

Lake Eildon National Park



Visitor Guide

Lake Eildon National Park offers a variety of settings to explore; from open bush in the north, to dense vegetation in the south and east. Visitors can enjoy bushwalking, boating and fishing or try the more adventurous pursuits of waterskiing and mountain bike riding. Relax in a scenic environment and experience native wildlife.



Laughing Kookaburras

Enjoying the park

Water Sports

The lake provides great opportunities for fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing and swimming. The day visitor and camping areas provide access to the lake. Signs within the park will direct you to public boat ramps.

Camping

Fantastic car and boat-based camping opportunities abound within the park. The Fraser camping area can accommodate caravans, campervans and tents.

Camping fees apply throughout the year, and permits must be obtained for Fraser and Jerusalem Creek camping areas.

Bookings are required during peak periods – Christmas, New Year, Australia Day, Labour Day, Easter and Melbourne Cup - and can be made at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.

Fresh water is available from Jerusalem Creek and supplies can be obtained from the kiosk at the private caravan park nearby or from the Eildon township.

Fraser camping area

Un-powered sites are available at Lakeside, Candlebark and Devil Cove within the Fraser Camping Area. Visitor facilities include toilets, hot showers, free gas barbecues, shelters, picnic areas and boat launching facilities.

Excellent concrete boat ramps are available within the camping area and have been positioned at different water levels (down to 10% of capacity) to ensure maximum lake access year round.

Jerusalem Creek camping area

There are eight camping areas with un-powered sites. Fireplaces and pit toilets are provided.

Boat-based camping

Remote style camping can be accessed by foot or boat at Taylor's Creek, Mountaineer Creek and Coopers Point. Facilities include composting toilets and fireplaces at Taylor's Creek and Mountaineer Inlet. Camp fees do not apply for boat based camping.

Pack a picnic

Enjoy the peaceful surrounds and have a picnic with family and friends at the Forsyth Flat or Herb Fitzroy Day Visitor Areas.

The Day Visitor Areas have shelters with free gas barbecues and picnic tables.

Mountain bike riding

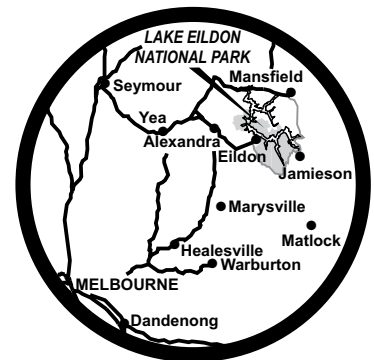
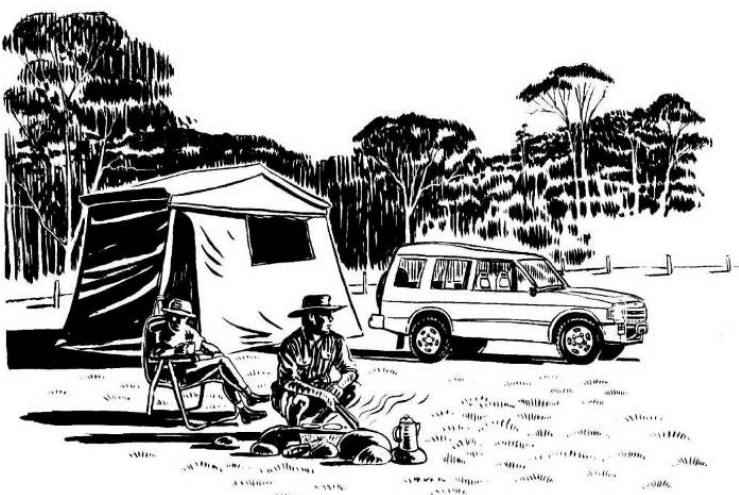
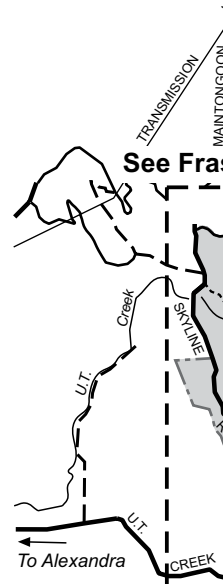
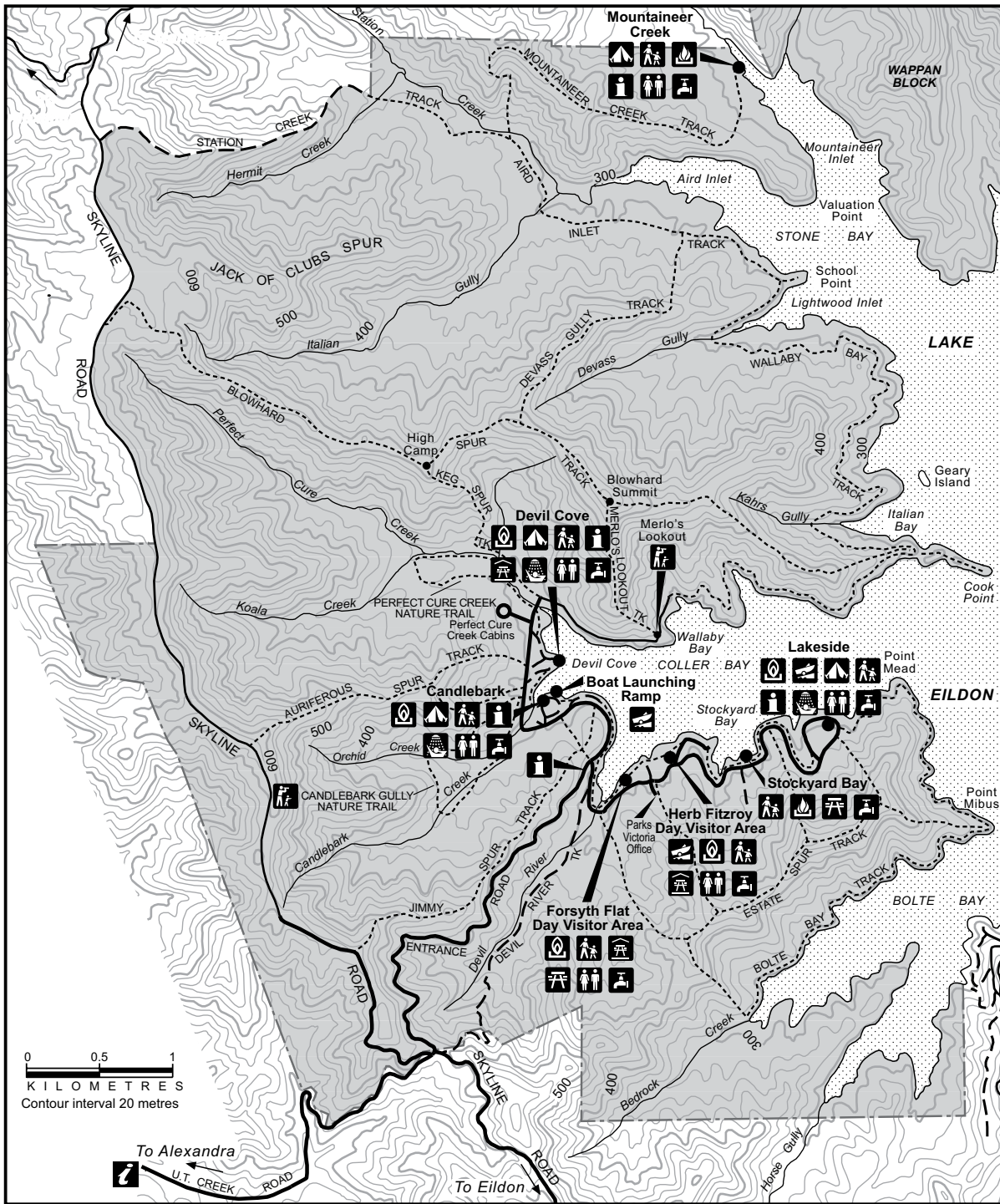
Take time out with family and friends to explore some of the fantastic trails on bike.

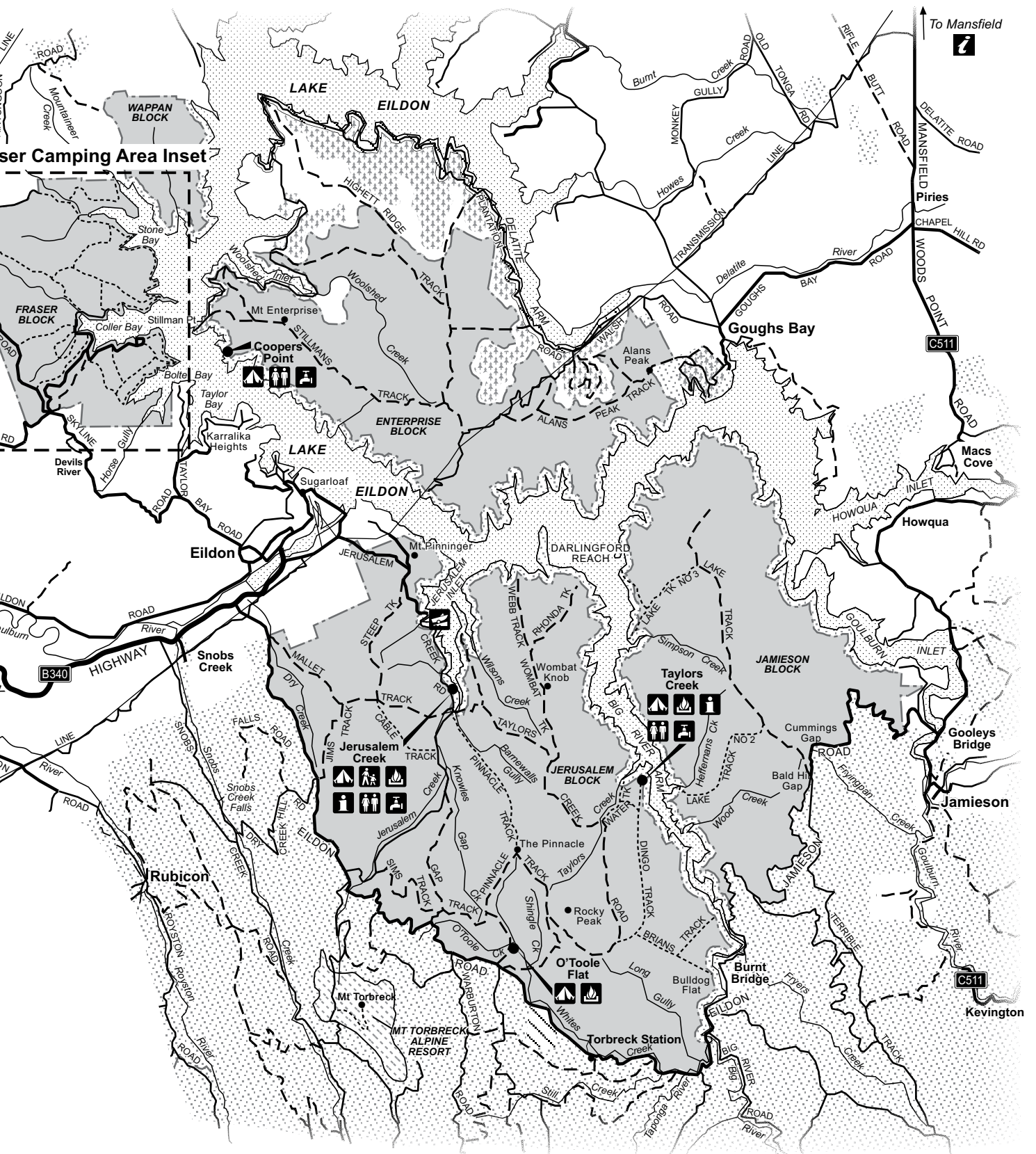
Location and access

The park is a leisurely and picturesque two hour drive from Melbourne (145km north east). The Fraser camping area is located 17km east of Alexandra and the Jerusalem Creek camping area is 10km from the Eildon Township.

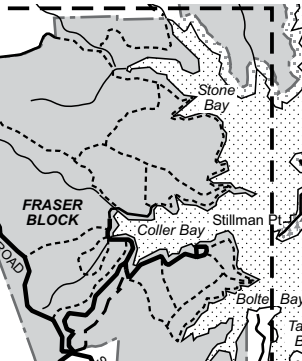


Fraser Camping Area Inset





User Camping Area Inset



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| | Unsealed road | | Alpine Resort |
| | Vehicle track | | State Forest |
| | Walking track | | Softwood Plantations |
| | | | Water body |

Recreation Facilities

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| | Barbecue - Gas | | Park information |
| | Boat ramp | | Picnic shelter |
| | Camping | | Picnic table |
| | Family walk | | Showers |
| | Fireplace | | Toilets |
| | Lookout | | Water |



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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Please take your rubbish with you for recycling or disposal

Light fires only in fireplaces provided. Always extinguish fires thoroughly with water before you leave, and never leave your fire unattended

No fires including portable gas barbecues may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban.

Lake Eildon National Park is in the **North Eastern Total Fire Ban District**

Dogs are permitted only at the Jerusalem Creek camping area. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in other areas of the park

All native plants and animals are protected by law

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except during the hunting season when licensed hunters may carry firearms for hunting Sambar deer in the Jerusalem and Jamieson Blocks. (Further details are provided in a separate park note)

Vehicles, including motorbikes must only be driven on formed roads open to the public

Take a walk

Walking is one of the best ways to explore the park and opportunities abound for all ages, interests and fitness levels.

Enjoy gentle lakeside walks from the camping areas or take a longer hike and explore some of the more remote and picturesque areas.

Most longer walks are of moderate to steep grade, better suited to the cooler months. Distances are one way. Estimated times do not include breaks.

Devil Cove to Lakeside Track

3.5km, 45 minutes

A gentle, shady track follows the edge of the lake, connecting all camping and day visitor areas.

Candlebark Gully and Perfect Cure Creek Nature Trails

2km circuits, 40 minutes

These short, self-guided trails introduce the park's natural features and history. They incorporate a variety of forest types and include remains from the gold mining era.

Wallaby Bay Track

Cook Point - 2.5km, 40 minutes

School Point - 7km, 2 hours

This gentle, shady walk follows the lake edge and gives access to these delightful scenic points. For a strenuous return, link into Cook Point, School Point or Merlo's Lookout walking tracks.

These walks begin along Keg Spur Track, with an initial steep climb up to High Camp.

Cook Point

5km, 1.5 hours

From High Camp, the walk heads east along Blowhard Spur to the Summit, providing views from one of the Fraser areas highest points.

The track gradually descends through light forest to Wallaby Bay Track. A gentle walk takes you out to the point.

School Point

4.6km, 2 hours

This track descends sharply north from Blowhard Spur (800m past High Camp) down Devass Gully Track. An easy 1km walk leads to School Point along the Wallaby Bay Track.

Merlo's Lookout

3.6 km, 1.25 hours

From Blowhard Summit, the track descends steeply to Merlo's Lookout.

Devil River Track to Skyline Rd

2.8km, 45 mins

This delightful forest walk winds through a moist gully and follows the old park entrance road.

Estate Spur Track

Point Mibus or Lakeside - 3 km, 1 hour

Bedrock Creek - 2.2 km, 45 mins

From the information shelter, the track climbs to the top of the hill and intersects the main spur. To the left, the track is open and undulating giving expansive views and descends to Point Mibus or Lakeside. To the right, the track becomes well shaded and descends to Bedrock Creek and Bolte Bay Track. Return along Bolte Bay Track for a pleasant lake walk.

A rich human history

The Taungurung people's traditional homeland extends across the land on which Lake Eildon National Park now exists. These areas, rich and diverse in plant and animal life have been gathering, ceremonial and camp sites for thousands of years, with many cultural sites and spiritual links remaining today.

Flooded into life

To provide irrigation water to farmers in the Goulburn Valley Sugarloaf Dam was built in 1927. In 1955 the Goulburn and Delatite Rivers were flooded to create Lake Eildon.

Lake Eildon's western shore was declared as Fraser National Park in 1957 and in 1980 the forest to the south and north was declared as Eildon State Park. The two parks were joined in June 1997 to create the 26,670 ha Lake Eildon National Park.

A haven for plants and animals

The park is home to a diversity of wildlife including, kangaroos, koalas, wombats and echidnas. Birdwatchers will discover kookaburras, rosellas, wedge-tailed eagles, king parrots and a variety of water birds.

During spring the orchids and wildflowers are prolific on the hillsides, beside the tracks and around the lake edge. Look out for Nodding Greenhoods, Spider Orchids, Early Nancy and a range of "pea" flowers.

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