

Braeside Park



Visitor Guide

Braeside Park, covering 295 hectares in Braeside, offers a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. It protects significant environmental and cultural heritage, from Aboriginal occupation to European settlement. You can stroll through the park's Red Gum Grassy Woodlands, Heathland and around the Wetlands which provide a series of diverse, complex and valuable environmental communities.

Location & access

Braeside Park is accessible from Lower Dandenong Road (Melway 88 D8) and Governor Road (Melway 93 F2). One-way spikes at the Lower Dandenong Road exit allow you to stay and enjoy the park and leave at your leisure. The Governor Road entrance/exit closes at 4pm daily.

Things to see & do

Cook up a feast on one of the free electric barbecues, or enjoy a picnic on the lawn.

Get active and walk, jog or cycle along the twelve kilometres of trails that meander through the park. Note that days of high fire danger and Total Fire Ban are common during summer and visitors should take extra care.

Get in touch with nature and discover the diverse range of bird life or take a stroll along the Heathland Trail and listen for frogs, or search for an echidna. Visit the visitor centre to view a variety of native animal specimens; open 10am to 4pm daily.

Come and try the adventure playground which includes modules for junior kids and disabled access, as well as older children!

Visit the community garden, the muralled art walls or walk where Phar Lap's hooves have pounded the turf along the Red Gum Trail.



New Holland Honeyeater ©MT

Information about Braeside and Karkarook Parks are available from the visitor centre.

History

Braeside Park has an interesting and varied history. Before European settlement, Aboriginal tribes hunted, camped and gathered food in the area. Later it was used for grazing, market gardens, a horse training complex and sewage treatment plant. Even Phar Lap was once stabled here!

The park opened to the public in 1989 and now attracts many visitors who come to exercise, study nature, or just relax.

Flora & fauna

Each year, rangers and volunteers plant thousands of trees, shrubs and grasses to provide habitat for native animals.

Over 180 bird species have been recorded, including the New Holland Honeyeater, Blue-billed Duck and Latham's Snipe.

Snakes also live in the park; please respect them. Braeside Park is their home, where they belong.

Braeside Park is a haven for native plants, such as Tiger Orchids, Wedding-bush and old River Red Gums. It is very important to protect this biodiversity so that the park remains healthy and beautiful.

Become a volunteer

Become a member of the Friends of Braeside Park and you can be involved in activities such as propagation, planting days, bird watching, water quality monitoring and the community garden. For more information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963, or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.



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Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Take all rubbish home with you

Dogs, cats and horses are not permitted in the park

Portable gas barbecues only

All native plants and animals are protected

Leave the park as you find it

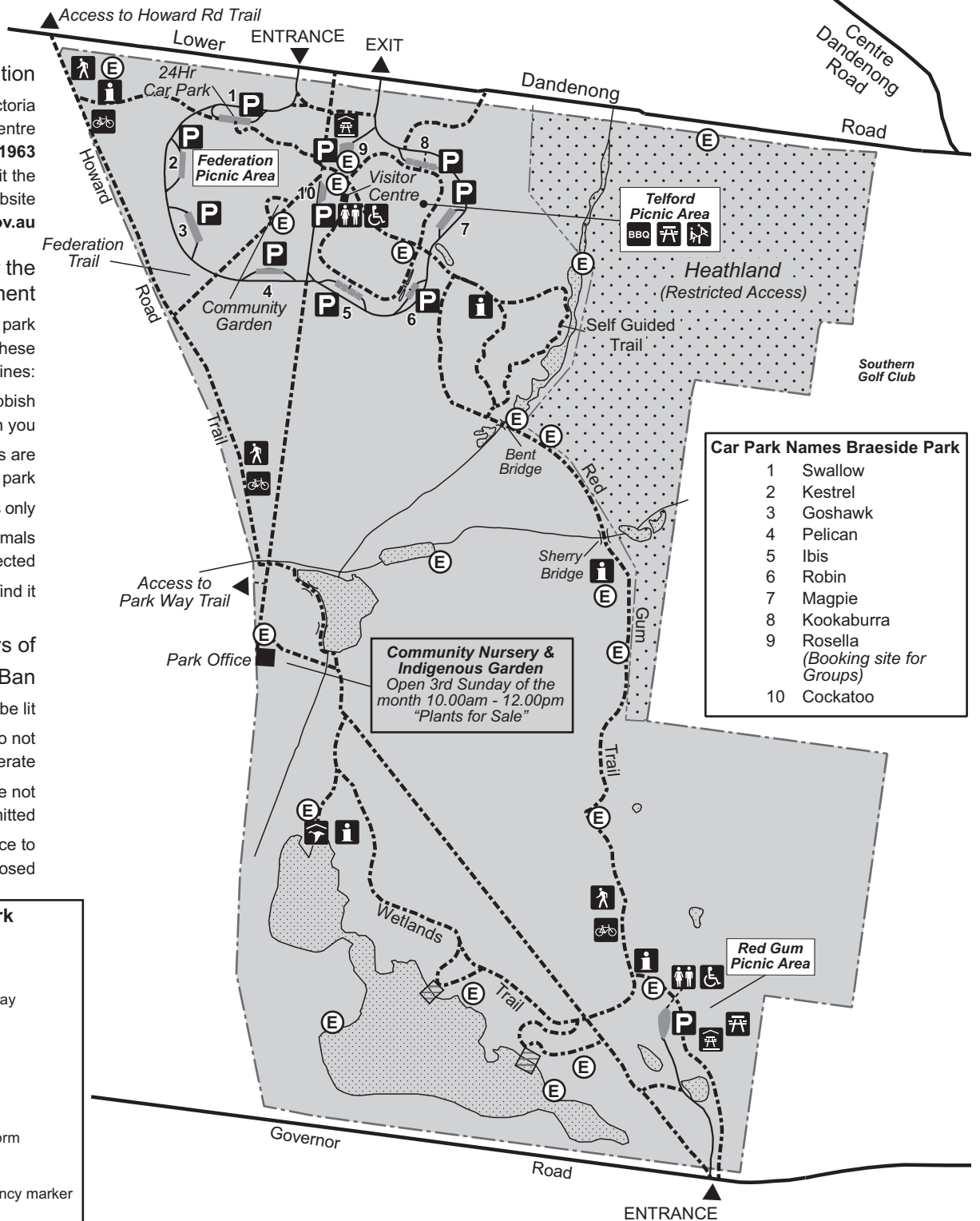
On days of Total Fire Ban

No fires may be lit

Park barbecues do not operate

Portable barbecues are not permitted

Governor Road entrance to the park is closed



Car Park Names Braeside Park	
1	Swallow
2	Kestrel
3	Goshawk
4	Pelican
5	Ibis
6	Robin
7	Magpie
8	Kookaburra
9	Rosella (Booking site for Groups)
10	Cockatoo

Braeside Park

- Major road
- Minor road
- Shared pathway
- Bridge
- Fenceline
- Park area
- Heathland
- Viewing Platform
- Water body
- ESTA Emergency marker

Recreational Facilities

- BBQ-Wood
- Bird hide
- Car park
- Park information
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Toilets
- Toilets for the disabled

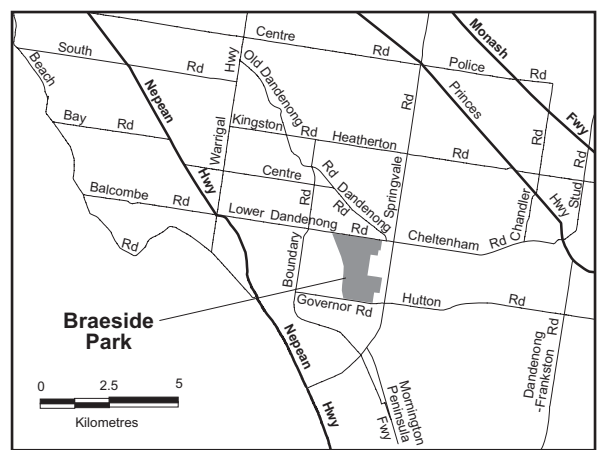
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Green 'Emergency Marker' signs are located in this park to help pinpoint your exact location in the case of an emergency. Codes are unique to every marker and park eg: KNP001.

In an emergency, call 000 and quote the emergency marker code. Markers are identified on the map with an **E** symbol

For further information see **www.esta.vic.gov.au**

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