

Camping at Delatite Arm Reserve

Where to camp at one of Lake Eildon's most popular reserves

Lake Eildon and water quality

Lake Eildon is a water storage managed by Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) to harvest, store and deliver water for irrigation purposes.

Urban water corporations who treat the water before supplying it to towns are among the GMW customers who own water in the lake.

Protecting the water quality of Lake Eildon is important, along with keeping visitors and users of the lake safe.

Where can I camp at Delatite Arm Reserve?

Visitors can camp at the many designated camping areas within the Delatite Arm Reserve.

However, under GMW's recreational by-laws, ***it is prohibited to camp on the lake bed below the high water mark, regardless of the water level.***

Campfires are also not permitted on the lake bed.

I've camped on the lake bed before – why can't I do it now?

With thousands of visitors to the Delatite Arm Reserve every year, it is vital that the area remains safe and clean for all users, and that the lake bed is not damaged or polluted.

You may have previously camped on the edge of Lake Eildon and haven't been informed that it is prohibited under GMW's Recreational By-Laws.

Under the by-laws, authorised officers and any Victoria Police member has the authority to move on persons not camping in the appropriate area, and issue fines where necessary.

These by-laws are in place to protect the water quality in Lake Eildon, which must be upheld under the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003* as GMW supplies water to urban water corporations.

Generally, officers will speak to campers and direct them to appropriate camping facilities – we will work with you to make sure everyone's stay at Lake Eildon is as enjoyable as possible.

What penalties are there for camping or campfires on the lake bed below the high water mark?

Penalties for camping on the lake bed below the water mark apply under GMW By-Law No.1/2013 Recreational Areas.

Fines and court convictions can be in excess of \$3300 for offences.

A copy of the by-laws is available at the GMW website – www.gmwater.com.au/recreation

What amenities are available at Delatite Arm Reserve?

There are a number of camping areas alongside the Delatite Arm peninsula with toilet facilities, fireplaces, picnic tables and shade by native vegetation.

In these permitted areas there are also larger open areas that cater for campervan access, and areas more suited to small camps. These areas are maintained and patrolled on a regular basis, especially during high visitation times and high fire danger periods.

Lake Eildon can be accessed from these areas for activities such as swimming, fishing, paddling and boating. Boats and non-powered watercraft can be launched at the lake edge where appropriate.

Staying safe on the water

Remember to be water smart when recreating on GMW's lakes, dams and reservoirs, and stay safe in and around water. Keep to five knots when within 50m of the water's edge, other vessels, navigation aids, swimmers and fixed or floating structures; and within 100m of vessels displaying a diving flag.

The Delatite Arm of Lake Eildon from Howes Inlet to Walsh's Cove is a permanent 5 knot zone.

More information on water safety is available at www.gmwater.com.au/watersmarts

