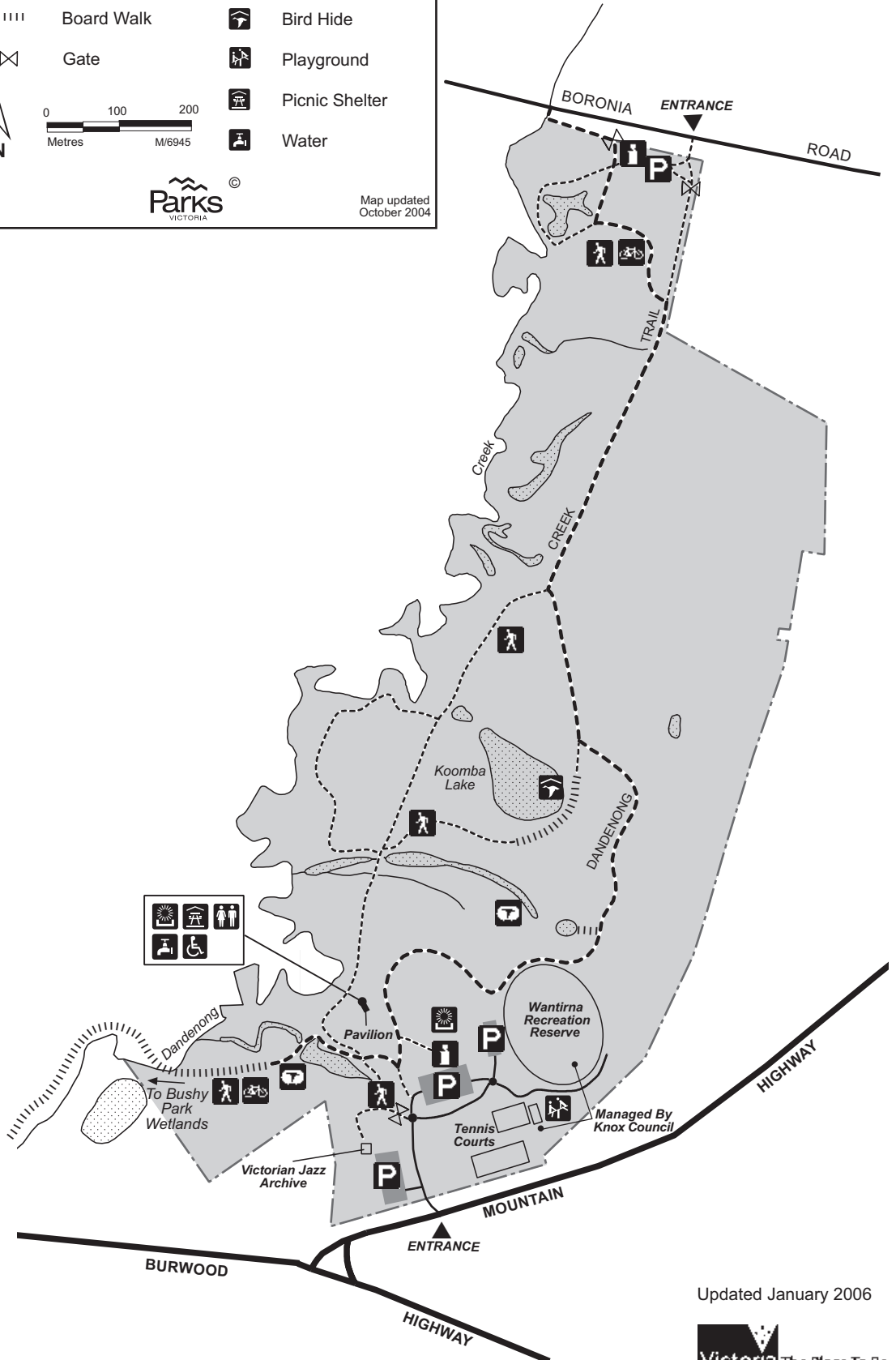
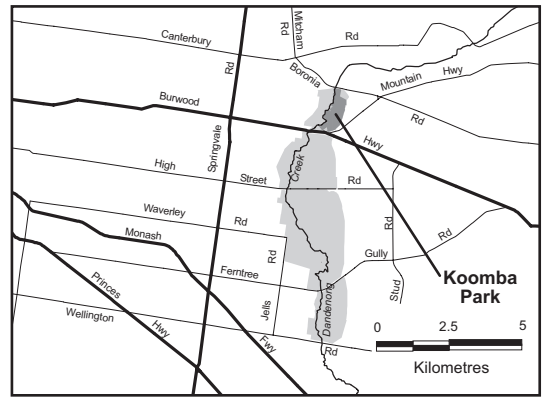
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	Park Boundary		Bike Track
	Water Body		Walking Track
	Parking		Disabled Access
	Highway		Information
	Major Road		Toilets
	Multi-purpose Track		Barbecue - Electric
	Walking Track		Bird Watching
	Board Walk		Bird Hide
	Gate		Playground
			Picnic Shelter
			Water

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### Other parks in the area to visit:

- Bushy Park Wetlands (Melway 62 J10)
- Shepherds Bush (Melway 71 J3)
- Nortons Park (Melway 72 A2)
- Jells Park (Melway 72 A10 & 71 K6)
- Chesterfield Farm (Melway 72C9)

### Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Take all rubbish home with you

Dogs are permitted in the park, but must be kept on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your dog

All native plants and animals are protected

Please don't throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it

Solid fuel barbecues are not permitted, however portable gas barbecues can be used, except on days of

**Total Fire Ban**

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