

Park Update

Hepburn & Creswick Area January 2018

This Park Update provides information about some of the reserves managed by Parks Victoria in the Creswick & Hepburn area.

Creswick Regional Park

New Rangers and Field Staff

As part of a state-wide recruitment initiative to strengthening parks, Parks Victoria has appointed Mark Bourke as Ranger. Mark is passionate about the bush and is excited to be managing the increasingly popular park for all to enjoy.

New Field Services Officers Tom Cook and Nick Muller have also joined the team at Creswick and can be seen maintaining and improving visitor facilities throughout the park.

Creswick Heritage Walk

As a diversion of the goldfields trail, an 8.5 km circuit walk has opened in the Creswick township area. Beginning at the Creswick Visitor Information Centre, the walk includes Melbourne University (Creswick Campus), the La Gerche and Landcare trails before making its way through parts of Creswick Regional Park, Hancock Victoria's Pine plantation and St. George's Lake.

Route information can be found at the Visitor Information Centre.

Mountain Biking & Hiking

The Goldfields track stretches 210 km from Buninyong to Bendigo. A new comprehensive guide includes mountain bike only trails as well as walkers only and shared use trails. The guide also covers natural, cultural and historical attractions along the trail. You can walk or ride as much or as little as you like.

The guide can be purchased from various Visitor Information Centres and retailers in the greater Ballarat area.

Junior Ranger Programs

The Junior Rangers school holiday program is about to begin. Places are filling fast and numbers are limited (Bookings essential). These programs are presented by a Ranger at various bush locations in the Ballarat area. Register now to secure your spot at: <http://juniorrangers.com.au/>

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Mt Franklin

Also known as Lalgambook by the Dja Dja Wurrung people, Mt Franklin is a small volcanic crater that offers an idyllic spot to picnic or take a short walk. Short-stay camping is available as are spots for caravans and motor homes on a first in, first served basis. No fees apply and basic toilets, fireplaces and water for washing are provided.

Bushfire Safety

Campfires

Restrictions apply to campfires and barbeques in Victoria's Parks. Before you light a fire, check local fire restrictions and if a Total Fire Ban is in force. Things to remember when having a campfire:

- Campfires must be lit in a designated steel fire place.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Don't light a campfire on dry, windy days.
- Clear the ground and air space of flammable material (eg. leaves, twigs, tree stumps) within three metres of your campfire.
- An adult must be present at all times.
- Extinguish your campfire with water, not soil.
- When it's cool to touch, it's safe to leave.

Help to protect our parks

Rangers are maintaining an active presence in the park, both throughout the week and on weekends. You can help to protect our park by reporting any issues. Please contact Parks Victoria's InfoCentre on 131 963.

Need any further information?

For more information about our parks, or to provide feedback, please visit www.parks.vic.gov.au. You can also get in touch with us via the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 963 or info@parks.vic.gov.au.