Welcome to Lake Eppalock

Lake Eppalock, in the heart of the Goldfields, is central Victoria’s largest water storage.

It has excellent facilities for day visitors and holiday makers with four caravan parks, several picnic areas with electric barbeques and a kiosk.

Lake Eppalock is just twenty minutes drive from Heathcote, thirty minutes from the thriving city of Bendigo and ninety minutes from Melbourne.

Did you know?

Lake Eppalock was completed in 1964. Its curved embankment is over 700 metres long, stands 47 metres high and contains more than 800,000 cubic metres of earth and rock.

Like to know more about Lake Eppalock? Visit us at www.g-mwater.com.au
GMW & Dams

Lake Eppalock is just 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 boating and recreational activities on and around the water. GMW is also a large land manager and the largest inland boating authority in Victoria!

As part of managing these responsibilities, GMW develops a Land and On-Water Management Plan for each storage - including Lake Eppalock. 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 Eppalock Land and On-Water Management Plan visit: www.g-mwater.com.au/storages

Dam Operations

When full, Lake Eppalock holds 304,651 megalitres and in places is over 30 metres deep.

GMW controls 82% and Coliban Water controls 18% of the water in Lake Eppalock.

As well as supplying raw water for urban treatment, Lake Eppalock also stores water for irrigation along the Campaspe River downstream.

Water from Lake Eppalock is used to supplement the Waranga Western Channel that supplies the Rochester and Pyramid-Boort irrigation areas.

Lake Eppalock has three spillways to control water releases and flows - two concrete ogee crest spillways and one earthen spillway.
Fishing

Lake Eppalock is home to a healthy mix of Golden Perch, Redfin, Murray Cod and Trout and has a good balance of deep and shallow water.

The Lake provides excellent fishing for Redfin (especially between December and May) with Derrinal and Kimbolton pools to the north being popular fishing spots.

Also try the mouth of the Coliban and Campaspe Rivers for Murray Cod and Golden Perch.

For the latest information on fishing at Lake Eppalock contact DEPI.

Boating

Lake Eppalock is the “sailing centre of Central Victoria” and the Bendigo Yacht Club holds regular events.

The Lake is also a popular destination for waterskiing and power boat racing.

A number of public boat ramps are located around the Lake. See the Boating Map overleaf for locations.

Normal boating operations apply when water levels are above 180 m AHD. Low water level hazards include submerged tree stumps and shallow water. Check signage at boat ramps for further information.

Lake Eppalock is the 7th largest lake in Victoria.

GMW is Australia’s largest rural water corporation managing around 70% of Victoria’s stored water resources.
Coliban River, Campaspe River, Wild Duck Creek and Mt Ida/Melvor Creek run into Lake Eppalock.

Relax & Unwind...

Lake Eppalock is a water playground for all ages. This family-friendly destination offers peaceful areas for bushwalking, birdwatching, fishing and sailing. For the more adventurous, power boat racing and waterskiing are popular sporting activities. A number of club sites are located around the Lake offering private accommodation and other facilities for members.

Accommodation:

Lakeside caravan and holiday parks, B&Bs and holiday houses are available all year round. For more information contact the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre on 1800 813 153 or visit www.bendigotourism.com.
Who should I contact about...

Emergencies:
Police, Fire, Ambulance
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Fishing information:
Department of Environment and Primary Industries 136 186

Boating information:
Transport Safety Victoria
1800 223 022
Please refer to the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook available at www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au

Weather reports:
Bureau of Meteorology
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Environmental information:
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GMW 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 GMW customers. Water levels vary over the irrigation season, rising with rainfall and falling as water is released for delivery.