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## Lake Eildon National Park

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Park Type: **National Park**  
Region: **Central**  
Special Needs Access: **Rating 4** (out of 6) [more info](#)

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Lake Eildon National Park is in the northern foothills of Victoria's Central Highlands north-east of Melbourne. Situated on the shores of Lake Eildon, the park provides an opportunity to experience an array of wildlife, natural and historic features and a range of recreational activities.

### Things to Do

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- A range of camping areas is provided. Payments for camping fees are cheque only. **The park no longer takes bookings for camp sites.**
- Fraser Camping Area has 200 unpowered sites with full amenities, gas picnic shelters.
- Jerusalem Creek Camping Area offers basic facilities (70 sites) with a kiosk located nearby.
- There are also a number of remote camping areas accessible by boat.
- Other lakeside camping is available to the north of the park in the Delatite Reserve.

## Heritage

Aboriginal people had an intimate knowledge of the geography, flora and fauna, all of which had spiritual significance. They suffered greatly from the effects of settlement, but Aboriginal communities and people are now actively involved in management and in recovering their heritage.

The park was established at the time of the development of Lake Eildon, which was constructed in the early 1950s to provide for irrigation and hydro-electricity. The damming of the Goulburn River at Eildon submerged much of the farmland and forest in the Goulburn and Delatite Valleys and created a water storage with a capacity greater than that of Sydney Harbour.

## Fauna

The park is home to a considerable diversity of animals and is particularly well known for its populations of Eastern Grey Kangaroos and prolific birdlife. Wallabies, koalas and echidnas are also seen. Common birds include kookaburras, rosellas, Kingfishers, Gang Gang Cockatoos, Wedge-tailed Eagles and a variety of water birds. The park is an important home for a number of significant species including large forest owls (Barking Owls), bats and the endangered Spotted Tree-frog and Tuan or Brown Phascogale.

## Vegetation

A notable feature of the park is its relatively large areas of herb-rich forest, cool temperate woodland and undisturbed old growth forest, not well reserved elsewhere in Victoria. The forests are dominated by a diversity of eucalypt species including stringybark, Red Box and Candlebark, and a host of understory species such as Silver Birch, Blackwood and burghan (melaleuca). Orchids and wildflowers are also prolific.

## Looking After the Park

- All native plants and animals are protected.
- Camp in designated areas only.
- Take rubbish away with you.
- Fires may be lit only in fireplaces provided. Campers are encouraged to bring their own firewood.
- Dogs are only permitted in the Jerusalem Creek Camping Area.
- Firearms are prohibited (except in designated areas during the hunting season).

## Precautions

- Carry water during summer when bushwalking, especially on high ground
- When camping in forest areas, be aware of the hazard of falling limbs
- Be aware of extreme fire conditions in summer. **No fires may be lit or fire ban**, this includes gas stoves, BBQ's and gas lights.

## How to Get There

Primary access to the park is from the Goulburn Valley Highway via Alexander (510 U8).

## Accessibility

**Special Needs Access Rating: 4 out of 6**

### Candlebark Campground

Camp sites in the Candlebark Cove area are generally free of obstructions on ground. There is a designated accessible toilet and shower facility.

### Lakeside Camping Area

This large camping area is on a sloping site near the lakeside. The steep slope and uneven ground surface reduce overall accessibility. There are few access features to aid movement around the site. Site 6 is one of the more accessible sites.

### Forsyth's Flat Picnic Area

This picnic area has tables and chairs both under shelter and in the open, a barbecues are available. Paths are firm, although not always over level ground. A launching ramp (accessed by separate road east of Forsyth Flat) gives the area access to the water. The Parks Victoria pontoon may be available to assist with access in advance.

### Jerusalem Creek

Jerusalem Creek has a picnic and camping area with basic facilities. There are camping sites with firm and fairly flat ground, but a number of obstacles such as logs and leaf litter must be negotiated when moving around the site. There are no toilet facilities.

## Nearby Parks

- Alpine National Park
- Cathedral Range State Park
- Howqua Hills Historic Area
- Mount Samaria State Park

## Activities

Barbeque, Boating, Camping, Fishing, Four Wheel Driving, Hunting, Walking

## Guided Activities

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## Special Places

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## Publications

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### Park Notes / Maps

1. [Lake Eildon National Park - Walking Tracks \(Fraser area\)](#)
2. [Lake Eildon National Park - Hunting of Sambar Deer](#)
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### Management Plans & Strategies

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