

Yarrambat Park

With beautiful picnic spots, a wide variety of recreational pursuits and magnificent views of Kinglake Ranges and the Plenty River Valley, Yarrambat Park is the perfect spot for a family day out.

Located 26 kilometres north-east of Melbourne along Yan Yean Road this 47 hectare multi-recreational park is open 24 hours a day all year round.

(Melway Map 184 G3)

History

The area now known as Yarrambat Park was once frequented by the Wurundjeri (the local aboriginal people). The word Yarrambat means 'High Hill'. Scarred trees are a reminder of the history of these rich volcanic plains.

In the 1840s the area of Yarrambat, then known as Tanck's Corner, was settled by squatters who grazed cattle and sheep. Later the land was used for other agricultural purposes.

Gold mining began in the Plenty region in the 1850s. There are still shafts and equipment scattered throughout the area. However, it was not the discovery of gold that was important to the region but the increased demand for meat and agricultural products.

Yarrambat Park was bequeathed to the Shire of Nillumbik to be kept as open space and is now managed by Parks Victoria on behalf of the community.

Facilities

There are electric barbecues, picnic tables and a picnic shelter at Yarrambat Park picnic area.

Toilet facilities are located at the picnic area and have access for people with limited mobility.



Common Wombat

Activities

- Follow the trail to the Plenty River and keep a sharp eye out for platypuses, wombats, possums and the rare Swift Parrot. These animals live in the area because of the varied food sources and homes they can live in.
- Yarrambat Park has wide open spaces for playing cricket, kicking a football, flying a kite or walking the dog. The park also has spectacular views of Kinglake National Park and Mt Disappointment.



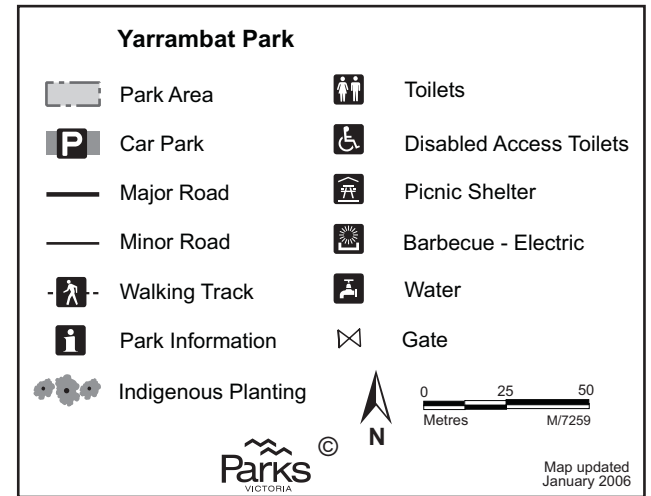
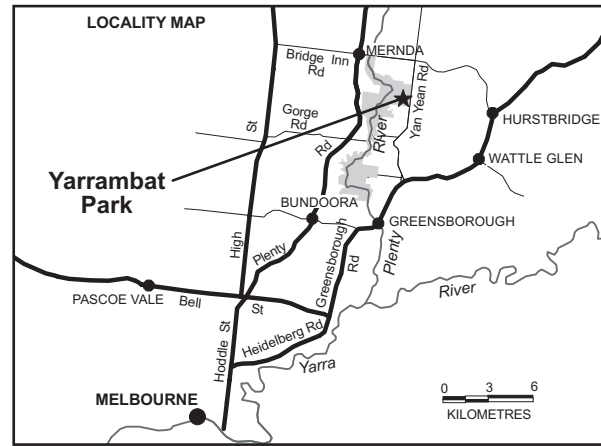
Sugar Glider

Adjacent Activities

Activities run by sporting clubs adjacent to Yarrambat Park:

- The trotting track used by the Diamond Valley Harness Racing Association. Phone 9716 1049.
- Model aeroplanes are flown by the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club. Phone 9457 2877.
- Diamond Valley Archers range and clubrooms are situated in the north-west corner of the park. Phone 9435 5606. The Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club also share these clubrooms. Phone 0419 515 950.
- Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club can be contacted on 9436 1043.
- Yarrambat Public Golf Course is situated south of the park, with an 18 hole golf course and clubrooms. Phone 9436 2201.
- Diamond Valley Pistol Club. Phone 9435 1546.
- Yarrambat Heritage Museum focuses on the district gold-mining, farming and education. Phone 9436 1356.





Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Fires may not be lit. Please observe the fire regulations at all times in the park

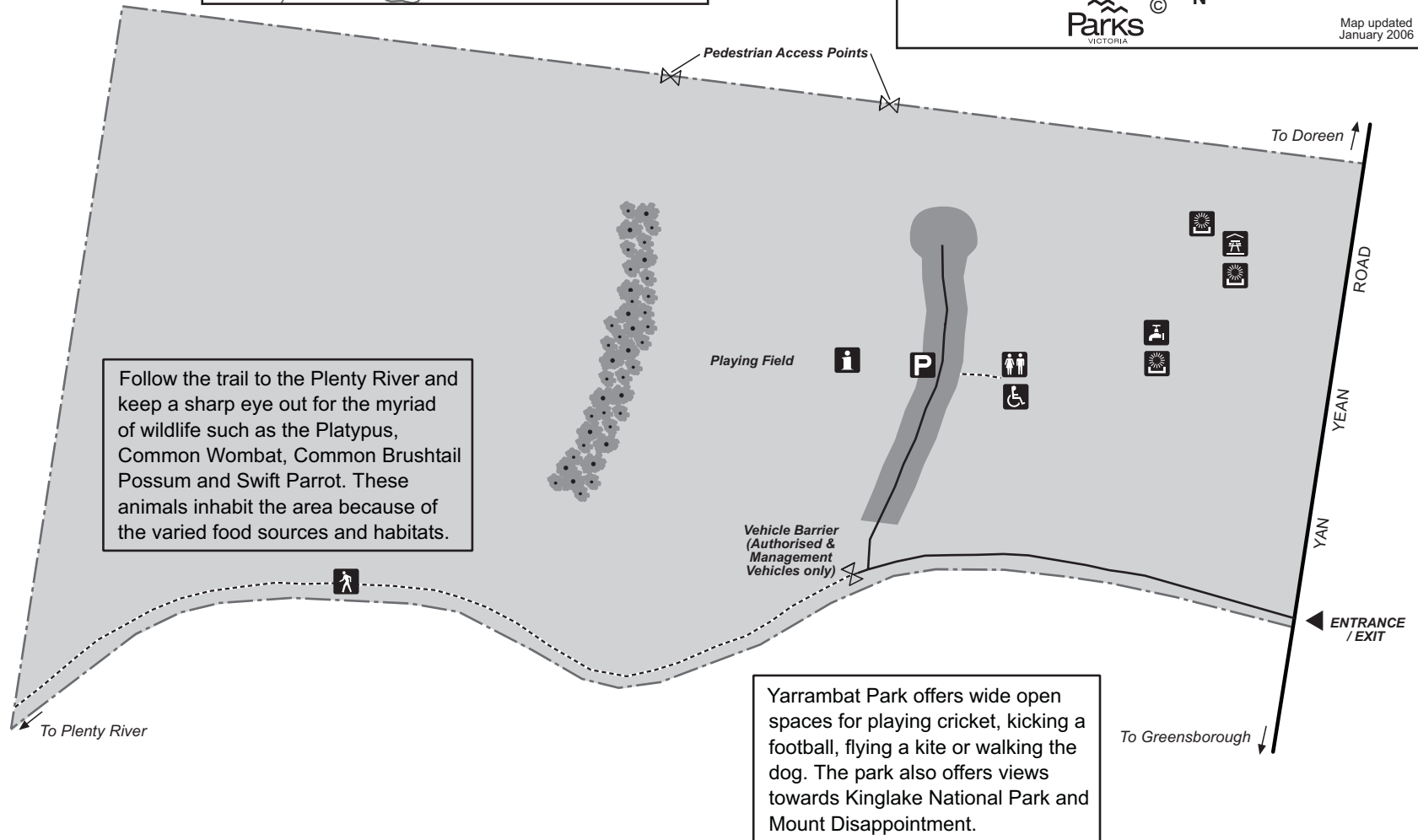
Yarrambat Park has a "carry in, carry out" policy. Please take all rubbish home with you

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

Dogs are permitted in the park, but must be restrained on a leash at all times

In the interest of public health and for the comfort of all, you are required to clean up after your dog

All native plants and animals are protected. Dead trees and branches provide homes for wildlife, please do not remove them



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