

Moondarra State Park



Visitor Guide

Moondarra State Park takes in an area of 6,292 hectares of forest on the northern edge of the Latrobe Valley. The park protects a rich variety of native flora and fauna whilst providing for sightseeing, picnicking, camping and other activities.

Location and access

Moondarra State Park is situated approximately 160 kilometres east of Melbourne. The park is reached from the Princes Highway at Moe by following the Moe-Rawson Road.

Care should be taken when driving as the roads throughout the area are narrow and winding. Log trucks regularly use the Tanjil Bren Road. A number of unsurfaced tracks in the park are suitable for 4WD vehicles only. To avoid getting lost please keep to marked tracks.

Things to see and do

Scenic drives, bushwalks, picnicking, swimming, camping, fishing and nature study are popular activities and some roads are suitable for bicycle riding. Spring (the main wildflower season) and summer are popular times to visit the park, but the park has plenty to offer throughout the year.

Camping and accommodation

A camping area with fireplaces, pit toilets and picnic tables is provided on the banks of the Tyers River on Seninis Track. Motel accommodation and caravan parks with on-site facilities are available at nearby Rawson and Erica.

Picnicking and walks

Moondarra State Park is a delightful setting for a picnic. Barbeques and picnic tables are provided at Tyers Bridge and at Seninis camping area.

While no dedicated walking tracks are provided, the numerous 4WD tracks can help you explore the park.



Echidna © MT

Remnants of history

The Moondarra grazing run, covering much of the area occupied by the park was first taken up in early 1850's. An overgrown mustering yard is the only reminder of this period of the parks history.

The discovery of gold at Walhalla, Toombon and Red Jacket in the 1860's sparked a rush of miners to the area. Miners had to contend with cold winters, thick scrub and extreme transport difficulties. Decades of lobbying by residents of the goldfields finally led to the government constructing a narrow gauge railway line in 1899. The route of the old railway can still be traced.

The railway opened the area for settlement and a network of bush tramways were constructed through the forests, stripping the area of its valuable timber. The remains of a number of these tramways can still be seen within the park. The park was proclaimed in January 1986.

A haven for plants and wildlife

The park has extensive areas of open forests dominated by Yertchuk and Silvertop with an understory of Silver Banksia, Prickly Tea-tree, Bushy Hakea, Common Heath, spear grass and sedges. Thickets of Prickly Tea-tree and Scented Paperbark occur on low lying, poorly drained areas. Other common eucalypts within the park include Messmate, White Stringybark, Apple Box, Silver-leaf Stringybark and Broad-leaf Peppermint.

The area is noted for its wildflower displays, particularly along Seninis Track where 16 species of native orchid have been recorded.

The variety of habitat within the park provides home for nearly 100 species of birds including Brown Thornbill, Crimson Rosella, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Kookaburra and Superb Lyrebird.

The park is also home to the Common Wombat, Brushtail and Ringtail Possum, Sugar Glider, Koala, Echidna, Swamp Wallaby and Brown Antechinus



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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

All native plants and animals in the park are protected

Please keep to designated walking tracks to avoid becoming lost

Bins are not provided within the park. Please take your rubbish home

Avoid polluting streams and lakes with refuse, detergents or human wastes

Boating, fishing or swimming in the Moondarra Reservoir is prohibited

Vehicles including trail bikes may only be ridden on formed roads open to the public and must be appropriately registered. Drivers and riders must hold a current licence

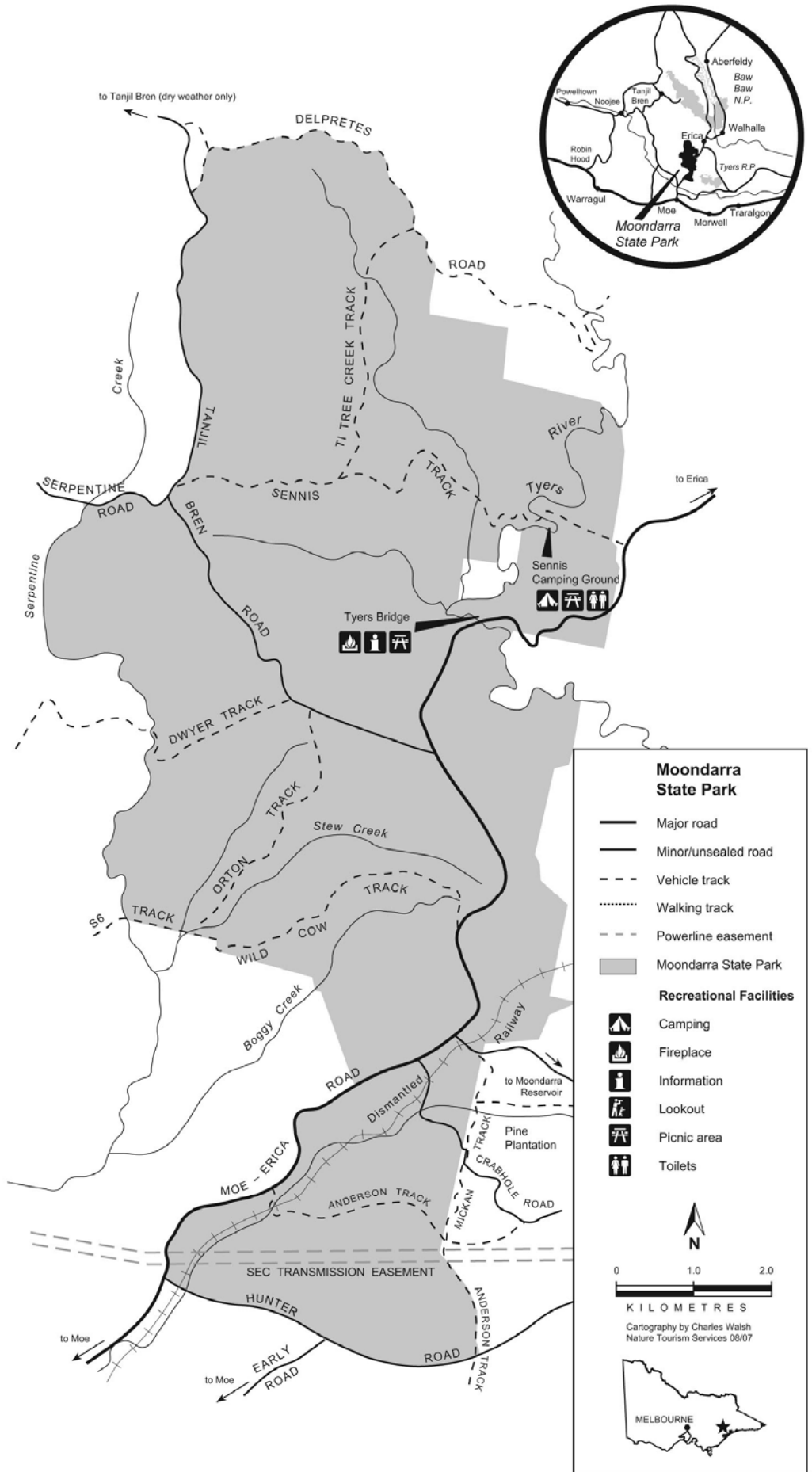
Firearms, cats, dogs and domestic pets are not permitted within the park

Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided. No fires to be lit on days of Total Fire Ban (Eastern District)

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