

What's On

Parks Victoria Winter Activities & Events Calendar

1 June 2009 – 31 August 2009




Parks Victoria will provide fun for the whole family this winter with an action packed program of activities and events across the entire state.

In particular take part in conserving our natural environment by getting involved in a number of tree planting activities on offer.

This information is subject to change.




Please contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre for up to date information on **13 1963** or visit our website at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.






Date	Activity/Event	Where	Description	Cost	Booking Req.	Contact
All year 10am – 4pm	Serendip Sanctuary	Windermere Road, Lara	Serendip's visitors can walk the nature trails and experience native flora and fauna. The walk is complemented by fantastic facilities including: a simulated underwater wetland with giant animal models, a ponding site, delightful picnic areas with electric and wood fired BBQs, an activities room and theatre. Plus lots more!	Free (Group guided tours: \$4.90 per person)	For groups wanting guided tours	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 3 June 5:15pm - 6:15pm	Monthly Flying Fox Count	Yarra Bend Golf Course, Yarra Bend Park	The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000-20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne's suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park.	Free 	Yes	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology Rodney van der Ree 8344 3661




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Friday 5 June to Monday 8 June	Melbourne 3 Day Event	Werribee Park	<p>The Melbourne 3 Day Event (M3DE) is an exciting equestrian event comprising 3 days of competition in a variety of disciplines. It has long been a proving ground for many of Australia's best Olympic horses and riders.</p> <p>On Sunday June 7, the M3DE will be running its cross country phase through the magnificent Werribee Park Mansion Grounds and State Rose Garden. In order to do so safely, the venue has changed access arrangements for this day.</p> <p>All visitors to Werribee Mansion, the State Rose Garden, the Mansion Grounds and the M3DE must enter through the National Equestrian Centre entrance (Gate C: 201 C4). Changed conditions of entry will be clearly signed and traffic managers and volunteers will be on hand to assist you in finding your way. All visitors attending the park on June 7 will need to pay M3DE admission prices. Elderly and disabled visitors will be able to use the courtesy bus provided to be shuttled from the National Equestrian Centre to various locations on course.</p>	For full program details and to purchase tickets visit the website.	No	Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre 9013 0707 Ext 106 info@m3de. com.au www.m3de.com. au
Saturday 6 June Saturday 4 July Saturday 1 August 10am – 12pm	Friends of Wattle Park Working Bee	Wattle Park – picnic car park	Come along and join the working bees and get involved in a worthwhile project. Participation provides social interaction, physical activity and information about the environment and gardening. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free 	No	Friends of Wattle Park Howard Hodgens 9833 4732
Sunday 7 June Saturday 20 June Sunday 5 July Saturday 18 July Sunday 2 August Saturday 15 August 10am – 1pm Saturdays 2pm – 4pm Sundays	Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands Working Bee	Shepherd Rd, Glen Waverley Parks Victoria Depot	Come along and join the working bees and get involved in a worthwhile project. You will be helping to maintain an indigenous garden site and enhance the biodiversity within Shepherds Bush. Planting, weeding and learning about the local indigenous flora. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free 	No	Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands Bryan Loft 9561 2381 http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dandvall/
Sunday 7 June Sunday 5 July Sunday 2 August 2pm – 4pm	Shepherds Bush Community Gardens Working Bee	Shepherd Rd, Glen Waverley Parks Victoria Depot	Come along and join the working bees to create the community gardens including planting, path construction and nursery propagating. Participation provides social interaction, physical activity and information about the environment, food provision, gardening and horticulture. Bring a hat, sunscreen and gloves.	Free 	No	Shepherds Bush Community Garden Keith Martin 9561 1999 http://sites.google.com/site/shepherdsbushcommunitygarden
Sunday 14 June 7am – 2pm	MS Walk and Fun Run	Palms Lawn, Albert Park	Join the MS Walk and Fun Run to raise funds and awareness of Multiple Sclerosis. Get your friends and family together and choose from a 5 or 10km walk or a 10km run around the picturesque Albert Park Lake. The track is 100% stroller and wheelchair friendly and takes in spectacular views of the Melbourne skyline. Dogs on leads are welcome.	See website for details	Register in advance or on the day.	To register call the MS Society of NSW/VIC on 1800 287 367 www.mswalk. org.au

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Saturday 20 June Saturday 18 July Saturday 15 August 8am – 2pm	Jells Park South Farmers Market	Ashes Picnic Area, Jells Park, Wheelers Hill 	Come down to the Farmers Market at Jells Park South where you will find up to 50 stalls of fresh local and regional produce, including some plants. A hot breakfast stall will be provided for the public. Parking available. The market is held every third Saturday of the month.	Free	No	Regional Farmers Markets Peter Arnold 5664 0096
Wednesday 24 June 10am – 3pm	Planting Day at Yarra Bend Park	River Flats at Galatea Point, Yarra Bend Park	Shake off those winter blues by joining Yarra Bend Park at a Planting Day! Help to recreate a bush landscape only kilometres from the city by continuing the process of strengthening the native vegetation of the river corridor in this area. BBQ food provided or bring your own picnic lunch. Wear your hat, rain coat, sunscreen, gloves, boots or runners and bring along a snack and drinking water. Everyone welcome!	Free 	Yes - call 9488 3999 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Saturday 27 June 2:30pm – 4pm	Black Snake Productions	Braeside Park	Come and join in a very informative and interactive afternoon at the Braeside Visitor Centre. Learn about some less cuddly characters like spiders, snakes and even a crocodile. Admission is by gold coin and a light afternoon tea will be provided.	Gold coin	No 	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Saturday 27 June 9am – 12pm	Community Planting Day - Karkarook Park	Karkarook Park	Come along and join the fun of tree planting and help our native birds and animals at Karkarook Park. Please wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Tools will be supplied.	Free 	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 28 June 9am – 12pm	Community Planting Day - Braeside Park	Braeside Park	Come along and join the fun of tree planting and help our native birds and animals at Braeside Park. Wear sturdy boots, protective clothing and bring along gloves to enjoy the great outdoors. Follow directional signage to find the meeting point.	Free 	No	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 28 June 10am – 3pm	Planting Day at Yarra Bend Park	Andrews Reserve Roadside Site, Yarra Bend Park	Shake off those winter blues by joining Yarra Bend Park at a Planting Day! Help to recreate a bush landscape only km's from the city by replacing exotic vegetation to widen the belt of indigenous vegetation along the Yarra River. BBQ food provided, or bring your own picnic lunch. Wear your hat, rain coat, sunscreen, gloves, boots or runners and bring along a snack and drinking water. Everyone welcome!	Free 	Yes - call 9488 3999 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
Sunday 28 June	Run Melbourne	Federation Square	Run Melbourne is Victoria's new major community fitness event. Choose your own challenge: 5km run/walk, 7.5km walk, 10km run or a half-marathon through the most picturesque parts of our city. And whether you run it, walk it or just amble along, the further you go the better you'll feel because every kilometre you put behind you is another opportunity to put money in the tin of your favourite charity. Set yourself a personal fitness goal, get your friends and family to sponsor you and start raising funds for the charity of your choice.	Varies depending on type of entry. See website for details.	Register in advance or on the day (from 6am)	Start to Finish Event Management www.starttofinish.com.au

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Sunday 28 June – Sunday 5 July 10am – 5pm	Fun 4 Kids Festival - Meet Ranger Roo! 	Warrnambool	Recognised as Australia's best children's festival, Fun4Kids is crammed full of hands-on workshops, non-stop live entertainment and loads of activities suitable for all kids aged 2 and up. Ranger Roo will be appearing on stage for two performances each day on Saturday 4 July and Sunday 5 July. Check program for times. With eight days of seriously good fun, the Fun4Kids Festival is a family event not to be missed! For further information and prices, visit the website.	One Day Passes and 8 Day Passes available Ticket hotline 5562 4044	No	Warrnambool Visitor Information Centre 1800 637 725 www.fun4kids. com.au
Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July	Junior Ranger Program Winter in the Forest - Come and Try...	Dandenong Ranges National Park	This winter, come along and participate in the park's Junior Ranger COME and TRY...holiday program of free, fun filled and informative activities. The forest in winter, often cloaked with cool damp fog, becomes a place of mystery and magic and we look forward to seeing you there.	Free	Yes - call 9757 7724 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb. vic.gov.au
Monday 29 June - Friday 10 July Open daily from 10am – 4pm for activities and visitor entry	Marine Discovery Centre – Winter School Holiday Program	Queenscliff 	The Marine Discovery Centre's winter holiday program connects you with the wonders of our marine environment. The centre provides countless opportunities to immerse yourself in first-hand experiences of the sea. Rocky shores, mudflats, spectacular underwater reefs, sandy beaches, calm sheltered lagoons and of course our magnificent Port Phillip Bay are just some of the environments that we'll help you explore. Staff are qualified and experienced marine biologists, environmental educators and canoe and snorkelling instructors with specialised skills in field based community education.	Adult: \$8 Conc: \$5 Child: \$5 Family: \$25	Bookings required for activities only. Call the Marine Discovery Centre for a program.	Marine Discovery Centre 5258 3344 www.dpi.vic. gov.au/mdc
Tuesday 30 June 4pm – 8pm	Cape Schanck Lighthouse 150th Celebrations	Cape Schanck Light house, Cape Schanck Road, Flngal	Fireworks, food and flags to celebrate 150 years as an operational lighthouse. Tours of the lighthouse, light refreshments, exhibitions in the museum and launch of traditional fog rockets at dusk to mark the start of a fireworks display to coincide with the beginning of night-time operations.	Adult: \$14 Child: \$12	Pre booking essential – numbers limited.	Cape Schanck Lighthouse Tony Sheer 5988 6184
Wednesday 1 July Saturday 4 July Sunday 5 July Wednesday 8 July 3pm – 4pm	Buchan Caves Reserve Winter Activities	Buchan Caves Reserve	Join Parks Victoria Rangers for special cave tours during the winter holidays. Special cave tours are offered in addition to our Royal and Fairy show cave tours. The Federal Cave Tour provides a unique opportunity to view a cave that is rarely open to the public and is part of the same cave system as the Royal and Fairy Caves. The reserve also offers activities such as walking tracks, abundant wildlife and a picnic ground with barbeques, which are available for everyone. Please note that bookings are not required for the Royal and Fairy show cave tours. Not recommended for children under the age of 8 unless accompanied by guardian. Cave tours will operate with groups of 6-10 people only with lights and helmets provided. Please wear sturdy shoes.	Adult: \$25 Child: \$18	Yes - call 5162 1900 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb. vic.gov.au
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Thursday 2 July to Monday 6 July	BIA Melbourne Boat Show	Melbourne Exhibition Centre	Parks Victoria is proud to support the 2009 Melbourne Boat Show. This is the largest boat show in Victoria showcasing a spectacular array of boats, boating information and accessories attracting over 70,000 boating enthusiasts. Don't forget to visit the Parks Victoria stand and pick up your free boating guide.	Adult: \$17 Conc: \$12 U16: Free 2-day Pass: \$25 (only available online)	No	Boat Industry Association of Victoria 8696 5600 www.biavic.com. au
Sunday 5 July to Sunday 12 July	NAIDOC Week	Various locations	NAIDOC (National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee) celebrations are held around Australia in the first full week in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The national theme for 2009 is: " <i>Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth</i> ". The theme encourages our communities to acknowledge the status of our Elders as leaders and role models for our youth. To find out more, visit the NAIDOC website for event celebrations and activities.	Free	No	Aboriginal Affairs Victoria 9208 3244 www.naidoc.org. au
Sunday 26 July and Sunday 16 August 8:30am – 5:30pm	Chase the Sun Event Series	Lysterfield Park	The Chase the Sun Mountain Bike Series revolves around a massive relay, where solo riders or teams of up to ten people compete to ride as many laps as possible in the set time frame. Whether you are a strong rider, or a recreational rider, there are categories designed to accommodate all levels. Registration and details can be found on the website.	See website for details	Yes	Full Gas Promotions www.fullgasprom otions.com.au
Sunday 26 July 10am – 3pm	Planting Day at Yarra Bend Park	Westfield Oval Grasslands & connection to St Albans Site, Yarra Bend Park	Shake off those winter blues by joining Yarra Bend Park at a Planting Day! Help to recreate a bush landscape only km's from the city by building on and providing a buffer for grassland revegetation at the Westfield Oval site. BBQ food provided, or bring your own picnic lunch. Wear your hat, rain coat, sunscreen, gloves, boots or runners and bring along a snack and drinking water. Everyone welcome!	Free 	Yes – call 9488 3999 to make a booking.	Parks Victoria 13 1963 www.parkweb. vic.gov.au
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Sunday 2 August	National Tree Day	Call National Tree Day hotline for details	National Tree Day is Australia's biggest community tree planting event. It is a day for Australians to get together to plant trees and shrubs that are native to their local area. The aim? To grow a better future for Australia. So get your hands dirty and get involved in helping our environment.	Free	Register online	Planet Ark National Tree Day Hotline 1300 88 5000 www.planetark. com

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Sunday 16 August 9am – 12pm	Devil Bend Fun Run	Devil Bend Natural Features Reserve, Grayens Rd, Moorooduc	Get your running shoes on for the Devil Bend Fun Run. Race numbers will be issued at the start from 7:30am on Fun Run day. Choose between a 5km or 10km fun run or walk, or a 21.1km half marathon. Water will be supplied at each 5km interval. Awards to winners in all categories plus awards for the outright winners. All finishers will receive a certificate. Free carparking available. Entries accepted on the day until 8.30am.	Fun Run \$20 Half Marathon \$25 U17: \$10	No	Mornington Peninsula Athletic Club Inc Ian Muir 5975 4685
Saturday 29 August – Sunday 30 August 8am – 4pm	Admiral Napier Cup Regatta	Palms Lawn, Albert Park	This is an annual regatta for Sea Scout and other groups interested in water activities, conducted by the 1st Victorian Sea Scouts at Albert Park Lake. Groups compete for the "Admiral Napier Cup", named after the original "Napier Cup" presented to the Sea Scouts of Victoria by Rear Admiral W.R. Napier in 1930. Events include sailing, rowing and a seamanship competition.	Free	Yes for participants (scout members). Spectators are welcome.	First Victorian Sea Scout Group David Winwood 9571 2487
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Sunday 30 August 8am – 1pm	Defence Lake Attack	Grebe Picnic Area, Albert Park	A Defence Department event involving a 5/10km run/walk, displays of military equipment, vintage aircraft, aerial displays, parachutists, the Army band and more.	Adult: \$28 Conc: \$16 Child: \$16 Family: \$67	Register in advance or on the day.	Start to Finish Event Management Fiona Welsh 9645 1333 www.starttofinish. com.au

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Birdwatching	Dolphin Tours	Horse-Drawn Wagon Tours	Spotlight Tours/Night Walks
Boat Touring	Fishing	Mountain Bike Riding	Surfing/Surf Education
Bushwalking	Fossicking/Prospecting	Rafting	Trail Bike Touring

Some activities are seasonal while others operate all year round. Visit the Parks Victoria website www.parkweb.vic.gov.au or call **13 1963** for more information.

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Welcoming Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities to Parks

Parks Victoria is committed to welcoming culturally and linguistically diverse communities to our extensive parks system. Two new services are available to assist non-English speaking people to access information about parks. Parks Victoria has developed a Multilingual Park Note that welcomes the reader to Victoria's park system while incorporating important visitor information. This is available in 33 languages and can be found on Parks Victoria's website www.parkweb.vic.gov.au. In addition, an interpreter service is available for callers to Parks Victoria's information line **13 1963** which can provide detailed information about all of Victoria's parks.