

Hawkstowe Park

An old river meander is the setting for this delightful 15 hectare park. With views of the Plenty River, a backdrop of the wooded Plenty Gorge and an historical homestead, Hawkstowe Park is the perfect spot for a quiet picnic or barbecue that the whole family will enjoy.

Location

Enter from Gordon's Road, South Morang. (Melway Map 183 H8).

Park opening hours

Hawkstowe Park is open all year, from 8.00am – 5.00pm, except during daylight savings when the gates are open until 8.00pm.

History

Hawkstowe Park was once home to the Le Page family. Built in the 1850s, Hawkstowe Farm, consisting of Le Page Homestead, barn and stables, flourished in the prosperous years of the 1860s and 1870s.

Hawkstowe Park was purchased in 1986 to be managed by Parks Victoria as a recreational parkland. In 1994 it was opened to the public.

Le Page Homestead is now home to the Plenty Valley Arts Inc.'s art gallery. The cottage garden surrounding the homestead is maintained by volunteers of the Mill Park Garden Club.

Facilities

There are a number of electric barbecues, picnic tables and shelters in Hawkstowe's picnic area.

Toilets at Le Page Homestead and Red Gum Picnic Area have parenting facilities and facilities for people with limited mobility.

Red Gum Picnic Area has a children's adventure playground.

If you wish to bring a large group to the park, a permit is required for marquees and generators etc. It is not possible to reserve the whole park.

Things to see and do

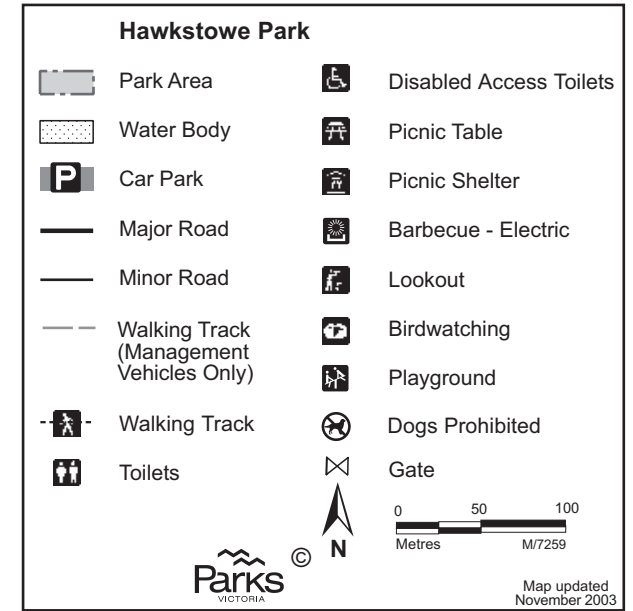
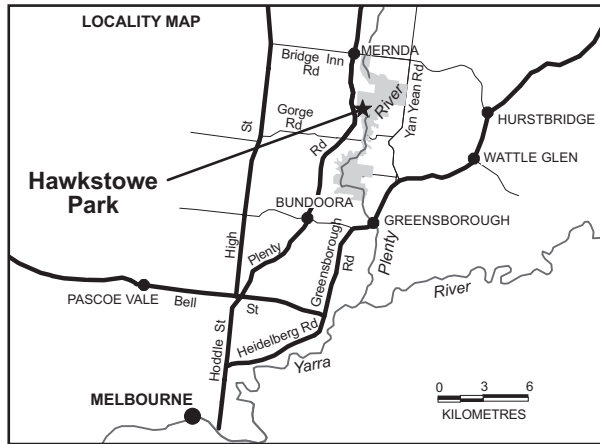
- Learn about the historic Hawkstowe Farm, sitting elegantly on the hill with views over the park. Smell the aromatic roses of the cottage garden during spring and summer.
- Opportunities exist to become a volunteer of the Park, call the Parks Victoria information Centre on 13 1963 for details.
- The Plenty Valley Arts Gallery is open by appointment only. Workshops in a variety of artistic media can be booked by calling the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or Plenty Valley Arts. Inc. on 9456 9556.



Le Page Homestead, Hawkstowe Park

- The wide open spaces of Hawkstowe Park are perfect for flying kites, throwing the frisbee or painting a picture.
- Wander around the picturesque lakes listening to the calls of the local frogs, the most prominent being that of the Banjo Frog.
- Don't forget to visit the lookout where you will get the best view over Plenty Gorge and its river.





Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

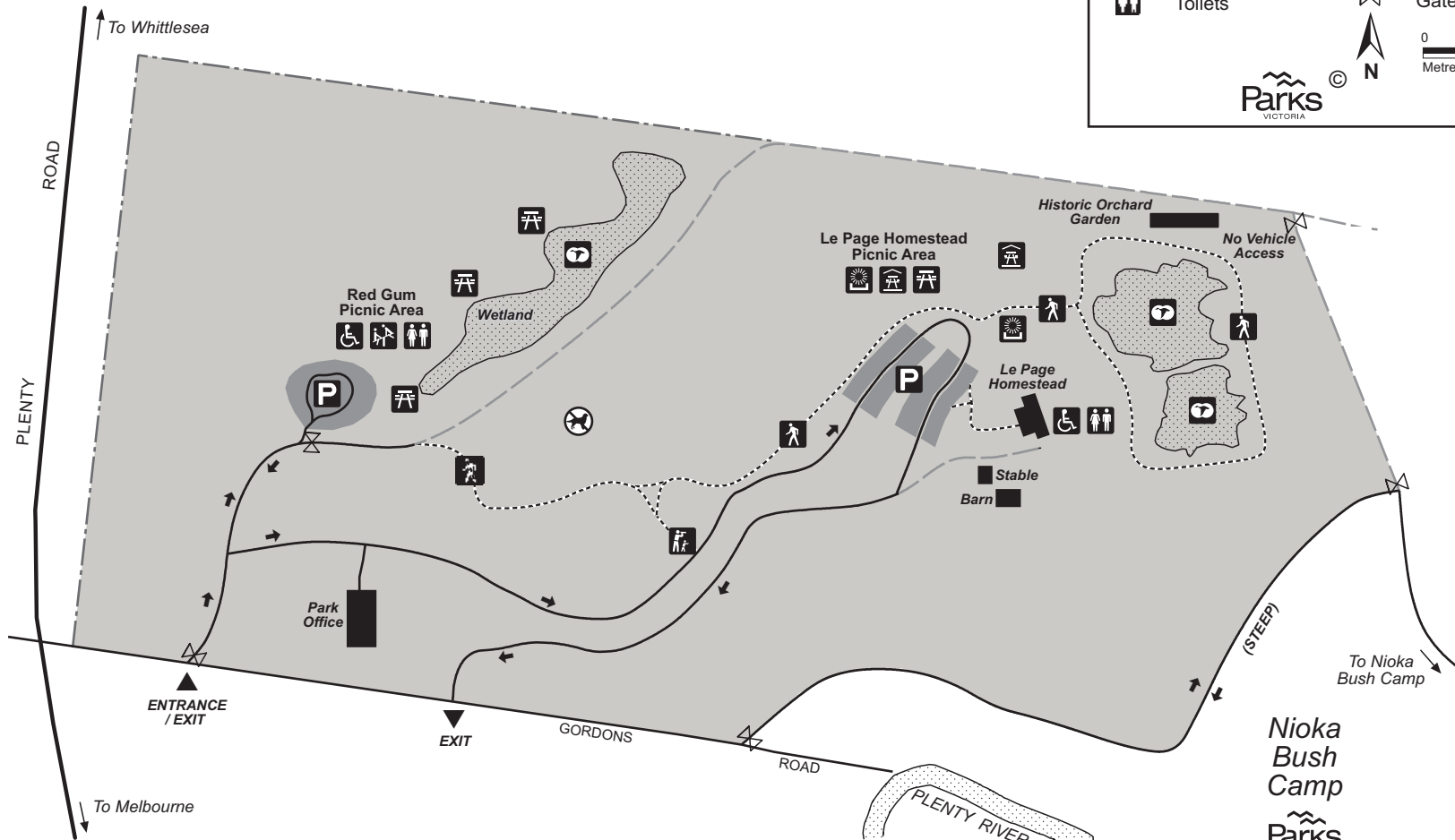
Fires are not permitted. Please observe these fire regulations at all times while in the park

The park has a "carry in, carry out" policy. Please take all rubbish home with you

Please don't throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it

Hawkstowe Park is a conservation area, dogs and other pets are not permitted

All native plants and animals are protected. Dead trees and branches provide habitat to native plants and animals, please do not remove them



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