

# What's On

## Parks Victoria Spring Activities & Events Calendar

1 September 2009 – 30 November 2009




Parks Victoria will provide fun for the whole family this spring with an action packed program of activities and events across the entire state.

In particular take part in conserving our natural environment by getting involved in a number of planting activities on offer.

This information is subject to change.

Please contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre for up to date information on **13 1963** or visit our website at [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au).



Date	Activity/Event	Where	Description	Cost	Booking Req.	Contact
All year 10am – 4pm	<b>Serendip Sanctuary</b>	Windermere Road, Lara	Serendip's visitors can walk the nature trails and experience native flora and fauna. The walk is complemented by fantastic facilities including: a simulated underwater wetland with giant animal models, a ponding site, delightful picnic areas with electric and wood fired BBQs, an activities room and theatre. Plus lots more!	Free  (Group guided tours: \$4.90 per person)	For groups wanting guided tours	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Wednesday 2 September  5.45pm – 6.45pm	<b>Monthly Flying Fox Count</b>	Yarra Bend Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park	The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000-20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne's suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park.	Free  	Yes	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology Rodney van der Ree 8344 3661




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Sunday 6 September Saturday 19 September Sunday 4 October Saturday 17 October Sunday 1 November Saturday 21 November  10am – 1pm Saturdays 2pm – 4pm Sundays	<b>Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands Working Bee</b>	Shepherd Rd, Glen Waverley Parks Victoria Depot	Come along and join the working bee and get involved in a worthwhile project. You will be helping to maintain an indigenous garden site and enhance the biodiversity within Shepherds Bush. Spend a day in the outdoors planting, weeding and learning about the local indigenous flora. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free  	No	Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands 9561 2381 <a href="http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dandvall/">http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dandvall/</a>
Sunday 6 September Sunday 4 October Sunday 1 November  2pm – 4pm	<b>Shepherds Bush Community Gardens Working Bee</b>	Shepherd Rd, Glen Waverley Parks Victoria Depot	Come along and join the working bee to create the community gardens including planting, path construction and nursery propagating. Participation provides social interaction, physical activity and information about the environment, food provision, gardening and horticulture. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free  	No	Shepherds Bush Community Garden 9561 1999 <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/shepherdsbushcommunitygarden">http://sites.google.com/site/shepherdsbushcommunitygarden</a>
Friday 11 September  10am – 4pm	<b>“The Grand Parade” Exhibition</b>	Le Page Homestead, Hawkstowe Picnic Area, Plenty Gorge Park	Come and view talented local artists' impressions of a Country Show. This exhibition titled, “The Grand Parade” pays tribute to the past 150 years of the Whittlesea Agricultural Show and is presented by Plenty Valley Arts and supported by the City of Whittlesea. Art works will be available for purchase throughout the exhibition period.	Free	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Saturday 12 September  9am – 12pm	<b>Spring Planting Festival - Karkarook Park</b>	Karkarook Park	Come along and join the fun of tree planting and help our native birds and animals at Karkarook Park. Please wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Tools will be supplied.	Free  	Yes – call 9265 7300 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Sunday 13 September  9am – 12pm	<b>Spring Planting - Braeside Park</b>	Braeside Park	Come along and join the fun of tree planting and help our native birds and animals at Braeside Park. Wear sturdy boots, protective clothing and bring along gloves to enjoy the great outdoors. Follow directional signage to find the meeting point.	Free  	Yes – call 9265 7300 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Thursday 17 September – Sunday 27 September	<b>Visit Parks Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Show!</b>  	Government Pavilion, Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale	Visit the Parks Victoria display at this year's Royal Melbourne Show and meet Ranger Roo! There's lots to see and heaps to do! Find out about Victoria's amazing parks and waterways and how to join your local Friends Group, talk to a ranger, meet the lovely team from The Connies, and for the first time this year, sing and dance along to the Ranger Roo Show.  The Ranger Roo Show will be performed twice daily from Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 September in the 'Pause' area of the Government Pavilion. If you miss the opportunity to see Ranger Roo on stage, you can still say hello to Ranger Roo on all other days of the Royal Melbourne Show.	All activities within the Government Pavilion are free.  Tickets to the Royal Melbourne Show: Adult: \$28 Conc: \$18 Child: \$13 Family: \$65	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>  For more information on the Royal Melbourne Show visit <a href="http://www.royalshow.com.au">www.royalshow.com.au</a>

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Saturday 19 September Saturday 17 October Saturday 21 November  8am – 2pm	<b>Jells Park South Farmers Market</b>	Ashes Picnic Area, Jells Park, Wheelers Hill  	Come down to the Farmers Market at Jells Park South where you will find up to 50 stalls of fresh local and regional produce, including some plants. A hot breakfast stall will be provided for the public. Parking available. The market is held every third Saturday of the month.	Free	No	Regional Farmers Markets  5664 0096
Saturday 19 September – Sunday 20 September  10am – 4pm	<b>Kooyoora Wildflower Show</b>	Kooyoora State Park (Rheola Hall, Rheola )	Come and enjoy this static display of local indigenous flora, look at photographs and drawings, purchase native plants, participate in guided and self-guided Wildflower tours, learn about endangered species and talk to Parks Victoria rangers. Bring a hat, sunscreen, drinking water and walking shoes. Morning and afternoon tea and coffee provided. BBQ provided by local service club. Parking and amenities are available.	Entry fees:  Adult: \$8 Conc: \$2.50 Child: free Family: \$10  Guided bus tours: \$5	Bookings required for guided bus tours only.  See the website for details	Friends of Kooyoora <a href="http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au">www.loddon.vic.gov.au</a>
Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October  12pm – 3pm	<b>Werribee Park Holiday Program</b>	Werribee Park	Visit Werribee Park this spring holidays for some fun activities. The beautiful gardens next to the Werribee Mansion provide the perfect setting to try your hand at some traditional Victorian games including croquet, quoits, hopscotch and skittles.	Adult: \$14 Conc: \$9 Child: \$8 Family: \$33	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Monday 21 September - Friday 2 October  Open daily from 10am – 4pm for activities and visitor entry	<b>Marine Discovery Centre – Spring Holiday Program</b>	Queenscliff  	Ready to spring out of winter and into the sea this school holidays? Visit the Marine Discovery Centre at Queenscliff and join its spring holiday program. Discover some of Port Phillip's water wonders through fun family activities led by experienced staff and volunteers.	Adult: \$8 Conc: \$5 Child: \$5 Family: \$25	Bookings required for activities only.  Call the Marine Discovery Centre for a program.	Marine Discovery Centre 5258 3344 <a href="http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/mdc">www.dpi.vic.gov.au/mdc</a>
Wednesday 23 September Friday 25 September - Monday 28 September Wednesday 30 September  3pm – 4pm	<b>Federal Cave Tours</b>	Buchan Caves Reserve	Join Parks Victoria rangers for special cave tours during the spring holidays.  The Federal Cave tour provides a unique opportunity to view a cave that is rarely open to the public and is part of the same cave system as the Royal and Fairy caves. Helmets and lights are provided but sturdy footwear is required. The tour operates with groups of 6 – 10 people and is not recommended for children under the age of 8 unless accompanied by a guardian.  The Buchan Caves Reserve also offers walking tracks, abundant wildlife and a picnic ground with BBQs which are available for everyone.	Adult: \$25 Child: \$18	Yes - call 5162 1900 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>
Thursday 24 September  10am – 11.30am	<b>Spring Creek Cave Tour</b>	Buchan Caves Reserve	Join Parks Victoria rangers for special cave tours during the spring holidays.  Ever wanted to go wild caving? Then Spring Creek is for you. This adventure is led by experienced rangers and involves crawling through narrow spaces. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour. Helmets, lights and overalls are provided but sturdy footwear is required. The tour operates with groups of 4 - 6 people and is not recommended for children under the age of 12.  The Buchan Caves Reserve also offers walking tracks, abundant wildlife and a picnic ground with BBQs which are available for everyone.	Adult: \$45	Yes - call 5162 1900 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 <a href="http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au">www.parkweb.vic.gov.au</a>

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Sunday 27 September  10am – 3pm	<b>Planting Day at Yarra Bend Park</b>  	Yarra Bend Park - Yarra Bend Road landscaping site	Shake off those winter blues by joining Yarra Bend Park at a Planting Day! Help to recreate a bush landscape only km's from the city by replacing exotic vegetation to widen the belt of indigenous vegetation along the Yarra River. BBQ food provided, or bring your own picnic lunch. Wear your hat, rain coat, sunscreen, gloves, boots or runners and bring along a snack and drinking water. Everyone welcome!	Free	Yes - call 9488 3999 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 30 September  6pm – 7pm	<b>Monthly Flying Fox Count</b>	Yarra Bend Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park	The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000 -20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne's suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park.	Free  	Yes	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology Rodney van der Ree 8344 3661
Friday 2 October  8.30am – 2.30pm	<b>TLC for Kids Marathon and Walk</b>	Albert Park	Come and support the CEO of TLC for Kids, who will walk 42kms around Albert Park Lake to raise funds for the TLC Distraction Box Program, a program that helps over 400,000 children in hospital annually.	Free	No	TLC for Kids www.tlcforkids.org.au
Saturday 3 October Saturday 7 November  10am – 12pm	<b>Friends of Wattle Park Working Bee</b>	Wattle Park – picnic car park	Come along and join the working bees and get involved in a worthwhile project. Participation provides social interaction, physical activity and information about the environment and gardening. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free  	No	Friends of Wattle Park 9833 4732
Monday 5 October - Saturday 10 October	<b>Australian Paralympic Youth Games</b>	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park	The Australian Paralympic Youth Games will be held for the first time in 2009 and staged in and around the Albert Park sports precinct created by the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, as well as at other major Melbourne sporting facilities. The event will bring together an anticipated 300 athletes with a disability and accompanying team officials from around Australia and the Oceania region to participate in up to 7 sport competitions and 3 development opportunities.	See website for details	See website for details	Wheelchair Sports Victoria 9473 0133 www.wsv.org.au
Sunday 11 October	<b>2009 St George Melbourne Marathon</b>	Around Melbourne and Albert Park	Over 25,000 people are expected to sign up again for this popular annual event. Four race distances will be offered and all courses will finish with a lap on the hallowed turf of the MCG. Start times have been staggered to ensure that participants enjoy the best possible race day experience.  The courses take in some of Melbourne's most famous landmarks, including Federation Square, the Victorian Arts Centre, St Kilda Road, the Tan, the Shrine, Albert Park Lake and Beaconsfield Parade.	See website for details.	See website for details.	www.melbourne marathon.com.au
Sunday 11 October  9.30am – 5pm	<b>Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show</b>	Anakie Staughton Vale Hall, Anakie	Hosted by the Friends of Brisbane Ranges, the Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show will include displays, workshops and guided bus tours. For a gold coin donation, you can view an extensive display of wildflowers, purchase Brisbane Ranges plants, visit various environmental stalls, learn to collect native seeds and how to attract native wildlife to your property, or sign up as a Friends Group member. Ample parking and disabled access available.	Free	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Sunday 11 October  2pm – 4pm	<b>Carome Homestead – The past, present and future</b>	Carome Homestead, Hathfelde Plc, Mernda	Carome Homestead is one of the earliest European settlements on the Plenty River. Discover the site's rich history and learn of the future plans for the homestead. This is a great day for those interested in the area's history and the event is suitable for all ages. Afternoon tea will be provided on the day. Suitable footwear required. Presented by Parks Victoria and supported by Mint Inc and the City of Whittlesea.	Free	Yes – call the City of Whittlesea on 9217 2377 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 11 October  10am – 5pm	<b>Wyperfeld National Park 100 Years Celebration</b>	Wonga Campground, Wyperfeld National Park	Parks Victoria invites you to join in the celebration to mark the 100 year centenary of the initial reservation of Wyperfeld National Park. Food and drinks will be available and there will be activities for all ages.	Free	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 18 October  9am – 3pm	<b>Walk to Cure Diabetes</b>	Lake Path, Albert Park	The annual Walk to Cure Diabetes event unites tens of thousands of people across Australia in raising money for research to find a cure for type 1 (juvenile) diabetes. Anyone can join; the walk is a fun and easy way to make a difference.	Free	No	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation www.walk.jdrf.org.au
Sunday 25 October  1pm – 4pm	<b>A walk in the Field</b>	Plenty Gorge Park	Take part in this guided walk and explore an area of Plenty Gorge Park that is referred to as 'Janefield'. Situated at the southern end of the park, the history and landscape of Janefield are largely unknown. Learn of the history of the Plenty River mills and other associated historical remains. The area also maintains significant environmental values given its close proximity to urban development. Afternoon tea will be provided. Suitable attire and footwear is essential and a moderate level of fitness is required. Approximately. 3km return distance.	Free	Yes – call the City of Whittlesea on 9217 2377 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 28 October  7.30pm – 8.30pm	<b>Monthly Flying Fox Count</b>	Yarra Bend Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park	The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000 -20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne's suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park.	Free	 Yes	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology Rodney van der Ree 8344 3661
Sunday 1 November  10am – 3pm	<b>Children's Week Picnic</b>  	Werribee Park	Enjoy an action-packed day for the whole family with this popular community event. Join in the celebrations with free entry into Werribee Park and participate in a full program of activities and entertainment for all ages. The magnificent formal gardens will come alive with musical entertainment, games, sporting activities and much more. Pack a picnic or purchase lunch or snacks from a range of food on sale and enjoy a fantastic family day out. Don't miss the opportunity to also meet Ranger Roo! There's lots to see and heaps to do!	Free	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 15 November  3pm – 7pm	<b>Hawkstowe Music</b>	Hawkstowe Picnic Area, Plenty Gorge Park	A great afternoon's entertainment will be experienced by all who attend this annual event. Out for the Count Swing Band and Cheek to Cheek Trio will be delivering a great line up of fine jazz music. Kids' entertainment will be available throughout the day and the Le Page Homestead art gallery will be open for viewing. Bring a picnic blanket, chair and sun screen and enjoy local beer and wine which will be available for purchase along with a sausage sizzle. Free parking is available on the day. This event is presented by Plenty Valley Arts and supported by the City of Whittlesea.	Tickets are \$2.  Ticket sales from 1.30pm at the gate.	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Saturday 21 November	<b>Australian Corporate Games</b>	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and throughout Albert Park	The Corporate Games is a community-based event set up to encourage companies to support employees' pursuit of a more active, healthier lifestyle. Entries close 22 October 2009.	See website for details.	Yes – see website for details.	www.corporategames.net.au
Sunday 22 November  8am – 2pm	<b>Variety Santa Fun Run</b>	Palms Lawn, Albert Park	Grab your running shoes and your Christmas Spirit to be part of the first Variety Santa Fun Run in Australia and create a sea of red at Albert Park Lake! It is the perfect opportunity for you, your family, your friends and your work colleagues to raise money for special children in need. Fantastic prizes are up for grabs including a trip for 2 people to London valued at \$12,000 and a \$4,000 Adrenalin Gift Voucher. Registration closes at midnight, 18 November.	See website for details.	Yes – visit the website to register online.	Variety – the children's charity www.varietysanta funrun.com.au
Wednesday 25 November  7.45pm – 8.45pm	<b>Monthly Flying Fox Count</b>	Yarra Bend Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park	The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000 -20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne's suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park.	Free  	Yes	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology Rodney van der Ree 8344 3661
Saturday 28 November – Sunday 29 November	<b>The Great Australian Run (includes The Great Australian Junior and Family Run)</b>	Albert Park and Melbourne	Join thousands of others and run alongside some of the world's greatest athletes, including Benita Johnson and Craig Mottram through the streets and parks of Melbourne.  The Great Australian Junior and Family Run on Saturday 28 November is open to children 11 to 14 years old or children under 11 years old with their parents.  The Great Australian Run on Sunday 29 November is open to ages 15 and over.	See website for details.	Yes – visit the website to register.	www.greataustrali anrun.com.au
Sunday 29 November  9am – 5pm	<b>The Age Spring Harvest Picnic</b>  	Werribee Park	Food and wine producers from all over Victoria gather in the grounds of Werribee Park to sample, showcase and sell their tasty products. This is a wonderful day for the whole family and features music and dance on stage throughout the day, cooking demonstrations by well-known chefs and lots of activities for kids. Bring a picnic basket and create a picnic from the delicious array of goods on offer. Ticket covers admission to the Spring Harvest Picnic, historic Mansion, formal gardens and the Victoria State Rose Garden. Tickets may be pre-purchased through the Harvest Picnic Foundation, at selected Australia Post outlets (see Harvest Picnic Foundation website for details) or on the day at Werribee Park.	Ticket prices at the gate on the day are: Adult: \$18 Conc: \$14 U15: Free Group tickets (10+) are also available through the Harvest Picnic Foundation for \$14 per person. Call 03 9521 8844	Only for group bookings. For more information visit: www.harve stpicnic.co m.au	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb. vic.gov.au

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Boat Touring	Fishing	Mountain Bike Riding	Surfing/Surf Education
Bushwalking	Fossicking/Prospecting	Rafting	Trail Bike Touring

Some activities are seasonal while others operate all year round. Visit the Parks Victoria website [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au) or call **13 1963** for more information.

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### Welcoming Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities to Parks

Parks Victoria is committed to welcoming culturally and linguistically diverse communities to our extensive parks system. Two new services are available to assist non-English speaking people to access information about parks. Parks Victoria has developed a Multilingual Park Note that welcomes the reader to Victoria's park system while incorporating important visitor information. This is available in 33 languages and can be found on Parks Victoria's website [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au). In addition, an interpreter service is available for callers to Parks Victoria's information line **13 1963** which can provide detailed information about all of Victoria's parks.