

Olinda Creek Walking Track



The Olinda Creek Walking Track is located within the Dandenong Ranges and extends from Silvan Reservoir Park in the east to Mt. Evelyn in the west.

Passing through many different vegetation types from dry open forest areas to spectacular fern-filled gullies, the walking track provides an ideal setting to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Australian bush. Along the way watch out for some of the native animals that inhabit the area, such as Short-beaked Echidna, Superb Lyrebird and Black Wallaby.

The Ever-Changing Forest

As you leave from Silvan and slowly wind your way along the start of the track you will notice the many types of ferns and understorey plants covering the forest floor.

Pause a moment beneath the fire scorched Messmate and Mountain Grey Gums to consider what it would have been like during the raging 1939 Black Friday fires.

The vegetation changes substantially as you cross over the old aqueduct line (marked by the cleared area) and enter the Olinda Creek valley below.

Quite suddenly the air becomes cooler, the trees are taller and the understorey plants are greener as tree ferns become more abundant.

As the walk progresses on the higher, drier and rocky slopes notice how the vegetation once again changes as you leave the moist fern gullies.

Diverse Wildlife

The wildlife in this area is quite diverse. If you walk quietly you may see an Echidna as it sniffs decaying logs searching for a meal of ants. Scratchings by the side of the track may indicate the presence of the Superb Lyrebird. You may also hear the Black Wallaby as it bounds through the bush.

Many different types of birds live in the forest. To catch a glimpse, sit or stand quietly as many of the small bush birds can be seen flitting among the shrub layer. As you cross the bridge over the Olinda Creek you may see a Spotted Pardalote racing from bank to bank.



Spotted Pardalote MT ©

As you wind your way up to and along Pipe Track Road, which leads to Mt. Evelyn you will notice a number of silver water valves. These are connected to a water pipe underground which transports water from Silvan Reservoir to Preston, where it is distributed for domestic consumption.

Where to Start

The Olinda Creek Walking Track commences at Stonyford Road, Silvan, in the Overflow (24 hour) carpark opposite Silvan Reservoir Park (Melways Map 120 H11).

Distance: 5.6 kilometres from Silvan to Mt. Evelyn

Duration: 2 hours one way

Grade: Moderate to gently undulating terrain with some moderately steep sections. Gravel surface.

If you are commencing the walk from Mt. Evelyn, park your car at the Mt. Evelyn Recreation Reserve and access the track via Tramway Road. Refer to the map overleaf or Melway Map 120 G3.

Two short enjoyable walks form part of the Olinda Creek Walking Track route that commence from the overflow (24 hour) carpark.

Messmate Walking Track – circuit track

Distance: 1.4km

Grade: Moderate level of fitness required

Time: 30 minutes return

Grey Gum Walking Track – circuit loop

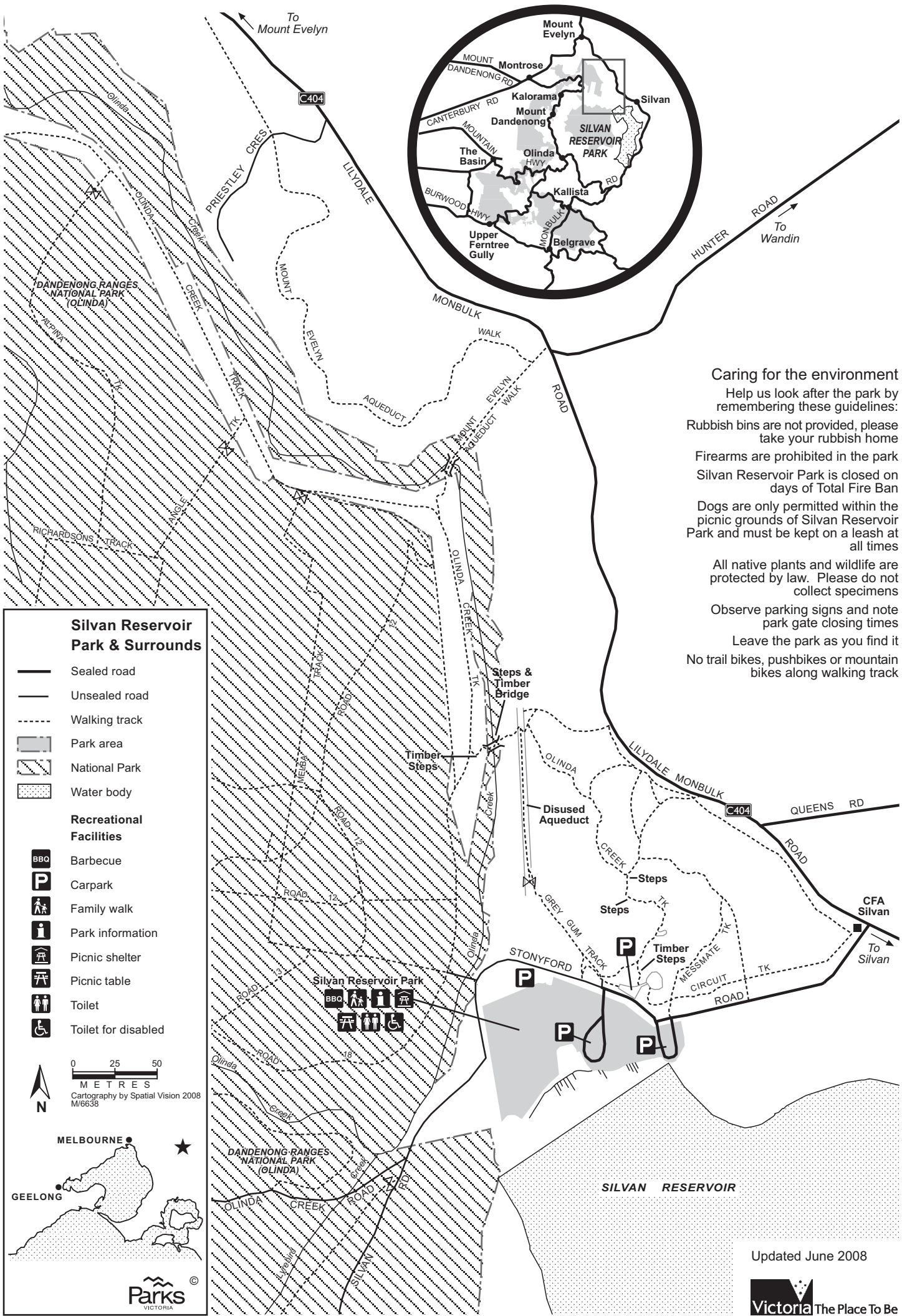
Distance: 2.3km

Grade: Moderate level of fitness required

Time: 1 hour return

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Caring for the environment
 Help us look after the park by remembering these guidelines:

- Rubbish bins are not provided, please take your rubbish home
- Firearms are prohibited in the park
- Silvan Reservoir Park is closed on days of Total Fire Ban
- Dogs are only permitted within the picnic grounds of Silvan Reservoir Park and must be kept on a leash at all times
- All native plants and wildlife are protected by law. Please do not collect specimens
- Observe parking signs and note park gate closing times
- Leave the park as you find it
- No trail bikes, pushbikes or mountain bikes along walking track

Silvan Reservoir Park & Surrounds

- Sealed road
 - Unsealed road
 - Walking track
 - Park area
 - National Park
 - Water body
- Recreational Facilities**
- Barbecue
 - Carpark
 - Family walk
 - Park information
 - Picnic shelter
 - Picnic table
 - Toilet
 - Toilet for disabled

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