# GOULBURN-MURRAY WATER Lake Eildon Recreation Guide

### Welcome to Lake Eildon

Lake Eildon is one of Victoria's most important water storages and holiday destinations.

The huge expanse of water is surrounded by national parks and is known as the Gateway to the Victorian High Country.

Lake Eildon is well served by local townships, with Howqua, Jamieson, Mansfield, Eildon and Bonnie Doon a stones throw from the water. Alexandra is just 28 kilometres away and Melbourne a comfortable two hour drive.



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

## Did you know?

Lake Eildon is 70 kilometres long and in places is up to 76 metres deep!

#### G-MW & Dams

Lake Eildon 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 Eildon. 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 Eildon Land and On-Water Management Plan visit:

www.g-mwater.com.au/lakeeildon

#### Dam Operations

Lake Eildon covers 13,832 hectares and when full holds 3,334,158 megalitres.

On average, 91% of water released from Lake Eildon is diverted for irrigation purposes and supplies around 60% of water used in the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District (GMID).

Approximately 96% of the water diverted from the GMID is delivered to water entitlement holders for irrigation or environmental purposes. The remaining 4% is supplied to urban water authorities for domestic water supply.

Lake Eildon has been designed to store enough water to supply customers through at least two drought seasons.

Daily storage levels and flows are available by calling (03) 5774 3928.

#### **Fishing**



Lake Eildon is one of Australia's most popular freshwater fishing destinations, home to Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Redfin, Perch and Murray Cod.

The Eildon Pondage is a favourite spot for easy fishing, with a purpose-built pier and wheelchair access.

The nearby Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery keeps the lake regularly stocked with Trout - so there is always plenty to catch.

For the latest information on fishing at Lake Eildon contact DEPI. Don't forget your licence!

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

#### Boating



With over 13,000 hectares of water to play on, it's no surprise that Lake Eildon is a very popular destination for watersports.

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

Lake Eildon is the only reservoir in Victoria where houseboats and cabin cruisers with sleeping accommodation are permitted and has both public and private harbours.

Construction of the original storage, known as Sugarloaf Reservoir, took place between 1915 and 1929. It was modified several times before finally being completed in 1955, when it was renamed Lake Eildon.



#### Who should I contact about...

Emergencies:
Police, Fire, Ambulance
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Fishing information:
Department of
Environment and Primary
Industries 136 186
Please refer to the
Victorian Recreational
Fishing Guide available at
www.depi.vic.gov.au/
fisheries

Weather reports: Bureau of Meteorology 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 Stay informed

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Environmental information: EPA Victoria 1300 372 842 www.epa.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria 131 963 www.parks.vic.gov.au

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 Eildon Boating & Facilities Map

