

# Morwell National Park



## Billys Creek Area

The Billys Creek area was added to Morwell National Park between 1989 and 1991, to provide a wider range of recreational opportunities and a greater sample of the State's natural environments than were previously available in the Fosters Gully area.

### Things to see and do

The Billys Creek area is one of great natural beauty with high scenic values and relics of past land uses. Areas of remnant Strzelecki Ranges vegetation can be seen, along with previously degraded areas which have been rehabilitated. Over 30,000 trees have been planted on the creek flats between Junction Road and the Billys Creek weir. Recreational activities include picnicking, bird watching, nature study and bushwalking.



### Walking tracks

#### Billys Creek Track – 1.5 km

*From Junction Road Carpark to But But Track.*  
A pleasant walk along the creek flats beside Billys Creek, passing through areas which have been revegetated over the past 20 years. Some excellent remnant vegetation can also be seen along the creek banks, including Manna Gum, Blue Gum, Swamp Gum and the vulnerable Strzelecki Gum.

#### Weir Track – 800 m

*From But But Track to Billys Creek Weir.*  
The track crosses several footbridges over the creek and passes through some superb stands of Manna Gum before arriving at the old weir. The weir was built in 1914 and once supplied water to Morwell via a wooden pipeline. An easy walk, suitable for the whole family.

#### Lodge Track – 2 km

*From Billys Creek Weir to Morans Road.*  
This track climbs steeply up a ridge through a variety of forest types containing Blue Gum, Mountain Grey Gum, Messmate and Apple Box (But But). A strenuous walk, but the views from the higher areas of the park make it worthwhile.

#### Clematis Track – 1.2 km

*From Billys Creek to Lodge Track.*  
Climbing through a damper forest type which contains Blackwoods and Musk-daisy bush, this track joins Lodge Track half way up on its climb to Morans Road, but is not quite as steep. Clematis and Wonga Vine can be seen flowering profusely all along this track in early spring.

#### Blue Gum Hill Track – 3 km

*From Billys Creek Weir to Blue Gum Hill and return.*  
Blue Gum Hill Track starts a short distance along Lodge Track, then follows a small creek for 500 m before beginning the climb up Blue Gum Hill.

On the way to the top, the track passes through disturbed areas, which were once cleared for grazing, as well as some fine stands of Blue Gums.

After climbing for 1.2 kilometres, the summit is reached and, although there is no formal lookout, the views from this area are spectacular. Looking out over Billys Creek and the surrounding steep hills, the Latrobe Valley can be seen in the distance.

Return via the same route or take the track to the West, which follows a steep spur down to Billys Creek and back to the weir. Care must be taken as this track is extremely steep.

#### Zig Zag Track – 1.2 km

*From Weir Track to Jumbuck Road.*  
An alternative route into the weir area from Jumbuck Road.



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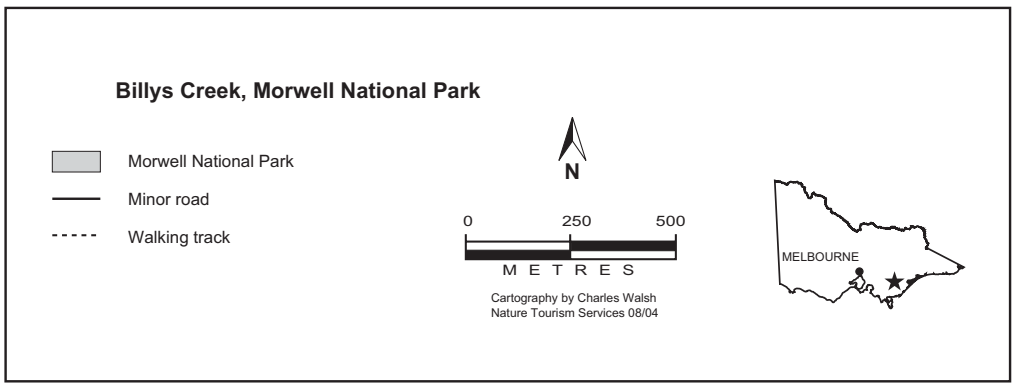
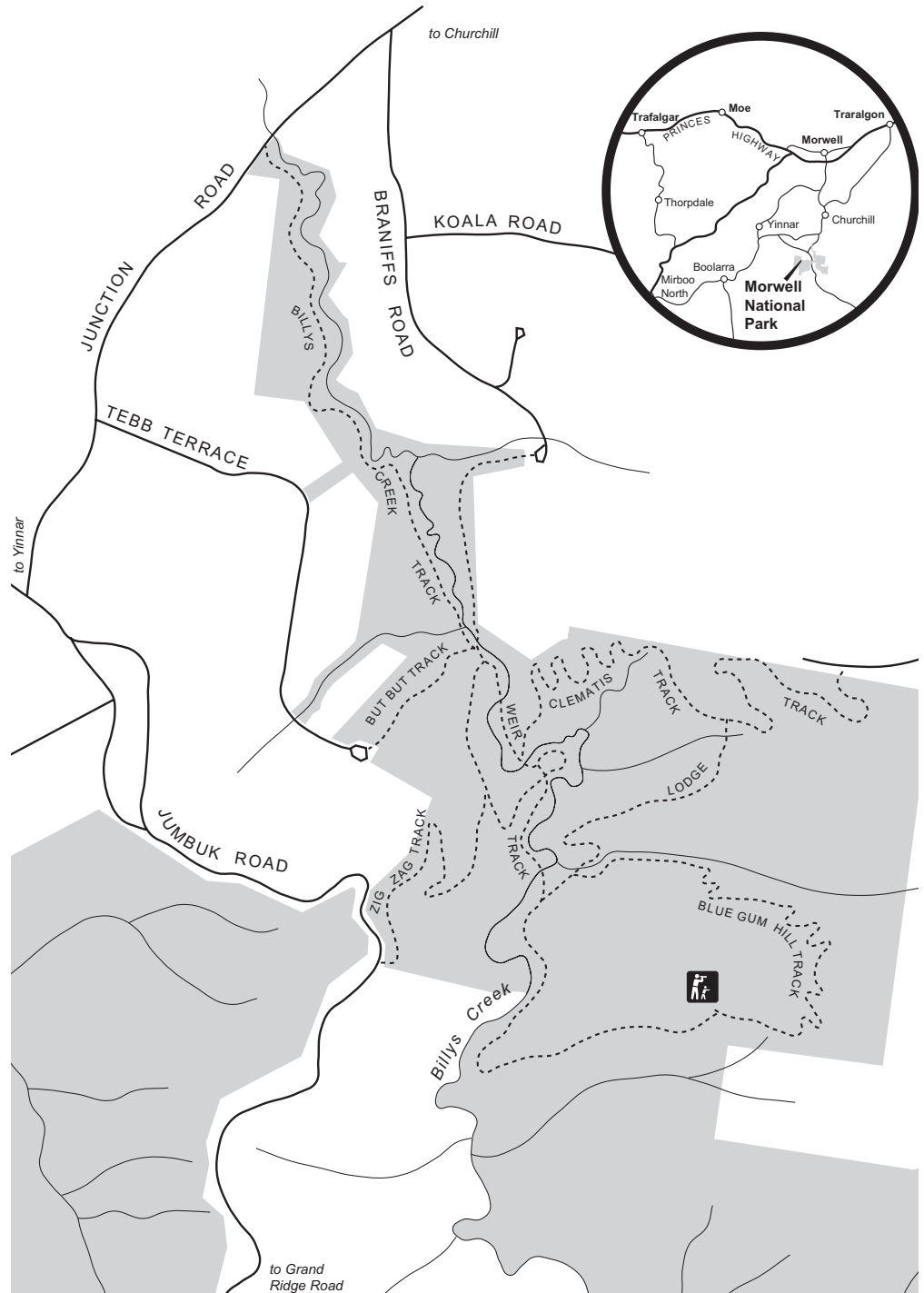
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