Welcome to Lake Boga

Lake Boga is one of the four Victorian Mid Murray Storages.

Lake Boga is approximately 40 km north of Kerang and only 16 km south of Swan Hill.

Lake Boga is a very popular spot for fishing and boating, not only for the town’s 700 residents, but for tourists from around Victoria and interstate. Facilities along the foreshore include a caravan park and picnic areas with electric barbeques.

Did you know?

Agencies responsible for the various functions of Lake Boga form the Lake Boga Coordination Group. Group members include G-MW, Swan Hill Rural City Council, Department of Sustainability and Environment and the North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Like to know more about Lake Boga?
Visit us at www.g-mwater.com.au
or www.vmms.com.au/lake-boga
G-MW & Dams

Lake Boga is 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 recreational activities on and around the water. G-MW is also a large land manager.

As part of managing these responsibilities, G-MW develops a Land and On-Water Management Plan for each storage, including Lake Boga. 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.


Dam Operations

Lake Boga forms part of the Victorian Mid Murray Storages (VMMS) along with Kangaroo Lake, Lake Charm and Kow Swamp.

Lake Boga has a capacity of 37,794 megalitres. When full, the lake covers 940 hectares and is two metres deep in places.

The water in the Victorian Mid Murray Storages is captured, stored and released into the Murray River to supply water users downstream.

Operations vary each season but in general water flows into Lake Boga during winter and spring with water levels peaking in November and December. Water is then released during summer until the storage reaches minimum operating levels in April or May.
G-MW is Australia’s largest rural water corporation managing around 70% of Victoria’s stored water resources.

Fishing
People love fishing at Lake Boga! The lake is home to Redfin as well as populations of native fish including Golden Perch and Murray Cod.

For the latest information on fishing at Lake Boga contact DPI Fisheries Victoria and for some insider tips on where and when the fish are biting contact the Lake Boga Sports Fishing Club.

Boating
Lake Boga is a popular spot for power boating, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking and jet skiing.

The designated boating authority for Lake Boga is the Swan Hill Rural City Council.

Boats can be launched from boat ramps at a number of locations around the lake. See the Boating Map overleaf.

The lake was named by explorer Major Mitchell in June 1836 after he saw a rainbow above it. The word ‘boga’ means ‘bow’ or ‘arch’ in Old English.
Community Vision for Lake Boga:

Lake Boga is a safe, family friendly place highly valued by the community for its water based recreational activities, amenity and cultural heritage while also fulfilling its role as a water supply storage.

During World War II the lake became home to the country’s largest inland flying boat repair base and its 1,000 air force personnel.

Relax & Unwind...

A short 10 minute drive from Swan Hill, Lake Boga offers fun for the whole family.

Visit the Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum, home of the historic Catalina Flying Boat and the site of World War II’s secret RAAF Repair Depot.

Accommodation:

Choose from a lakeside caravan park, B&Bs and holiday houses.

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1800 625 373 or visit: www.swanhillonline.com

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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:

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

Swan Hill Rural City Council
(03) 5036 2333
www.swanhill.vic.gov.au

Weather reports:
Bureau of Meteorology
www.bom.gov.au

Environmental incident - pollution, spills, noise:
EPA Victoria
1300 372 842

Water storages 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.
Guidelines

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

• Help keep our around Lake Boga clean and protect the environment by taking your rubbish home with you.

• Vehicles and motorcycles may be used on roads open to public vehicles. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licenced. Abide by speed limits.

• 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.