



Chesterfield Farm

Chesterfield Farm, located off Ferntree Gully Road in Scoresby, is a site of great regional significance, with one of the oldest buildings in the area and a long history of European settlement. It is still a fully working farm and gives visitors an excellent opportunity to enjoy country life in the suburbs. Chesterfield Farm welcomes school groups, tour operators, families and anyone who would like to enjoy this wonderful experience.

Things to see and do

Chesterfield Farm (Melway 72 C9) is an ideal place to take the family and experience rural farm life. Watch working dogs, milking and sheep shearing demonstrations in the all-weather show barn. Children can handle common and exotic farm animals in the nursery, feed the chooks and visit the pigs. Farm tours are available.



Come and feed the chooks!

History

The 58 hectares that make up Chesterfield Farm today were originally part of the huge Corhanwarrabul cattle run established in August 1838 by Presbyterian Minister, Reverend James Clow. His run extended from the Dandenong Creek to Ferntree Gully, Upwey, Emerald, Lysterfield and beyond. The name Corhanwarrabul comes from the Aboriginal name for Mount Dandenong.

In 1859 a portion of the Parish was acquired by Edmund Ashley, ironfounder of St. Kilda. Ashley built the homestead that still stands near Dandenong Creek flats and named his new venture "Chesterfield Park" from his birthplace, Chesterfield in England.

He worked in Melbourne while his older brother worked the farm, breeding horses and growing crops. He also planted the two native Bunya Pine trees that still shade the old homestead.

After changing hands several times the property, as a greatly reduced area, was identified as part of the "open space green belt" plan for Melbourne and purchased by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the people of Victoria at a cost of \$1.8 million. In November 1993 the site was officially opened as Chesterfield Farm. Today the farm is part of 1,325 hectares of parklands in the Dandenong Valley and leased as a commercial property, as well as being open to the public.

Farm facilities

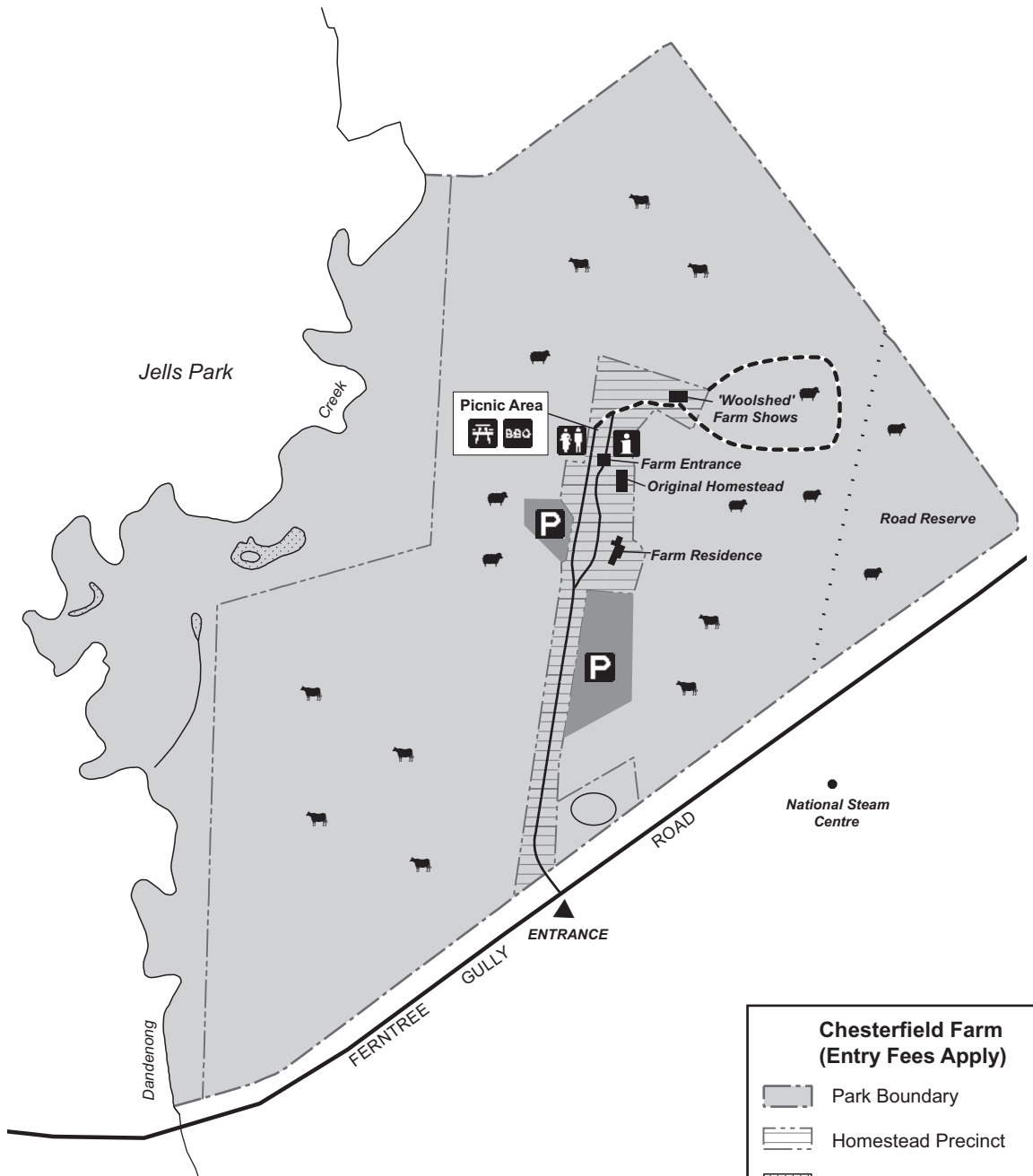
Chesterfield Farm has barbecues, picnic tables and toilets. All facilities are designed to cater for people with limited mobility or disabilities.

Relax and take in the view of the Dandenong Creek and water buffalo while the kids say hello to the kangaroos. Browse through the gift shop, enjoy a cup of coffee or even take a tractor ride.

Cost

Entry fees apply at Chesterfield Farm and concession and family tickets are available.

For further information on farm shows or bookings contact Chesterfield Farm on 9763 1588.



Chesterfield Farm (Entry Fees Apply)

- Park Boundary
- Homestead Precinct
- Water Body
- Parking
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Boundary Fence
- Grazing
- Farm Display Animals
- Information
- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Barbecue

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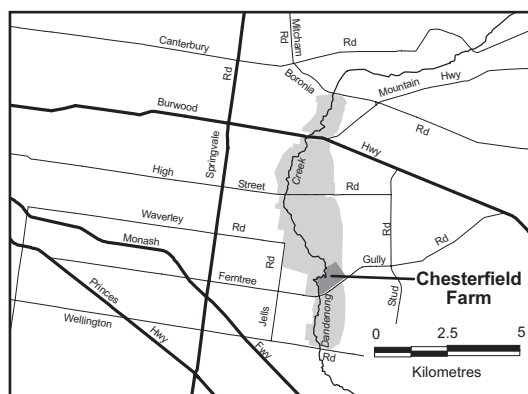
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Dogs are not permitted

All native plants and animals are protected

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