

Enfield State Park



Visitor Guide

This park is an important haven for wildlife, but during the Gold Rushes the peaceful landscape was dominated by tents and diggers from around the world. The digger's lifestyles are often reflected in local place names like Misery Creek and Surface Point. Surface Point was a Chinese settlement in the 1860s, and there are still relics to be found there, including round mine shafts and a memorial.

Southern Brown Tree Frog

"Nature, in her blind search for life, has filled every possible cranny of earth with some fantastic creature!"
Joseph Wood Krutch



area as you found it. *Relics are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.*



Wildflowers and wildlife

Trees: The open forest of the park supports a number of different types of eucalyptus including Messmate, Broad-leaved Peppermint, Narrow-leaved Peppermint, Swamp Gum, Manna Gum and the rare Yarra Gum.

Wildflowers: Spring is the best time to view the colourful and unusual ground flora, including 61 species of orchids, and the endemic Enfield Grevillea. The vegetation is recovering from a major wildfire in February 1995.

Birds: Around 100 bird species have been recorded in the park. Common birds include kookaburras, Grey Currawongs, Boobook Owls, Crimson Rosellas and the Superb Fairy – wrens.

Mammals: The Park has 22 native mammal species. These include the Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Swamp Wallaby, echidnas and Koalas. Several species of possums, bats and antechinus also occur in the park but are generally only active at night.

Frogs: Frogs are common in the park and can be heard calling at night. Some that you may hear are the Common Froglet, Victorian Smooth Froglet and Southern Brown Tree Frog.

Enjoying the park

Enfield State Park holds remnants of a rich goldmining history and offers a wide range of activities for visitors.



Picnics

Picnic and toilet facilities are available at Surface Point Picnic Area and at the Enfield Township. Bring your own firewood as it is not always available locally.



Exploring on foot

The park features a large circuit walking track with side tracks to Enfield and Bald Hills. Walkers with some navigational experience will enjoy tracks that go through a variety of bush types and terrain. The Searle's Loop Walk from the Enfield Township picnic area passes through mining relics and different vegetation and will take around 40 minutes to complete at an easy pace.

Warning: There are deep mine shafts in the area - avoid walking off track.



Camping

There are basic facilities at Surface Point. Bush camping is permitted in other areas. *Remember that fires may only be lit in fireplaces provided.*



Horse riding

Many tracks in Enfield State Park and the surrounding Enfield State Forest provide an attractive setting for horse riding. Horses may only be ridden on formed vehicle tracks open for public use except walking tracks where signs indicate no horses.



Fossicking

Nearly half of the park is available for fossicking or panning for gold along Misery Creek. Remember to fill any holes made and leave the

Caring for Country

Through their rich culture Aboriginal people have been continually connected to Country – including the area now known as Enfield State Park – for tens of thousands of years.

Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas.

Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.

If you are already in the park you should leave the night before or early in the morning for your own safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol when possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.



Enfield State Park

- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD, Horse, Trail & Mountain Bike track
- Management Vehicles Only track
- Walking track

- Enfield State Park
- State Forest
- Other Reserves
- Water body
- Seasonal Road Closure Gate
- Fossicking Area

A 20 metre strip either side of Mount Misery Creek is included in the area available for fossicking

- Camping
- Fireplace
- Picnic table
- Toilets



Drinking Water

Be self-sufficient and carry water in, and/or know how to make untreated water safe for drinking.

Mobile Phones

You may not be in network range in some areas of the park. To be connected to Police, Ambulance or CFA, key in 112 then press the

For further information

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call 13 1963
or visit the website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria Office &
Landcare Centre
Tel: 13 1963

Ballarat
Visitor Information Centre
39 Sturt St
Ballarat 3350
Toll Free: 1800 648 450

Miners Rights
Department of Sustainability
& Environment
Information Centre
Level 2, State
Government Offices
Cnr Mair and Doveton Sts
Ballarat 3350
Tel: (03) 5336 6856
8.30 am-4.30 pm Mon - Fri

Caring for the environment

Help us care for our parks and reserves by remembering these guidelines:

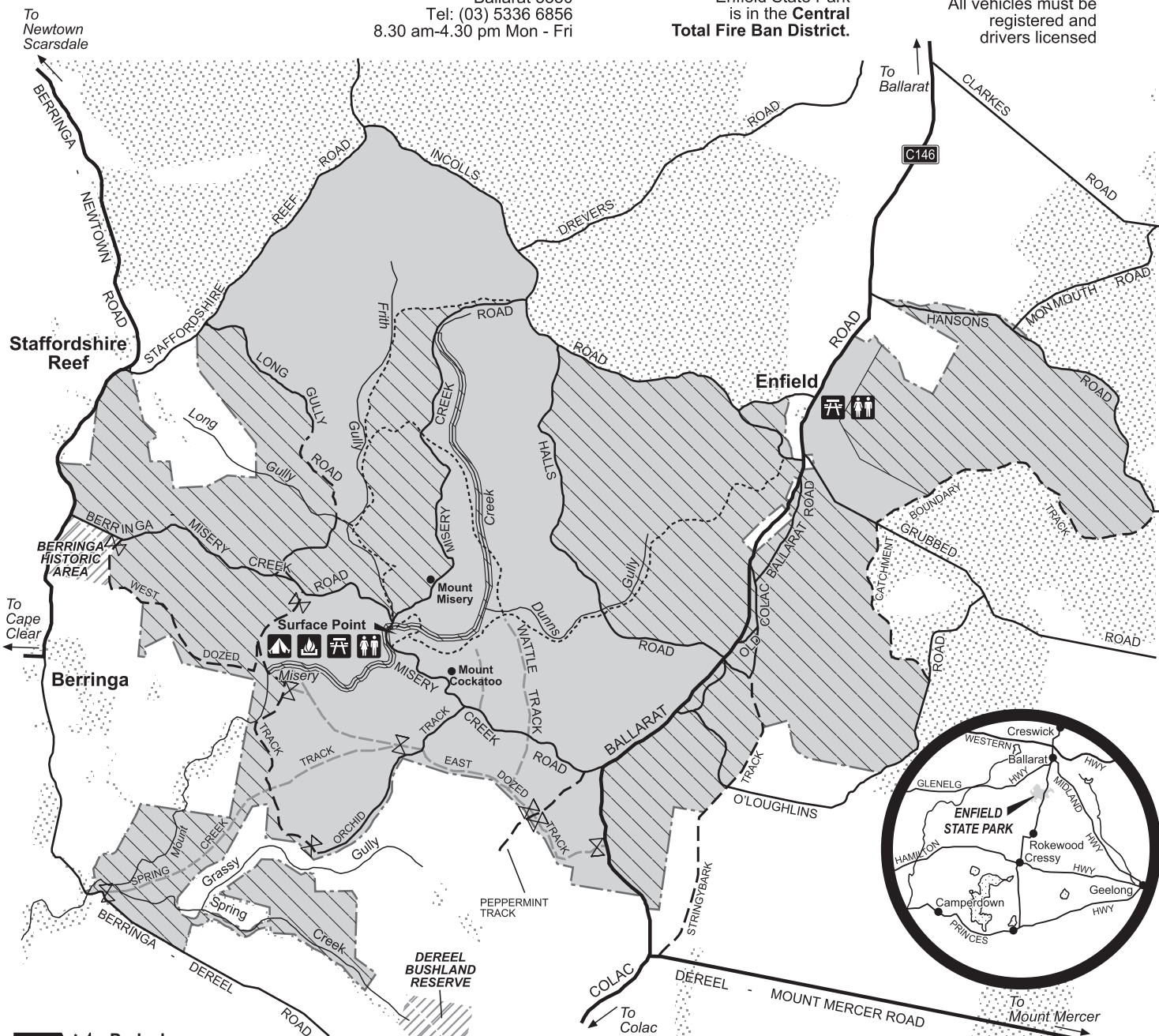
Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided. No fires including barbecues may be lit on days of **Total Fire Ban**. Enfield State Park is in the **Central Total Fire Ban District**.

All native plants and animals are protected. Please keep your dog on a leash at all times

Do not camp within 20 metres of waterways

Please take your rubbish with you when you leave

Vehicles including motor cycles must not be driven off formed roads. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed



Park closures

Be prepared to leave early as extreme weather may cause the closure of some park areas for public safety.

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Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call **13 1963**
or visit the
Parks Victoria website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Discovery Centre
Lee Breakwater Road
Portland, Victoria 3305
Tel: (03) 5523 2671
Nelson Visitor Information
Centre
(08) 8738 4051

Caring for the environment

All native plants and animals, archaeological sites, historic and cultural remains and geological features are protected by law and must not be disturbed, damaged or removed.

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in most parks and reserves.

Please take all rubbish home with you for disposal or recycling.

Vehicles, including motorbikes, may only be used on public roads. All drivers must be licensed and vehicles registered and roadworthy.

Firewood may be collected only for campfires within the park and should only be dead wood from the ground.

Please bring your own drinking water. Unless signed otherwise, water from any source within any park or reserve has not been treated and is therefore not considered to be fit for human consumption.

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Healthy Parks Healthy People

Visiting a park can improve your health, mind, body and soul. So, with over four million hectares of parkland available to Victorians, why not escape to a park today!



Exploring on foot

Completion times are conservative and intended as a guide only. Times may vary significantly depending on fitness level and hiking experience. The difficulty level is based on a number of factors including gradient, track length, track surface conditions and weather. Refer to track grades when choosing a walk.

Easy - mainly flat tracks. Most easy walks are suitable for family groups. Average level fitness.

Medium - consistent walking with some sustained climbs and descents. Good level fitness.

Hard - consistent walking in difficult terrain, including steep climbs and descents. High level fitness.



Heathland Nature Walk

3km - 40 minutes (easy)

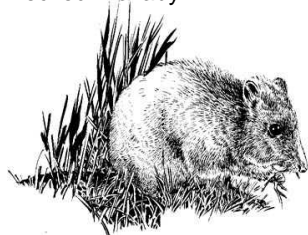
This short return walk takes you through picturesque heathland with colourful spring wildflower displays and panoramic views.



Tim's Loop Walk

1km - 30 minutes (easy)

The walk passes through the forest to the Surry River. Messmate, Swamp gums and Blackwood abound along the way and watch for koalas, Eastern Grey Kangaroos, and the smaller Red-Necked Wallaby.



This park provides habitat for the endangered Long-nosed Potoroo (*Potorous tridactylus*).



Hodgett's Loop Walk

(section of the Great South West Walk)

2km - 1 hour (easy)

Hodgett's Loop Walk (an extension of Tim's Loop Walk) is an easy walk taking visitors further south. The surrounding forest is home to a wide variety of plants and animals including towering Blackwoods, tree ferns and many small fungi. Powerful owls, Yellow-bellied gliders and kingfishers can be seen, and evidence of smaller mammals such as potoroos and bandicoots are present.



Cobboboonee Camp to Cut-Out Camp

(section of Great South West Walk)

8km - 4 hours (medium)

This is an enjoyable flat walk through heathland and Messmate forest, suitable for walkers prepared to run a car shuttle. Alternatively, the walk can be done as a pleasant overnight return trip. A good walk for bird lovers and to see spring wildflowers.



Walking: Be Safe Be Prepared

- Always check weather conditions
- Wear sturdy footwear with a good tread
- Always carry a good quality map
- Always carry drinking water and food
- Walking tracks may involve rock steps, uneven and slippery track surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping
- Keep to the walking tracks, mind your footing and supervise children at all times
- On longer walks, carry protective clothing
- A hat, drinking water and sunscreen are essential in summer
- Be aware tree limbs may drop without warning



Fire

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Exploring the region

Cobboboonee Forest Park offers a diverse range of recreation activities. Visit the Department of Sustainability and Environment website www.dse.vic.gov.au

Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape was one of the first three landscapes in Victoria to be listed on the National Heritage List in July 2004. Budj Bim (Mt Eccles) is the source of the Tyrendarra lava flow, central to the history of the Gunditjmarra people. Gunditjmarra people manage the Indigenous heritage values of the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape, through the Gunditj Miring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

Mt Eccles National Park is home to a simmering volcano that once lit up the countryside with exploding fireballs and rivers of hot glowing lava. Discover the wonders of this volcanic landmark and enjoy the walking opportunities in the park.

Lower Glenelg National Park and Discovery Bay Coastal Parks offer some of Victoria's finest natural settings including the beautiful Glenelg River and estuary and the sweeping ocean beaches of Discovery Bay.

Mt Richmond National Park is the perfect place to have a picnic, take a walk or enjoy the magnificent views. It is home to spectacular spring wildflowers and abundant wildlife in unspoilt bushland.

How to get there

Cobboboonee National Park can be reached via the Princes Highway from Portland, Heywood or Dartmoor.

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