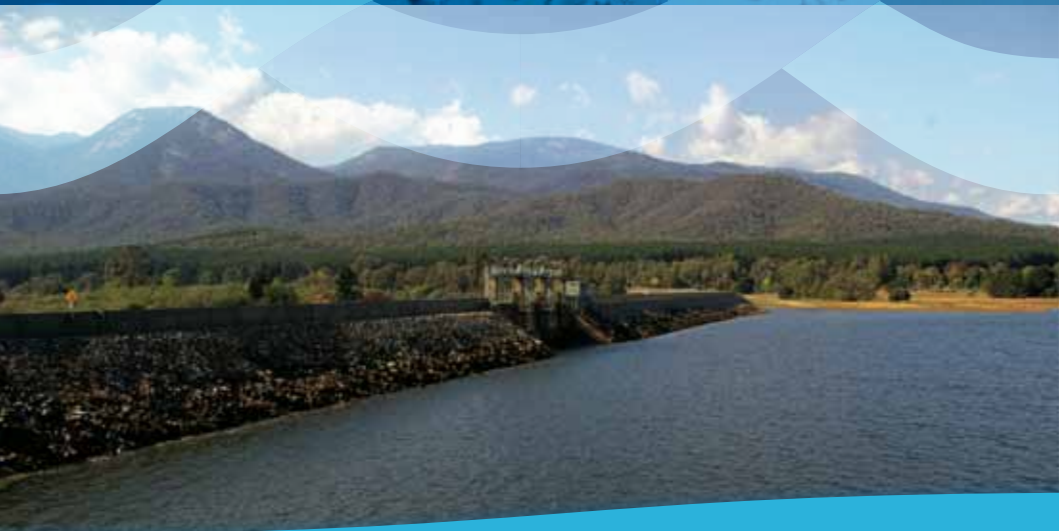


Lake Buffalo

Recreation Guide

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Welcome to Lake Buffalo

Surrounded by gourmet food producers and boutique wineries, small villages, stunning valleys and mountains, Lake Buffalo is the perfect place to explore year round.

Lake Buffalo sits on the picturesque Buffalo River, 20 km south of Myrtleford and just over 300 km north of Melbourne.

The Lake lies at the foot of Mount Buffalo National Park with the rocky outcrops of the mountain clearly visible from the Lake. A popular place for waterskiing, boating, fishing and kayaking, Lake Buffalo offers an array of recreational opportunities and is a fantastic place for a picnic with family and friends.



Like to know more about Lake Buffalo?
Visit us at www.g-mwater.com.au

Did you know?

Mount Buffalo got its name from its resemblance to a buffalo! It was named by explorers Hamilton Hume and William Hilton Hovell in 1824.

GMW & Dams

Lake Buffalo is one of GMW's 16 water storages scattered across a region the size of Tasmania.

GMW is not only responsible for dams - it also looks after recreational activities on and around the water. GMW is also a large land manager.

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

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

www.g-mwater.com.au/storages

Dam Operations

Lake Buffalo was completed in 1965. It features a 33 metre high and 635 metre long earth and rockfill embankment, with a gated primary spillway and outlet works within the dam wall.

The Lake has a catchment area of 1,062 square kilometres and holds 23,504 megalitres of water.

The Lake is located on the Buffalo River with other major tributaries including Catherine, Dandongadale and Rose Rivers along with the Yarrarabula Creek.

The Lake initially supplied a thriving tobacco industry in the Ovens Valley but now supports an array of agricultural activities including traditional farming (eg. dairy, cropping), nuts, berries, wine grapes and more recently green tea.

Fishing



Crystal clear water flows down through the mountains and into Lake Buffalo.

Redfin, Macquarie and Golden Perch, Brown and Rainbow Trout, Murray Cod and River Blackfish can all be caught - if you're lucky! Try using yabbies, worms and crickets as bait.

Lake Buffalo is home to the Myrtleford Angling Club and there are a number of local fishing tours available. For the latest information on fishing at Lake Buffalo contact DEPI. Don't forget your licence!

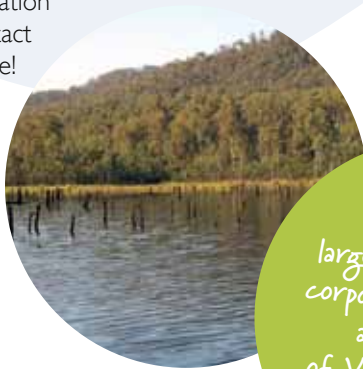
Boating



Lake Buffalo is a great spot for all kinds of watersports - including waterskiing, wake boarding and canoeing. It is also home of the Myrtleford Boat Club.

Boats can be launched from the main boat ramp near the dam wall. The Marshalls Ridge boat ramp is opened seasonally depending on the water level of the Lake. See *the Boating Map* overleaf for locations.

Mount Buffalo National Park is one of Victoria's oldest national parks, established in 1898.



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

Relax & Unwind...

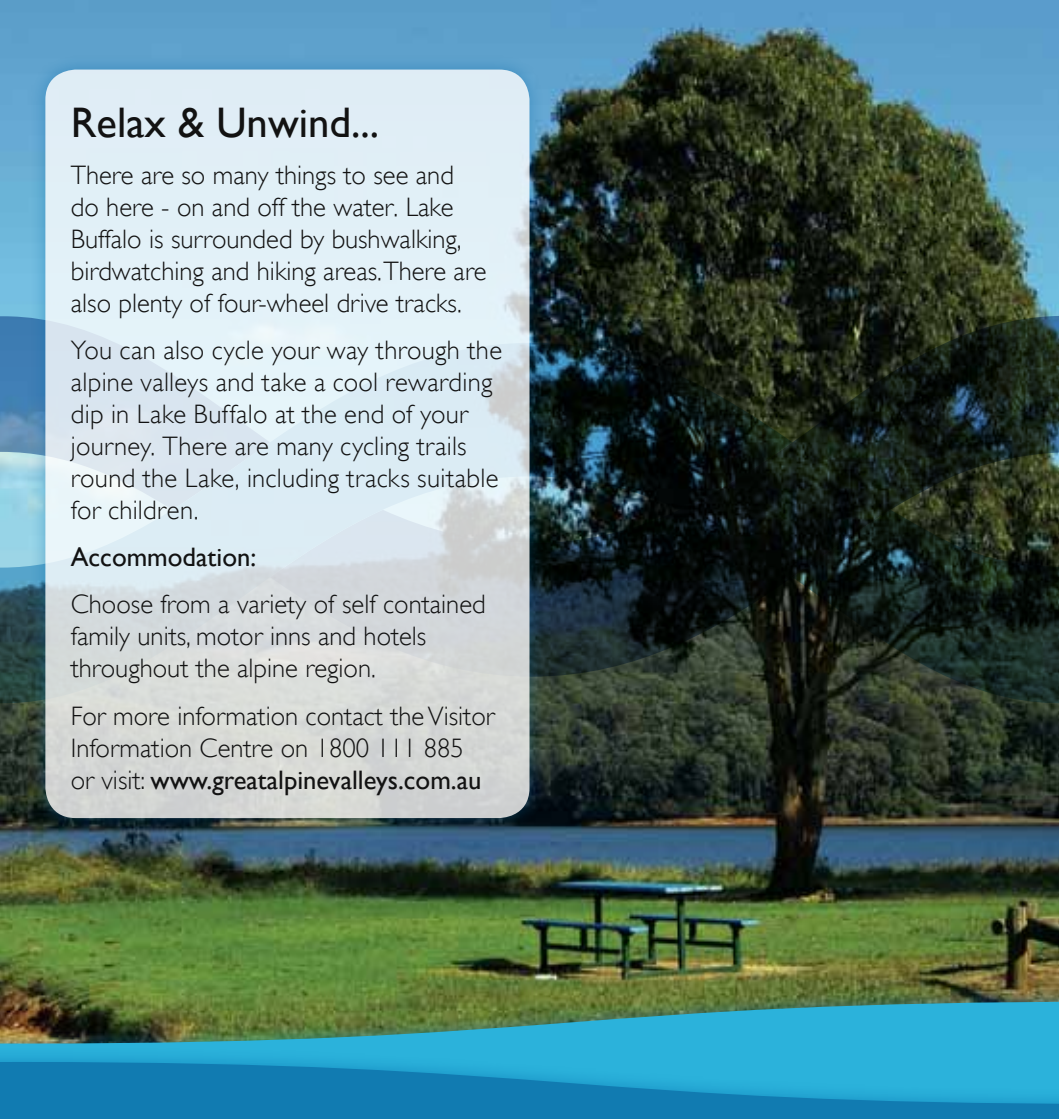
There are so many things to see and do here - on and off the water. Lake Buffalo is surrounded by bushwalking, birdwatching and hiking areas. There are also plenty of four-wheel drive tracks.

You can also cycle your way through the alpine valleys and take a cool rewarding dip in Lake Buffalo at the end of your journey. There are many cycling trails round the Lake, including tracks suitable for children.

Accommodation:

Choose from a variety of self contained family units, motor inns and hotels throughout the alpine region.

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1800 111 885 or visit: www.greatalpinevalleys.com.au



Who should I contact about...

Emergencies:

Police, Fire, Ambulance
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Fishing information:

Department of
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Please refer to the Victorian
Recreational Fishing Guide
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Weather reports:

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Water storages provide wonderful recreation opportunities, however their primary purpose is for storage and delivery of irrigation water to GMW customers. Water levels vary over the irrigation season, rising with rainfall and falling as water is released for delivery.

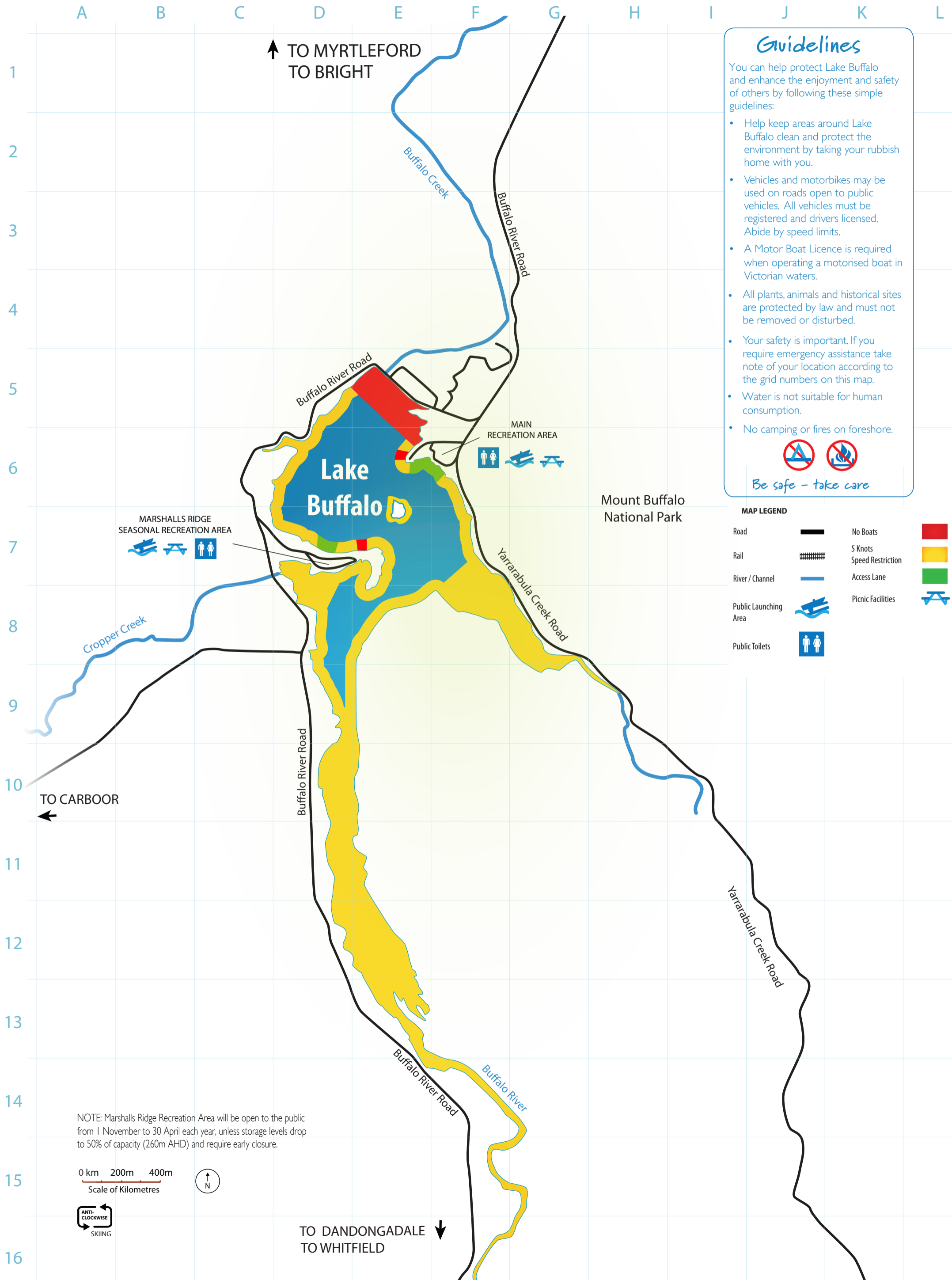


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Lake Buffalo Boating & Facilities Map



Guidelines

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

- Help keep areas around Lake Buffalo 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.
- No camping or fires on foreshore.

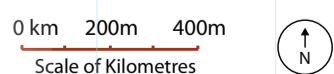


Be safe - take care

MAP LEGEND

Road		No Boats	
Rail		5 Knots Speed Restriction	
River / Channel		Access Lane	
Public Launching Area		Picnic Facilities	
Public Toilets			

NOTE: Marshalls Ridge Recreation Area will be open to the public from 1 November to 30 April each year, unless storage levels drop to 50% of capacity (260m AHD) and require early closure.



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