

PARKS & RECREATION

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PARKS

The parks and gardens are available for use by the community and offer a wide range of facilities. These include sporting pavilions and fields, barbecues, playgrounds and general areas for all sorts of recreational uses.

Some spaces can also be booked for private events ranging from weddings to corporate functions.

Park rangers patrol the parks, gardens and reserves to assist park visitors, assess the safety of park activities and to protect the parks.

Providing the backdrop for many events and fun activities, Melbourne's open spaces always provide something to see and do.

Guide to Parks

Melbourne's parks offer a wonderful range of opportunities for you to make the most of your leisure time.

With a network of nearly 480 hectares of internationally acclaimed parks and gardens, there is something to suit everyone's lifestyle.

Visit Cooks' Cottage at Fitzroy Gardens, hear the field of 39 electronic bells at Birrarung Marr, attend a concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl at Kings Domain or simply relax under a shady tree at any one of the City of Melbourne's parks.

Parks Bookings

Permits are available for a variety of activities in the City of Melbourne's parks and gardens, including:

- Garden weddings;
- Conservatory functions (Fitzroy Gardens);
- Activities and events
- Seasonal sports

Due to water restrictions there will be no casual sport bookings taken until further notice.

For further information contact our Events and Bookings team on 9658 9658.

Park Maps for Event Bookings

NAME	SUBURB	MELWAY REF
Alexandra Gardens	Melbourne	2F J7
Birrarung Marr	Melbourne	1B S11
Carlton Gardens	Carlton	2B H11
Fawkner Park	South Yarra	2L C6
Fitzroy Gardens	East Melbourne	2G C2
Flagstaff Gardens	Central	2F A2
JJ Holland Park	Kensington	2T H7
Kings Domain	Melbourne	2F K10
Princes Park	Carlton	2B D1
Queen VIC Gardens	Melbourne	2F H8
Royal Park	Parkville	2A K2
Shrine Reserve	Melbourne	2K J1
Treasury Gardens	East Melbourne	2G A3
Yarra Park	East Melbourne	2G E7

WALKING, CYCLING & SKATING

As Melbourne continues to grow, the focus will grow on increasing the use of sustainable forms of transport – walking, cycling and public transport.

The ideal transport network will sustain our economic prosperity, our quality of life, and have minimal impact on the environment.

Public transport, bicycles and walking are becoming more popular modes of transport, with Australian Bureau of Statistics Journey to Work data (2001) showing a 7 per cent decline in car dependency.

Between 1997 and 2003, the number of cyclists has also generally increased on inner-city roads, especially on those in and out of the CBD, where the number has doubled.

PERMITS

Walks and Tours

What better way to see Melbourne's parks and gardens than by taking a walk, run or cycle along the city's network of tracks and paths?

Join the joggers and walkers on the famous Tan Track around the Royal Botanic Gardens on the edge of the CBD or take a leisurely self-guided tour of the Fitzroy and Treasury Gardens.

The City of Melbourne has 10 signposted jogging and walking tracks through some of the city's finest parks and gardens.

Ten fun and interesting walking and jogging tracks can be enjoyed at the following locations:

- Fawkner Park (2.34 km)
- Fawkner Park (2.45 km)
- Fawkner Park/Shrine Reserve (6.21 km)
- Fitzroy/Treasury Gardens (2.20 km)
- Kings Domain/Tan Track (3.85 km)
- Princes Park (2.09 km)
- Princes Park (3.17 km)
- Royal Park (3.81 km)
- Royal/Princes Park (10.44 km)
- Yarra Park (3.33 km)

Cycling

Melbourne is Australia's only capital city with an extensive network of dedicated bike lanes on the roads. Bike lanes increase safety and encourage bicycle use. There are also plenty of bicycle parking in and around the city, with 1215 bicycle hoops throughout the municipality.

Cyclists riding in and out of the CBD on business days are increasing in number.

A Council survey in February 2005 during morning peak hour at major intersections counted 5,744 cyclists passing through the CBD

Bicycle Victoria undertook a full day count in Swanston Street and counted 2,400 cyclists, which projects to 12,000 per day in the CBD.

Skating in the City

Skaters are welcome in the City of Melbourne.

Sharing busy city streets with others can be tricky, especially when trying to dodge shoppers, prams, pets and small children. The City of Melbourne has guidelines for skaters and other footpath users, to help avoid conflict (or worse, collisions) on our streets.

Riverslide Skatepark

The Riverslide Skatepark, in the Alexandra Gardens, is a five-minute skate from Flinders Street Railway Station.

Riverslide has 1800m² of skating surfaces and is the biggest skate park in the inner city. The park was designed in consultation with skaters, and has a street-skating focus so you can test your stuff on ramps and fun-boxes.

Filming Melbourne

Melbourne is one of Australia's premier locations for filming, and it's not hard to see why. From a contemporary city skyline to historical architecture, from magnificent parks and gardens to a sea view, Melbourne has it all!

The City of Melbourne welcomes more than 300 filming companies each year.

Parking

You will need to apply online www.melbourne.vic.gov.au for the following permits:

- Resident Priority Parking
- Reserved Parking
- State Disabled Parking Scheme
- Disabled City Access Scheme
- Medical Practitioner Parking
- Pedestrian Area Access & Parking

Parks and Recreation

You will need to apply online www.melbourne.vic.gov.au for the following permits:

- Garden Weddings
- Conservatory Functions
- Activities and Events
- Seasonal Sports
- Casual Sports - due to water restrictions there will be no casual sport bookings taken until further notice.

Please be aware that in response to Victoria's current drought-like conditions many of Melbourne's much loved fountains have been turned off. The City of Melbourne is doing its bit to help address this water shortage and unfortunately it is necessary to turn off most of our much loved fountains.

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