

# Lake Nillahcootie

## Recreation Guide

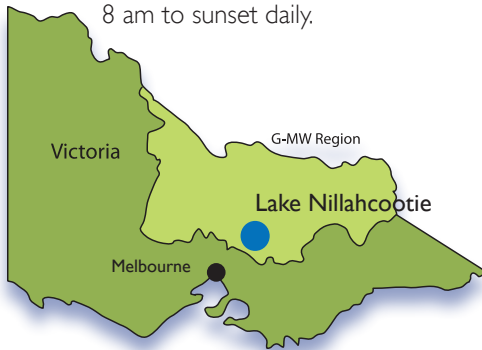


# Welcome to Lake Nillahcootie

Discover prime fishing, boating and recreation opportunities at Lake Nillahcootie.

Lake Nillahcootie is located on the Broken River in north-eastern Victoria, 36 km south of Benalla. It is 24 km from picturesque Mansfield and 25 km from Bonnie Doon and Lake Eildon.

A popular place for fishing, swimming and boating, Lake Nillahcootie also has excellent picnic facilities. Picnic and boating areas are open to the public from 8 am to sunset daily.



Like to know more about Lake Nillahcootie?  
Visit us at [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au)

*Did you  
know?*

Mount Samaria State Park is next to Lake Nillahcootie and offers spectacular views of the water and beautiful bushwalking and picnicking spots.

## G-MW & Dams

Lake Nillahcootie is just one of G-MW's 16 water storages scattered across a region the size of Tasmania.

G-MW is not only responsible for dams - it also looks after boating and recreational activities on and around the water. G-MW is also a large land manager and the largest inland boating authority in Victoria!

As part of managing these responsibilities, G-MW develops a Land and On-Water Management Plan for each storage - including Lake Nillahcootie. The Plans focus on what people value and enjoy about G-MW's water storages - from boat ramps to picnic tables, water sports to wildlife habitat.

To find out more about the Lake Nillahcootie Land and On-Water Management Plan visit:

**[www.g-mwater.com.au/storages](http://www.g-mwater.com.au/storages)**

## Dam Operations

Lake Nillahcootie has a capacity of 40,400 megalitres and was built in 1967 by the Rural Water Commission.

Lake Nillahcootie stores water from the Broken River for irrigation, domestic and stock and urban water supply requirements.

The main spillway at Lake Nillahcootie features a unique Gothic arch-shaped crest that allows the discharge of 117,000 megalitres per day - equivalent to the volume of an Olympic-size swimming pool passing the spillway every two seconds.

The storage also features a secondary spillway that is operated only during severe floods. It uses the 'fuse plug' principle. A section of earthen embankment within the secondary spillway (the fuse plug) has been designed so that at a predetermined flood level it will be eroded away and increase the discharge through the spillway.

## Fishing



Lake Nillahcootie is a fishing paradise - Golden Perch, Murray Cod and Redfin are among the favourites.

The lake is stocked regularly, so there is always plenty to catch. Try lure fishing with medium to deep diving lures or bait fishing with freshwater shrimp.

For the latest information on fishing at Lake Nillahcootie contact DPI Fisheries Victoria.

## Boating



If you like high-speed boating, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking or jet skiing, Lake Nillahcootie is the place to be.

Boats can be launched from the main boat ramp near the dam wall. See Boating Map overleaf for locations.

Normal boating operations apply. Take care to avoid hazards during low water levels, such as submerged stumps and shallow water.

G-MW is  
Australia's largest  
rural water corporation  
managing around 70% of  
Victoria's stored water  
resources.

The name  
Nillahcootie is of  
Indian origin and  
reputedly means  
"Blue House".

## Relax & Unwind...

An easy two hour drive from eastern Melbourne, on the edge of the Mount Samaria State Park, Lake Nillahcootie is a beautiful location with plenty to offer:

The lake attracts tourists from across Victoria and interstate and is a popular location for boating, waterskiing, swimming, fishing, picnicking and walking.

### **Accommodation:**

Choose from resorts, holiday parks, camps and guesthouses.

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1 800 039 049 or visit:

[www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au](http://www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au)

### *Community Vision for Lake Nillahcootie:*

Lake Nillahcootie is a beautiful, well managed public asset that provides a high quality visitor experience and is an ongoing source of pride to the local community, while also fulfilling its roles as an important water supply storage.

# Who should I contact about...

## *Emergencies:*

Police, Fire, Ambulance  
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## *Fishing information:*

DPI Fisheries Victoria  
136 186  
Please refer to the  
Victorian Recreational  
Fishing Guide available at  
[www.dpi.vic.gov.au/  
fisheries](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries)

## *Weather reports:*

Bureau of Meteorology  
[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

## *Boating information:*

Transport Safety Victoria  
1800 223 022  
Please refer to the  
Victorian Recreational  
Boating Safety Handbook  
available at [www.  
transportsafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au)

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*Environmental incident*  
- pollution, spills, noise:

EPA Victoria  
1300 372 842

*G-MW storages are open and easily accessible to the general public. They provide wonderful recreation opportunities, however their primary purpose is for storage and delivery of irrigation water to G-MW customers. Water levels vary over the irrigation season, rising with rainfall and falling as water is released for delivery.*

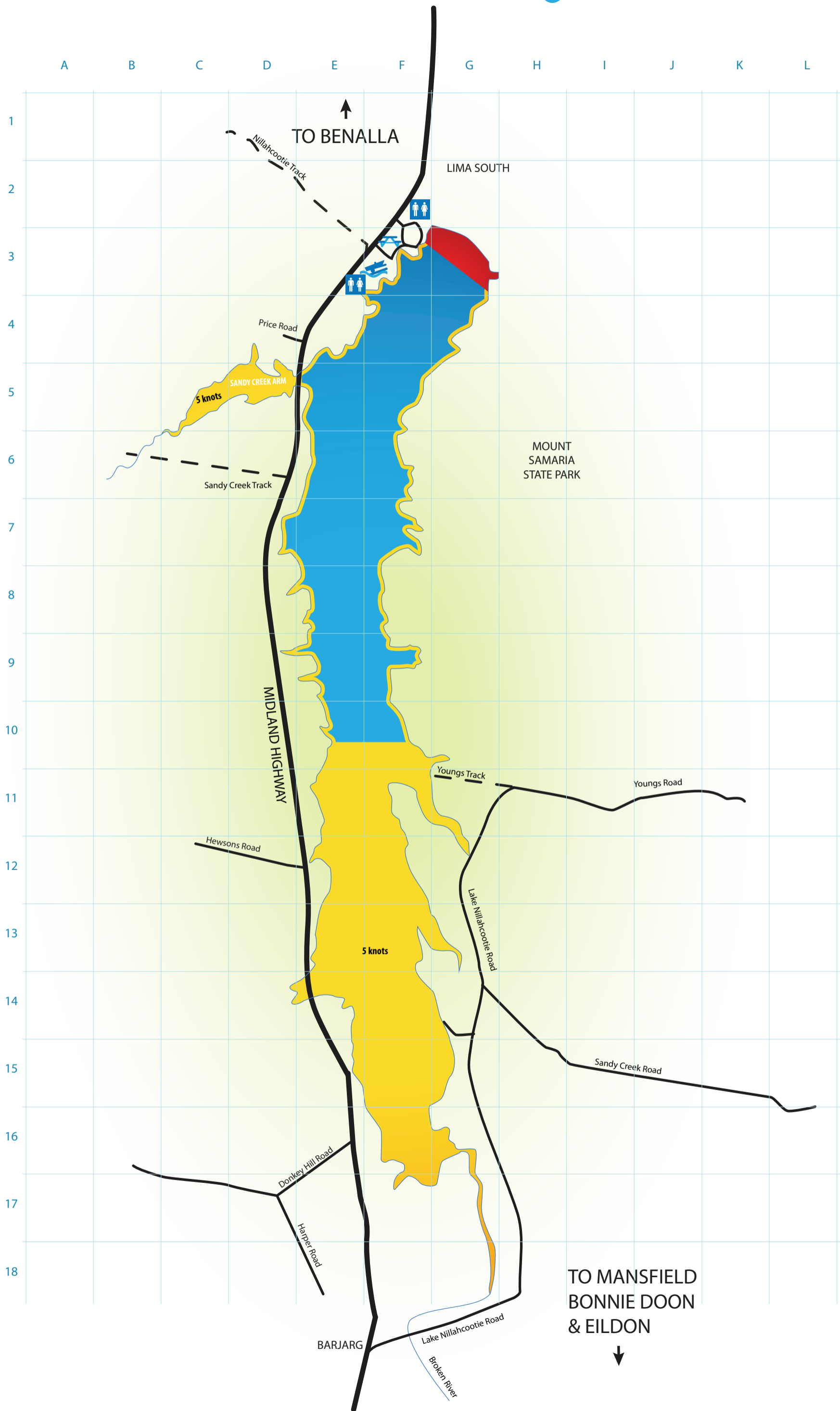


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# Lake Nillahcootie Boating & Facilities Map



## Guidelines

You can help protect Lake Nillahcootie and enhance the enjoyment and safety of others by following these simple guidelines:

- Help keep areas around Lake Nillahcootie clean and protect the environment by taking your rubbish home with you.
- Vehicles and motorbikes may be used on roads open to public vehicles. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed. Abide by speed limits.
- A Motor Boat Licence is required when operating a motorised boat in Victorian waters.
- All plants, animals and historical sites are protected by law and must not be removed or disturbed.
- Your safety is important. If you require emergency assistance take note of your location according to the grid numbers on this map.
- Water is not suitable for human consumption.

*Be safe - take care*

## MAP LEGEND

- No Boats
- 5 Knots Speed Restriction
- Unrestricted Speed
- Public Boat Launching Area
- Public Toilets
- Picnic Facilities
- Gravel Road
- Track



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Scale of Kilometres