

Shepparton Regional Park



Visitor Guide

Shepparton Regional Park is centred on the River Red Gum forests along the Goulburn River. The 2786ha park lies between Shepparton and Mooroopna



"Gulpa Gaka Anganya - Gaka Yawal Ngulla Yenbena Yorta Yorta Woka"

Welcome friend - Come walk with us the people, on Yorta Yorta Country

The Aboriginal Traditional Owners, the Yorta Yorta people welcome you to Shepparton Regional Park. We ask that you treat it with respect and care for it as an extension of yourself.

Kinship to land is a vital part of Yorta Yorta life. Areas such as the Shepparton Regional Park provide an important opportunity for kinship to land to continue.

"The dreaming gave us our lore that binds us to the land through fundamental values passed on by our creation ancestors. They explained to us how the natural world was created and how the geographical features were formed and must be cared for. To this day our spiritual connection to the woka (land) and walla (water) continues. As keepers of the land we are bound to continue to preserve our cultural connection".-Yorta Yorta Elder

The Yorta Yorta people have a long association with the park. Scarred trees, mounds, stone artefact scatters and middens are some of the sites of significance that can be found in this park, particularly along the lower reaches of the river.

The Victorian Government created Shepparton Regional Park, along with other new and expanded parks, in June 2010 to protect and enhance the River Red Gum forests in Victoria.

Enjoying the park

The forests along the Goulburn River, particularly areas close to Shepparton, are popular for camping, fishing, canoeing, bushwalking and a variety of other recreational activities.

'The Flats' Aboriginal Historic Walk

This 4.3km loop walk starts at the KidsTown carpark (between Shepparton and Mooroopna) and highlights the significance of this area, known as *The Flats*, to the Yorta Yorta people. The inhabitation of this area by Yorta Yorta people after the historic Cummeragunja walk off in 1939 was a landmark moment in human rights struggles for indigenous people nationwide. This serene area is filled with River Red Gums, various native grasses and other special flora and fauna species.

Canoeing – conditions for canoeing are enhanced by the summer releases of water from Lake Eildon.

Sightseeing and picnicking – enjoy many scenic views along the river from high river banks.

Swimming is popular, particularly near townships where the river is easily accessible.

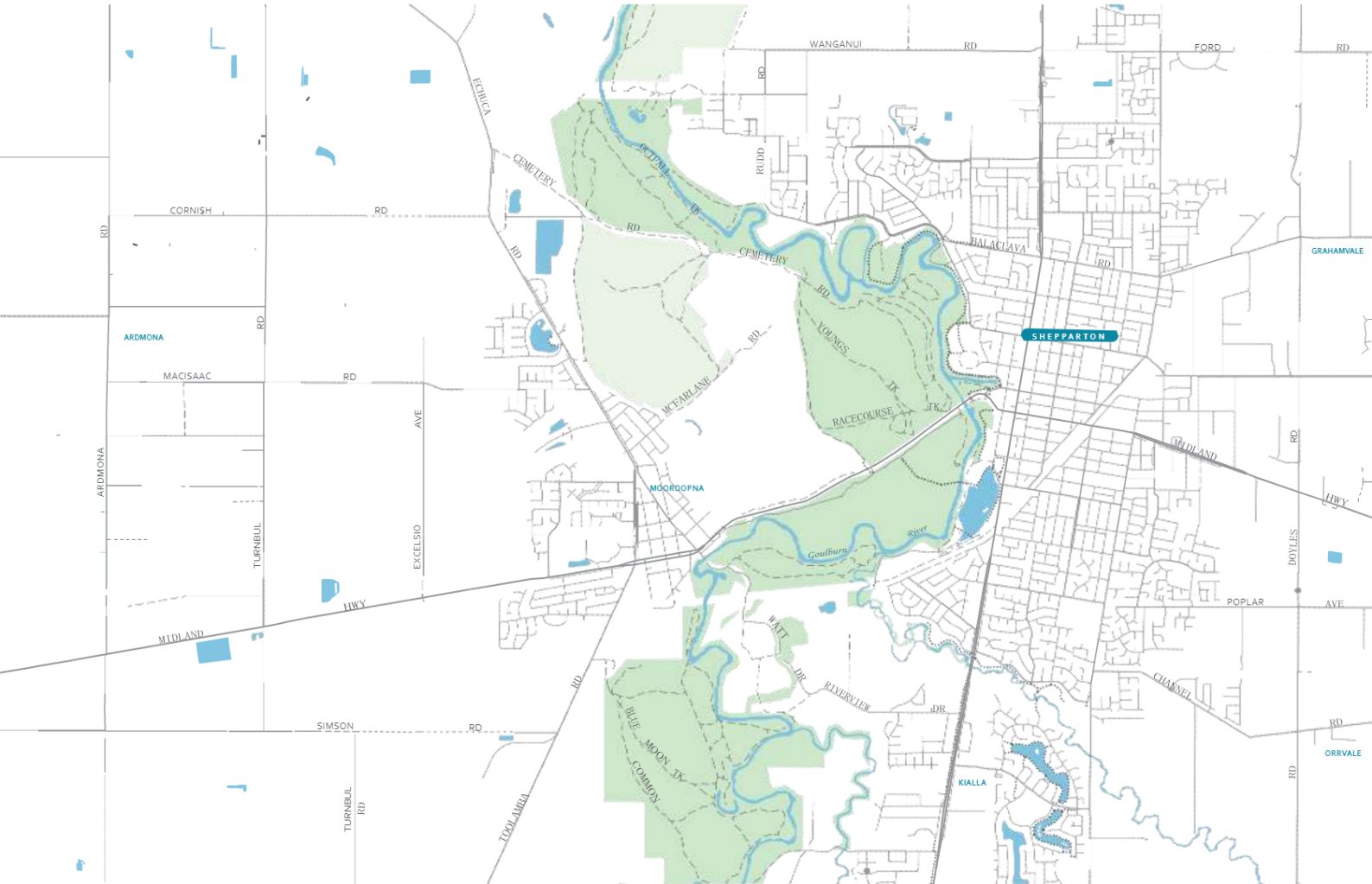
Fishing – This stretch of the Goulburn is fairly shallow with plenty of snags, so preferred boating is by smaller craft. Steep banks predominately line the river, with sandbars and access points dotted throughout. Informal boat ramps are scattered along the river at popular access points.

Murray Cod, Golden Perch and Spiny Freshwater Crayfish are found in the river.

A current Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence is required for fishing in waters south of the Murray River including the Goulburn River. A NSW Freshwater Recreation Fishing Licence is required for fishing in the Murray River.



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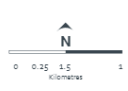
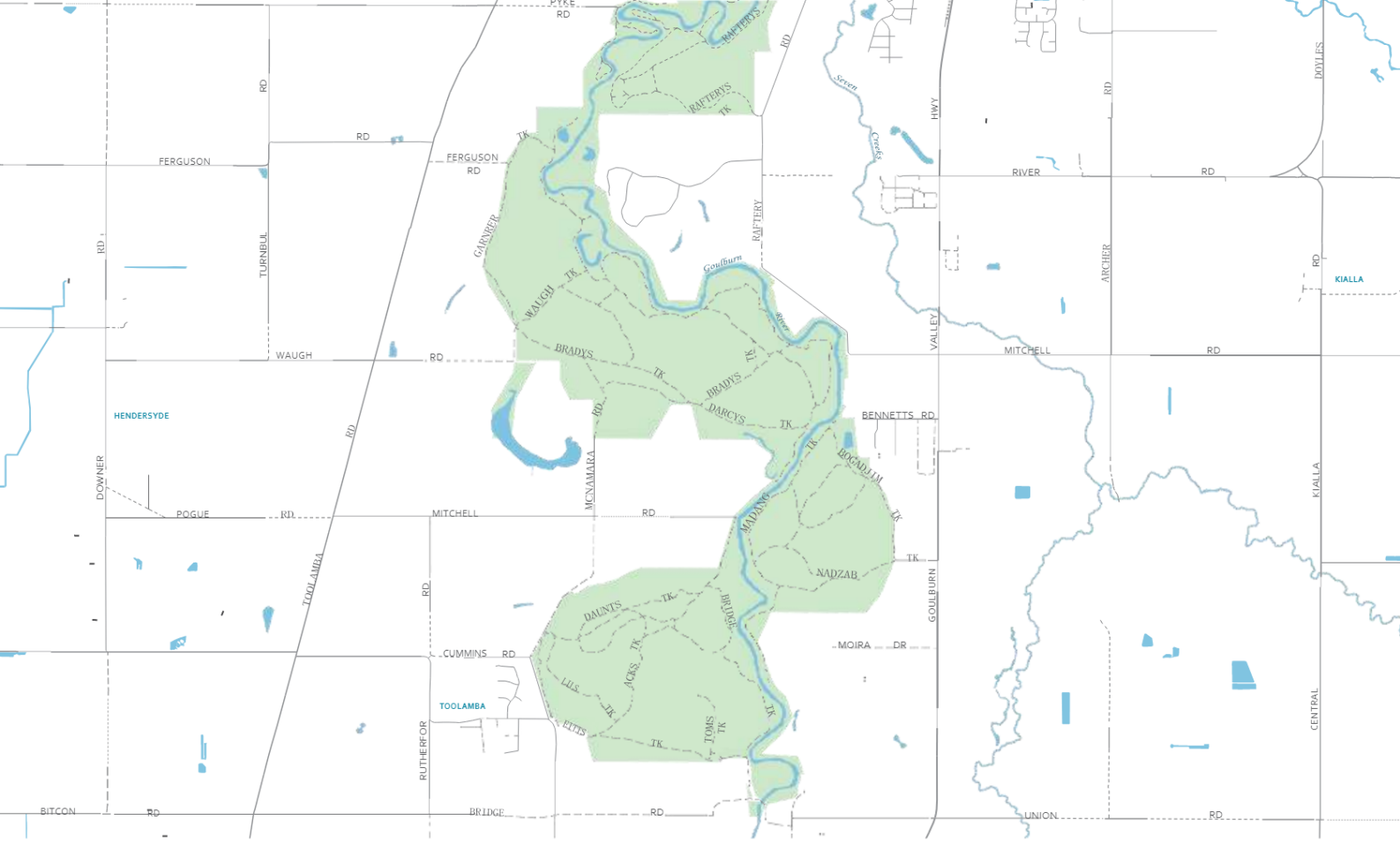
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- Tarra Bulga National Park Other
- Parks Victoria land
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Centre, Victoria Park Lake
Wyndham Street
Shepparton VIC 3630
Freecall - 1800 808 839

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park
by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish home with
you for recycling or disposal

All plants, animals, historical and
archaeological sites and
geographic features are
protected by law

Dogs and other pets are not
permitted in the park

Firearms are prohibited

No fires may be lit on a day of
Total Fire Ban.

Gas or electric barbecues may be
used provided:

- a 3 metre area is cleared of
anything flammable
- at least 10 litres of water is
available for immediate use
- an adult is in attendance at
all times

Shepparton Regional Park is in
the **Northern Country Total Fire
Ban District**

**It is your responsibility to know if
it is a day of Total Fire Ban.**

If in doubt call the **Victorian
Bushfire Information Line**
on **1800 240 667**

Collect only dead wood from the
ground for campfires

Vehicles, including motor bikes,
may only be used on formed open
roads. Drivers must be licensed
and vehicles registered and
roadworthy

Be fire ready and stay safe

**On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park
will be closed for public safety.**

If you are already in the park you should leave the
night before or early in the morning for your own
safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol
where possible, however you may not receive a
personal warning that the park is closed so check by
calling **13 1963** or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or
general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire
Information Line** on **1800 240 667** or visit
cfa.emergency.gov.au.

Goulburn Heritage River

The Goulburn Heritage River was declared in 1992 in
recognition of its unique natural, recreational, scenic
and cultural values.

It is Victoria's second largest river in terms of length,
catchment area and annual flows.

River flows are highly regulated by two major storages
– Lake Eildon and Goulburn Weir.

The Goulburn Weir was the first major irrigation
scheme in Australia.

Major flooding now occurs once every ten years, while
before regulation, flooding would have occurred at
least every two years.



Plants and animals

The River Red Gum forests and Yellow and Grey Box
woodlands between Shepparton and the Murray River
are notable in terms of size, lack of disturbance,
diversity and botanical 'intactness'.

The River Red Gum forest has areas of grassy and
shrubby understory, plus a large number of wetlands
and billabongs providing habitat for a number of
significant fauna species including Brush-tailed
Phascogales, Barking Owls, Royal Spoonbills and Musk
Ducks.

Areas containing tree hollows and mature Silver
Wattle contain habitat of national significance for the
rare Squirrel Glider.

Flora species of note include the endangered Grey
Billy-buttons, Small Scurf-peas, and Jericho Wiregrass.

Reedy Swamp, north of Shepparton, when filled, is a
haven for waterbirds including the Glossy Ibis and the
Royal Spoonbill.

Unlike many Victorian rivers, the Goulburn River
below Shepparton remains largely undisturbed.
Instream debris and large snags provide valuable
habitat for Murray Cod and other fish species.



Murray Cod

River Red Gums

River Red Gum forests have high natural, cultural and
economic values. These forests are coming under
increasing pressure from climate change, drought and
reduced water flows in the northern rivers. Protecting
this precious environment relies on balancing
economic and recreational activities with preserving
its natural beauty and values.

River Red Gums line the Goulburn River for most of its
length. These iconic trees have been known to reach
45 metres and live for more than 500 years. The trees
need periods of flooding and can survive inundation
for months. Their seeds are washed onto higher
ground during a flood and germinate and grow before
the next flood reaches them. Hollows and broken
branches provide nesting for galahs, cockatoos,
cockatiels and various parrots; while fallen branches
provide habitat for other animals.

How to get there

Shepparton Regional Park is approximately 2 hours
north of Melbourne. Access to the park is from the
Midland Highway between Shepparton and
Maroondah.

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