



Jells Park

Visitor Guide

Jells Park is nestled in the Dandenong Creek Valley, Wheelers Hill, away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. The park attracts a million visitors a year, with over nine kilometres of paths and trails, 127 hectares of wide-open space and enough picnic areas for everyone to enjoy.



Welcome

Jells Park is part of an Aboriginal cultural landscape that includes the traditional Country of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People. Parks Victoria respects the deep and continuing connection that Traditional Owners have to these lands and waters, and we recognise their ongoing role in caring for Country.

Getting here

Jells Park is approximately 27km from central Melbourne. Vehicle access is from either Ferntree Gully Road at the south of the park, or Waverley Road to the north. Enter by foot along Dandenong Creek Trail, Scotchmans Creek Trail or via Eastlink Trail (off Ferntree Gully Road).

Things to see and do

Shared use trails

All paths and trails in Jells Park are multi-use, so you can cycle, run or simply stroll. Be considerate of other users during your visit.

The main Dandenong Creek Trail runs north-south through Jells Park, linking with Eastlink Trail, Scotchmans Creek Trail and Blind Creek Trail (near Nortons Park). There are many opportunities to explore the surrounding parklands through this network of trails.

A conservation trail runs along the eastern perimeter of Jells Lake. As you pass through the wetlands and billabongs on this trail, look out for a variety of native birds such as the Purple Swamphen, Eurasian Coot, White Ibis, Cormorants, Darters and even Pelicans. The birdhide provides an excellent viewing spot.

Picnicking

Jells Park has many picnic areas with free electric barbecues. Relax under the shade of the Pines, enjoy the lake views at the Elms, or watch your children enjoy the Jells Playscape or Jells East playground. Please remember to take all your rubbish home for sorting and recycling.

For larger gatherings the Ashes and Oaks picnic areas (accessed off Ferntree Gully Road) have excellent facilities, and the ovals are available for event bookings.

Jells Lake

Jells Lake is an artificial feature that has a varying water level, depending on the flow of Dandenong Creek. As its main purpose is for conservation, no swimming, boating or canoeing are allowed.

Fishing at Jells Lake is permitted, but only with a valid Recreational Fishing Licence and in certain areas. Fishing is strictly prohibited within the Conservation Area.

Dog walking

Jells Park is largely a “dogs on-leads permitted” park, however dogs are not allowed in the Conservation Area at the rear of the lake, or in other signposted bushland areas. Please consider the safety and enjoyment of wildlife and other park users by making sure your dog is always restrained and under control. Remember to clean up after your dog and take their waste home; no bins are provided.

Nearby Nortons Park is a dog off-lead area. For other dog-friendly areas in the City of Monash, visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/Home.

Get involved

You can get involved with planting, propagating, weeding and park maintenance with the Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands; this group works closely with park rangers to restore and improve Jells and other nearby parks. Check out www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/volunteering or call 13 1963.



Caring for the park



Help us look after your park by following these regulations:

- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Please take rubbish home with you for recycling or disposal; no bins are provided.
- No camping, motorbikes or golf are permitted in Jells Park.

- No portable or solid fuel barbecues may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban. Permanent structure gas or electric barbecues may be used, but only with at least 10 litres of water available for extinguishment.
- Do not feed any animals including the ducks; this will make them sick and easy for predators to attack.
- No swimming is permitted.
- No drones are allowed in this park without a valid permit from Parks Victoria.

Emergencies

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

This park is in the Central Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Do not enter the park. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

Check for park, facility and road closures and the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.



Want to learn more? Further information about Jells Park is available from www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/jells-park.



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| Parking | BBQ - Electric | Bird watching | Emergency marker | Waterbody |
| Information | Walking | No dogs | Walking tracks | Park area |
| Toilets | Cycling | Gate | Main regional trail | Conservation area |
| Disabled access | Playground | One-way road | Sealed road | |
| Sheltered area | Bird hide | | | |

