

Maroondah Reservoir Park

Spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and reservoir, colourful gardens with many exotic trees coupled with native bush, and large picnic areas with facilities make Maroondah Reservoir Park one of Melbourne's most attractive parks.

How to get there

Maroondah Reservoir Park is about 65 km east of Melbourne. The entry gate is on the Maroondah Highway, 3km east of Healesville (Melway 270 K11).

Things to see and do

Admire the grandeur of the 41-metre high dam wall, the major feature of the park. Construction started in 1920 and finished in 1927. The gardens were created gradually after the completion of the wall.

Marvel at the reservoir that harvests water from the surrounding closed catchment of forested mountains. Maroondah, along with other protected catchments is an important source of Melbourne's water.

Some of Maroondah's features to explore include: historic valve houses, the 'Rose Stairway', exotic gardens, native eucalypts, scenic lookout and the reservoir spillway (overflowing during spring, depending on seasonal conditions).

Walks around the park

(All times are estimate only)

Lookout Track (crosses dam wall)

- 1 km, 30 minutes
- Moderate

This track starts from the information shelter located north of the main carpark area. You can explore the attractions below the dam wall then climb the 'Rose Stairway' (for those who cannot climb steps there is a bitumen walking track, at the eastern end of the carpark, that also leads to the top of the wall).

At the top of the stairway the track to the left leads across the dam wall to the lookout for spectacular views.



Laughing Kookaburras

Maroondah Forest Track

- 800m, 15 minutes
- Moderate

This track connects the Lookout to Henderson's Picnic Area via a pleasant forest walk.

Scenic Views Track

- 1.3 km, 30 minutes
- Easy

This scenic walk starts at the top carpark. Winding through grassed areas with large exotic trees and spectacular views of the surrounding mountains the track eventually reaches the top of the dam wall.

Henderson's Hill Track

- 1.4km, 40 minutes
- Moderate

This track leaves Henderson's Picnic Area at the footbridge over the Watts River. It climbs to the top of Henderson's Hill and back down to the access road, which goes from Maroondah to Donnelly's Weir.

Park Hours

The park is open every day of the year. Gates open 8.30am. Please observe park closing signs or call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on **13 1963** or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.



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Other sites in the area to visit:

- Badger Weir
- Donnelly's Weir
- The Black Spur
- Dom Dom

Disabled visitors:

The picnic area has wheelchair access to all facilities

Car and bus access is available for disabled persons to the top of the dam wall by arrangement with the park ranger

Caring for the environment

Help us look after the park by remembering these guidelines:

The park is adjacent to the Maroondah Water Supply Catchment Area. Access to this area is prohibited to protect the high quality of Melbourne's drinking water from fire and pollution

Take notice of signs stating No Public Access

Take your rubbish home with you

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and are not permitted north of the Watts River (including the dam wall)

Feeding of birds and other wildlife is prohibited to support animal health

All native plants and animals are protected

Fires are permitted ONLY in fireplaces provided

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited

Leave the park as you find it

Observe posted park closing times

