

# Braeside Park

Braeside Park, covering about 312 hectares in Braeside (Melway map 88 D8), offers a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. It protects a significant environmental and cultural heritage, from Aboriginal occupation to European settlement. You can stroll through the park's Red Gum Grassy Woodlands, Heathland and Wetlands - diverse, complex and valuable environmental communities that make Braeside Park a very important place.

## History

Braeside Park has an interesting and varied history. Before European settlement, Koori 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. 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..

## Conservation

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

Over 160 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.



New Holland Honeyeater ©MT

Braeside Park is also 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.

## Things to 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 12 km of trail 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 - how many different birds you can spot? Listen for frogs at the ponds, and search for echidna tracks on the heathland trail.

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

Information about Braeside Park and other parks is available from the Visitor Centre.

## Park hours

The park is open to the public by 8.30am every day of the year. Park gate closing times vary through the year.

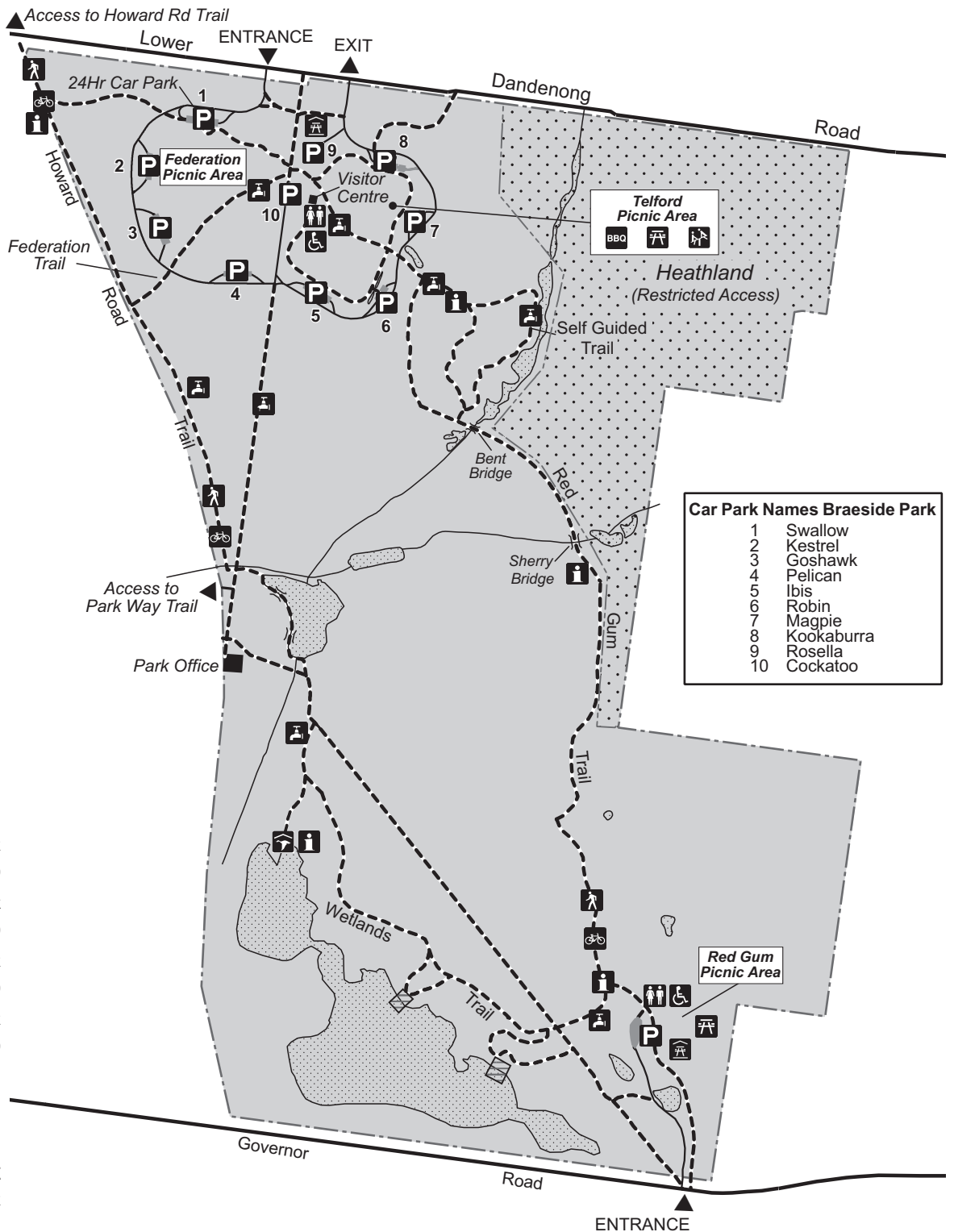
For information on closing times, please observe the entry signs, or ring the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

If you are in the park after the gate closes, one-way spikes at the Lower Dandenong Road exit allow you to stay and enjoy the park and leave at your leisure.

## 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 and water quality monitoring. For more information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963, or visit our website [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)





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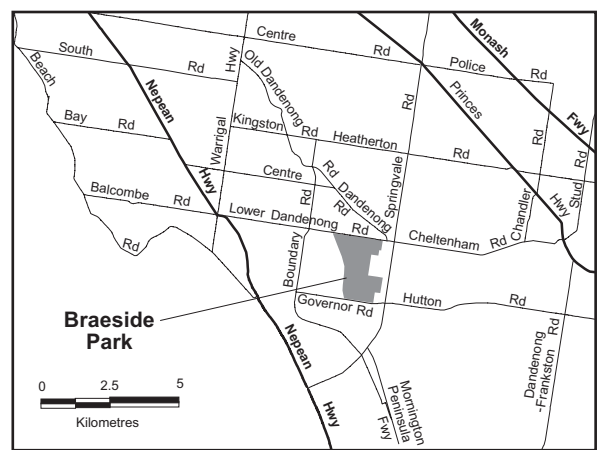
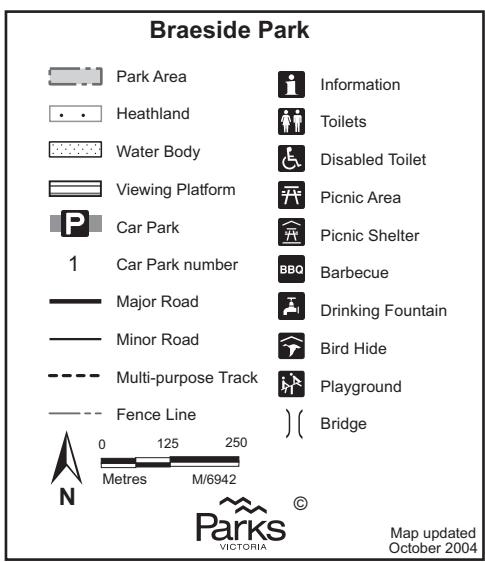
**Other parks in the area to visit:**

- Karkarook Park (Melway 78 D7)
- Jells Park (Melway 72 A10 & 71 K6)
- Churchill National Park (Melway 82 D9)
- Lysterfield Lake Park (Melway 108 C1)

**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
- No fires may be lit on a day of **Total Fire Ban**
- All native plants and animals are protected
- Leave the park as you find it
- Please don't throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it



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