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Caring for the Environment

Help us look after your
parks by remembering
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 Barmah State
Park. They are permitted
in the Murray River Reserve
and Barmah State Forest, but
must be kept under control at
all times

Firearms are prohibited
in Barmah State Park,
however they are permitted
in the Barmah State Forest

No fires, including barbecues,
may be lit on a day of
Total Fire Ban
Barmah State Park and
Barmah State Forest are in
the North East Fire Ban District

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

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Visiting a park can improve
your health, mind, body and
soul. So, with over four million
hectares of parkland available
to Victorians, why not escape
to a park today!



Dharnya

The Yorta Yorta and other Aboriginal people have
a long association with the forest.

Dharnya, on Sand Ridge Track near Barmah, is a
significant place where you can see evidence of
Indigenous living as well as European settlement.
Interpretative signage as well as a fire pit,
flagpole, picnic facilities and more make this the
perfect place to learn about the heritage and
ecology of the forest as well as enjoy Indigenous
events and celebrations.

Aboriginal Cultural Officers can provide
interpretative tours of the forest for schools and
other groups. The Dharnya Interpretative Centre
is currently closed until further notice.



Camping Guidelines

Campfires

Visitors are encouraged to use gas stoves
wherever possible. You may light a fire for cooking
or warmth, but please note the following:

- Fires must be in a properly constructed
fireplace or trench, which is 30cm deep. The
trench must be backfilled before leaving.
- All flammable material within 3 metres is
removed and the fire is not larger than 1
metre square in size.
- Never leave fires unattended and extinguish
with water before leaving. When it's cool to
touch it's safe to leave!
- At Barmah Lakes campground, fires may only
be lit in the fireplaces provided.

Campsites

- Camps must be 20 metres from waterways
- Camping is not permitted in Day Visitor areas
or boat ramp areas
- Permanent structures or camps, and
unauthorised works, are not permitted.
- Maintain your camp in a clean and tidy
manner at all times and remove all litter
before leaving.

Toilets

- Satisfactory toilets must be provided. Portable
chemical toilets are recommended but
earthpit latrines are permitted. Toilet disposal
pits and latrines must be at least 100 metres
from the high bank of any waterway and must
be backfilled before you leave.

Walking Tracks

Yamyabuc Discovery Trail

1.5km – 0.5 hours return

This self-guided walk with informative signs along
the way begins at the Dharnya car park.

The trail is designed to introduce visitors to some
of the natural and cultural features of the Barmah
forest. Features of the walk include evidence of
Aboriginal and European occupation, the Barmah
muster yards and aspects of park management,
forestry operations and water regulation.

Lakes Loop Track

4km – 1.75 hours return

This circular walk begins at the Dharnya car park,
but can be joined at the Barmah Lakes
campground, day visitor area or Rices Bridge.

The walk passes through mature and regrowth
River red gum trees past a number of Aboriginal
oven (cooking) mounds. It skirts the edge of
Barmah Lake, eventually reaching the Murray
River and the Broken Creek.

Vehicle tracks can be followed through the forest
from the campground, day visitor area or Rices
Bridge to return to the starting point. Alternatively,
walkers can continue on the Broken Creek Loop
track to the Dharnya car park.

Broken Creek Loop Track

3.5km – 1.5 hours return

This circular walk begins at the rear of the
Dharnya Centre. The walk skirts the Dharnya
swamp, a low area subject to seasonal
inundation, through River red gum and Grey box
woodland to the Broken Creek.

The track continues downstream along the Broken
Creek, past a number of Aboriginal oven (cooking)
mounds to Rices Weir.

Return via the Sandridge Track or continue on the
Lakes Loop track to the Dharnya Centre.

There are limitless possibilities for other short and
extended walks through the Barmah Forest as
most parts are easily accessible.

Caution:

- Seasonal flooding can make roads and
walking tracks impassable. Contact the Parks
Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 for up
to date information on road and walking track
conditions
- Avoid camping or parking under trees,
particularly red gums as they may drop
branches without warning
- Do not dive or jump into the river or use any
kind of swing attached to trees or other
structures

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Barmah State Park and Barmah State Forest



Visitor Guide

Barmah State Park (7,900ha) and Barmah State Forest (21,600ha), situated on the Murray
River flood plain north of Nathalia, protects the largest River Red Gum forest in Victoria. The
complex ecology of the forest is closely linked to the Murray River and its flooding regime,
which creates a diverse natural habitat for a variety of wildlife, particularly waterbirds.



A unique environment

The Barmah forest is subject to regular flooding
and is an internationally recognised wetland
providing important habitat, particularly for
waterbirds.

Over 200 species of birds have been recorded in
the forest, one of Victoria's largest waterbird
breeding areas.

Wildlife abounds throughout the forest. Grey
Kangaroos, emus and koalas are common.

Ulupna Island, bounded by the Murray River and
Ulupna Creek, is higher than other parts of the
forest and provides an excellent example of less
frequently flooded River Red Gum forest. Mixed
box woodland is also common on the sandy
ridges.

Facilities and accommodation

The Barmah Lakes area has toilets, fireplaces and
tables. Dispersed camping is permitted elsewhere
along the river, with basic facilities at Ulupna
Island.

Nearby Barmah, Nathalia, Morgan's Beach and
Strathmerton have motels, hotels, lodges and
caravan parks. Supplies and petrol are available
at these centres.

How to get there

Barmah State Park and Barmah State Forest lie
along the Murray River between the towns of
Barmah and Strathmerton, about 225km north of
Melbourne. Access to the 12 major entrance
gates is available from the Moira Lakes Road,
Barmah-Picola Road, and the Murray Valley
Highway.

Enjoying the park

Camping and picnicking are popular along much
of the 112km frontage to the Murray River.
Beware of camping under trees, as River Red
Gums drop branches without warning.

Fishing for Murray Cod, Golden Perch and Redfin
is also a popular pastime.

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

Boating and canoeing are possible on the Murray
River, Barmah Lakes and adjoining creeks.

Swimming is enjoyed, particularly at the numerous
sandy river bend beaches.

Note: Take care when swimming - cold water and
fast currents can be hazardous and there may be
submerged logs. Diving or jumping into the water
can be dangerous.

Walking tracks near the Barmah Lakes and
Dharnya include Loops Track and Yamyabuc
Discovery Trail (see back). Many longer walks are
available as most of the forest is accessible by
foot.

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