Lake William Hovell Recreation Guide



Welcome to Lake William Hovell

Lake William Hovell is just over an hours drive from Wangaratta, and is situated 18 km south of Cheshunt.

Set in mountain bushland on the King River, Lake William Hovell is the perfect spot for fishing, boating and picnicking. Facilities along the foreshore include picnic areas with electric barbeques, undercover areas, open space and public toilets.



G-MW & Dams

Lake William Hovell 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.

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

www.g-mwater.com.au/storages

Dam Operations

Lake William Hovell was officially opened on 12 November 1971.

The Lake covers 113 hectares of land, and stores approximately 13,500 megalitres of water.

Water from the storage is used to irrigate crops and vineyards, and supplies grazing properties along the King River.

The 'flip bucket' spillway is a special feature of the storage. The 'flip bucket' spillway chute stops part way down the embankment slope and the water leaps from it into the river. The bottom lip of the chute is curved upwards so that large flows can be thrown well clear of the chute to reduce the risk of erosion damage to the river bank.

Fishing



Lake William Hovell offers great year round fishing, but autumn is the best time to catch large Redfin and Trout.

Try fishing from your kayak just as the sun is rising or setting.

For the latest information on fishing at Lake William Hovell contact DPI Fisheries Victoria.

Boating



Soak up the peace and quiet of the Lake and mountains in your kayak, canoe or inflatable boat.

If you're looking for a wild ride, head below the dam wall and give white water rafting a go.

Boating is restricted to a maximum speed of 5 knots. See the Boating Map overleaf.

Lake William Hovell is over 400 metres above sea level. GI-MW is Australia's largest rural water corporation managing around 70% of Victoria's stored water resources.

Relax & Unwind...

On and off the water, Lake William Hovell provides activities for the whole family. Try your hand at four-wheel driving, mountain bike riding, bushwalking, swimming, boating and fishing.

Surrounded by vineyards and the Alpine National Park, Lake William Hovell is a perfect place to visit at any time of year.

Accommodation:

There is plenty of accommodation throughout the region, including bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels and self contained cottages.

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1800 801 065 or visit: www.visitwangaratta.com.au William Hilton Hovell, a sailor, explorer and settler, was born in England in 1786 and arrived in Australia in 1813. Hovell and fellow explorer Hamilton Hume set off from Gunning to Westernport in 1824. Along the way they crossed the Murray, Mitta Mitta, Gioulburn and Ovens Rivers. Who should I contact about...

Emergencies: Police, Fire, Ambulance 000

Fishing information: DPI Fisheries Victoria 136 186 Please refer to the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide available at: www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries Boating information: Transport Safety Victoria 1800 223 022 Please refer to the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook available at: www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au

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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.



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Lake William Hovell Boating & Facilities Map

