

Emerald Lake Precinct

Walking tracks and trails

Emerald Lake and Nobelius Heritage parks



Emerald Lake Precinct

The precinct has several tracks and trails offering a range of walking experiences, from an easy stroll to more challenging hikes. Take a short easy walk after your picnic or combine a few trails for a longer walk.

Enjoy the scenery of the park – exotic trees in arboretums, heritage garden, native plants in remnant bushland, and reeds, rushes and lilies around the lakes.

Please note: the estimated walking times are a guide only. Walking times may vary depending on your fitness and the weather conditions.

Opening times

- Both parks open every day except CFA declared Extreme or Code Red days of total fire ban
- Vehicle access 6am–6pm (May to October) and 6am–8pm (November to April)
- Emerald Lake Park: Cafe, model railway, paddleboats and Puffing Billy Railway closed Christmas Day



Emerald Lake Park

50 Emerald Lake Road, Emerald

Nobelius Heritage Park

5 Crichton Street, Emerald

More information: www.emeraldlakepark.com.au

Cardinia Shire Council

Phone: 1300 787 624

Email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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National Relay Service (NRS)

TTY: 133 677 (ask for 1300 787 624)

Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay): 1300 555 727 (ask for 1300 787 624)



Translator Interpretation Service

131 450 (ask for 1300 787 624)



Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail (part)

This shared trail links Emerald to Cockatoo and Gembrook via Emerald Lake Park and Wrights Forest (full trail is 13km). The Emerald Lake Precinct section takes you from Nobelius Heritage Park to the recreation activities around Lake Treganowan. The trail is lined with ferns and a mix of exotic and native flora. Suitable for walkers and cyclists.

More information:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/eastern_dandenong_ranges_trail

Lake Nobelius Loop Track

Starts and finishes by the cafe in Emerald Lake Park. Head south from the cafe to reach Lake Nobelius; constructed as a sediment trap for stormwater entering the park from urban areas (to the east) and the natural spring (from the south). Boardwalks allow you to view abundant animal life. This track features towering native black woods (*Acacia melanoxylon*) and a stand of impressive manna gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) near the Gums Amphitheatre.

Difficulty:	Easy–moderate
Distance:	1km (Emerald Lake Precinct section)
Time:	20 minutes

Difficulty:	Easy
Distance:	1.2km (loop)
Time:	15 minutes



Pine Track

A well-formed track dominated at one end by mature pine trees (*Pinus radiata*), hence the name. The track connects Link Track on the Nobelius Heritage Park boundary with playground and fitness equipment in Emerald Lake Park.

Difficulty:	Easy–moderate
Distance:	1km
Time:	15 minutes

Wishing Well Track

The park’s most popular track meanders through a stand of chestnut trees, into an ancient forest gully with very tall European trees towering over the native rainforest. Look out for lyrebirds that spend time foraging under the tree ferns and be sure to make a wish at the wishing well when you reach the end.

Difficulty:	Easy–moderate
Distance:	0.7km
Time:	10 minutes

Nobelius Track

Following the Puffing Billy Railway line from the lakeside activities to the packing shed, this track showcases pine, chestnut and oak trees and a mix of indigenous flora. The track passes the old Nobelius station and is part of the annual Puffing Billy Running Festival.

Difficulty:	Moderate (one steep section)
Distance:	1.4km
Time:	20 minutes

Link Track

A short steep track connecting the Wishing Well Track to Nobelius Heritage Park. Look for the large tulip trees at the end of the track. This track can be slippery in wet weather.

Difficulty:	Moderate–difficult
Distance:	0.7km
Time:	5 minutes

Fern Gully Track

A perfect walk on a hot day, this shaded trail follows Wattle Creek that flows from Nobelius Heritage Park through to Lakeside car park. Head through the gully filled with native and exotic flora to a small field of tree ferns. This track is narrow, steep in parts and can be slippery after rain.

Difficulty:	Difficult (steep in sections)
Distance:	0.7km
Time:	15 minutes

Virtual Ranger Trail

Ten posts located along the walking tracks provide audio information about natural and historical features of the park.

Download a QR code reader to your phone or digital device and then scan the code on each audio post to access the audio for each part of the trail (see map for audio post locations).

