



Brimbank Park

Visitor Guide

Just a short drive from the heart of the city, Brimbank Park offers a great setting for a family picnic. The Brimbank Park Playscape is a haven for creative play that will inspire children and their families to connect with nature as they play. You can also get active by walking or cycling along the extensive network of trails.



Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation Parks Victoria acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Traditional Owners of the land on which you are standing, and their connection to land, sea and community. We recognise that sovereignty was never ceded and we pay our respect to Wurundjeri Elders past and present. Parks Victoria extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Getting there

Brimbank Park is approximately 15 kilometres north-west of Melbourne CBD in Keilor East. Vehicle access is off Keilor Park Drive.

Opening hours

Brimbank Park is open every day including weekends and public holidays from 6.00am every day. The park closes at 5.30pm and at 8.00pm during Daylight Savings in summer.

Things to see and do

There is an extensive network of cycling and walking tracks, an amazing children's Playscape and multiple picnic areas. The 25km long Maribyrnong River Trail follows the river from Keilor to Footscray.

If you are exploring the park, be aware that the two ford crossings can be very slippery. The river is subject to flooding and the fords will be closed as required. Updates are available on the Parks Victoria website on the Brimbank Park page, under 'Change of Conditions'.

Walking

With over 10km of tracks in Brimbank Park, plus the main regional Maribyrnong River Trail, you are sure to find a path right for you. Try to keep to the left of paths to allow runners and cyclists to pass safely.

Most of the tracks within the park are sealed and allow for shared access and disabled visitors, however some are quite steep and may not be suitable for non-electric wheelchairs.

1. Brimbank Loop Walk – 3.5km, 1.5 hrs

This wonderful walk allows you to experience most of Brimbank Park's landscapes. The shared path follows the Maribyrnong River as it winds around the natural basin, then leads up the escarpment to panoramic views of the area.

Along the way admire the majestic old River Red Gums; many hollows serving as homes to birds and other wildlife. The geological history of the land is displayed on the riverbanks, where layers of basalt and sandstone were formed some 400 million years ago.

The best location to begin this loop walk is from Carpark A, where you can make your way down the hill to the trail alongside the river.

2. Main Regional Trail – 25km

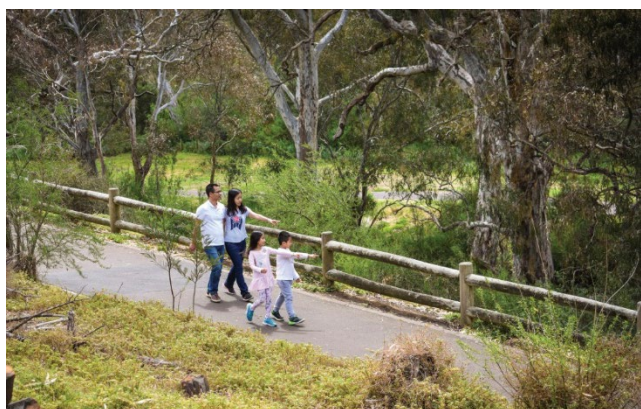
A 5.5km section of this trail runs through Brimbank Park, with the extension following the Maribyrnong River, through Melbourne's north-western suburbs, all the way to Southbank in the city. It is a shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians.

Over time this river has cut a valley through the basalt plains of northern Melbourne; users will experience a variety of landscapes, and a window into Melbourne's past and present land use.

3. Horseshoe Bend Loop Walk – 2km, 45 mins

Horseshoe Bend Loop Walk is a serene place to experience nature. Begin at the farm driveway and follow the gravel trail down to the Maribyrnong River. From here the path is mostly flat and follows the river in a loop. Keep a good lookout for wildlife, including many different birds and sometimes shy Swamp Wallabies.

At Horseshoe Bend, there is an original 1930s weatherboard cottage and farm outbuildings; a reminder of the site's farming past.



Brimbank Park is a great place to take the family

Picnicking

There are several picnic areas in the park. Gas barbecues, shelters and picnic tables are available free of charge, with no bookings required. These areas are very popular, so get in early on weekends and fine days.

For large group functions, visit our website www.parks.vic.gov.au to fill out the event application form, or call 13 1963.

There is a café located near the Playscape and Carpark A; opening hours vary.

Cycling

There are fabulous cycling opportunities in Brimbank Park. Follow the walking circuits or include it as part of a wider ride.

Remember that all trails are shared use and that pedestrians have right of way (but should keep left whenever possible). No riding is permitted off formed trails. Helmets are required by law.

Dog walking

Consider the safety and enjoyment of wildlife and other park users by making sure your dog is always restrained and under control.

Clean up after your dog and take their waste home; no bins are provided. Dog poo is not only unpleasant for other visitors, but can pollute the waterways, spread parasites and scare away native wildlife.

Plants and animals

Brimbank Park is an amazing mix of native grasslands, rocky outcrop escarpments and huge trees along the river. These natural areas are home to a diverse variety of wildlife.

The park features a multitude of birds including parrots, galahs, kookaburras and large birds of prey. Brushtail and ringtail possums live within the large River Red Gums. Wallabies, echidnas and bats call the area home, as well as different species of frogs and lizards.

Bring binoculars to see what you can discover and stay aware of the environment around you. Several venomous snake species are native to Victoria and live in parks, particularly near waterways; if you see one, stay calm and move away carefully.

Wildlife is best left wild; do not approach or try to feed any animals.

Caring for the park



Help us look after your park by following these regulations:

- Dogs are permitted in most areas of Brimbank Park but must be kept on a lead at all times. Dogs are strictly prohibited from the Kulin Wetlands and the Playscape area.
- Take all your rubbish home with you (including cigarette butts) for recycling or disposal.
- All plants, animals, historical and archaeological sites and geographic features are protected by law. Please do not disturb them in any way.
- Vehicles, including motor bikes, may only be used on formed open roads. No Parking areas are enforced.
- Generators and amplified noise are prohibited for the comfort of wildlife and other users.
- Access to the grassland nature conservation reserves is restricted; call the Parks Victoria Information Centre for more details.
- No portable or solid fuel barbecues may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban. Permanent structure gas or electric barbecues may be used, but only with at least 10 litres of water available for extinguishment.
- Solid fuel barbecues can only be used in signed areas, on hard surfaces. You must take all rubbish and coals home with you.
- Fishing is permitted in the Maribyrnong River with a valid Victoria Recreational Licence.
- No camping is permitted at any time, including campervans.
- No drones are allowed without a current permit from Parks Victoria.
- No mountain bike riding off trails is permitted; no creating jumps or obstacles.



Check out the amazing Playscape near Carpark A

Emergencies

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator. This will help pinpoint your location and the fastest access for emergency services.

Brimbank Park is in the Central Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests need to stay aware of forecast weather conditions.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Warning signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

There are multiple ways to check the Fire Danger Rating and days of Total Fire Ban:

- VicEmergency smartphone app
- VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226
- www.emergency.vic.gov.au
- Scan this QR code



Further information

Check for park, facility and road closures, and the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

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(Brimbank Road, off Keilor Park Drive)



Download the free park map to your phone from Avenza Maps. If you don't have the app installed, you will be prompted to download it (WIFI is recommended).

The app uses your phone's GPS location feature to show you where you are, even without a signal.



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|  Parks Victoria |  Walking |  Cycling |  Gate |  Brimbank Loop Walk |
|  Parking |  Dogs permitted on lead |  No dogs permitted |  Conservation area |  Main Regional Trail |
|  Information |  Sheltered area |  No drones permitted |  Freeway |  Horseshoe Bend Loop Walk |
|  Toilets |  Playground |  No BBQ's |  Main road |  Shared path |
|  Café |  Access for people with limited mobility |  No public access |  Main access road |  Unsealed road |
|  Gas barbecue |  Lookout |  ESTA marker |  Sealed road |  Management vehicles only |