

Newport Lakes Nursery

Newport Lakes Nursery is privately operated and sells a range of local native and aquatic plants. It's hours of operation are 11:00am to 4:00pm daily. For more information about the nursery, phone 9391 0044.

Friends of Newport lakes

The Friends of Newport Lakes Inc is a volunteer group of local people who have been working for many years to improve and develop Newport Lakes Park.

The group meets monthly at Newport Lakes Park to undertake conservation activities with Hobsons Bay City Council and always welcomes new members.

For more information please visit their website:

www.friendsofnewportlakes.com.au and or email **friendsofnewportlakes@gmail.com**





Location

Newport Lakes Park is located off Lakes Drive, Newport.
Melways Ref: 55 G3.

For those travelling by public transport, the park is about a 15 minute walk from Newport Station.

Park Hours

The public car park is open from 8.00am to 7.00pm (Daylight savings 9.00pm).

The Park is open to pedestrians at all hours.

Enquires

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Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the Bunurong Peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands, rivers and coastal areas in Hobsons Bay. We recognise the First Peoples' relationship to this land and offer our respect to their Elders, past and present.

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Welcome to

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The Park is managed by Hobsons Bay City Council and is approximately 33 hectares in size.

The lakes area of the Park has been extensively revegetated using local native (indigenous) flora to provide a conservation sanctuary for a wide range of native wildlife.

Newport Lakes Park is a great place for a picnic with family and friends, for a leisurely walk or to just relax in a tranquil bushland setting.

History

Before European settlement Newport Lakes Park was vast open grassland. The area became a bluestone quarry in 1868-69 and bluestone was continually extracted until 1968. The bluestone from Newport Lakes Park was used to build roads and rock walls in the Williamstown area and was even sent to the UK.

After work on the quarries ceased the area became a refuse tip in the 1970's for the City of Williamstown.

The local community rallied against a further tip site at that location and a decision was made to redevelop the area as parkland. Work began in the 1980's and extensive revegetation has continued ever since.

The current Friends of Newport Lakes have been working in the park since 1997.

Hobsons Bay City Council conservation team now manages the park. There are regular community planting and working bee days held in conjunction with the Friends group. The park is also the location for many school plantings and walk and talks every year.

Newport Lakes Park

Flora and Fauna at Newport Lakes Park

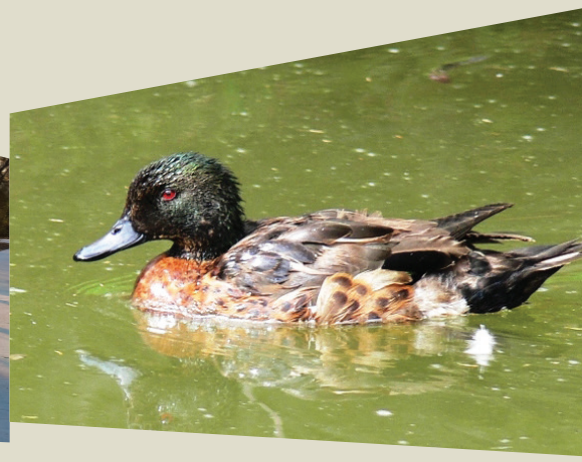
Newport Lakes is a conservation reserve that supports a diverse number of plants and animals.

Revegetation using indigenous species now provides habitat for a variety of native animals including birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

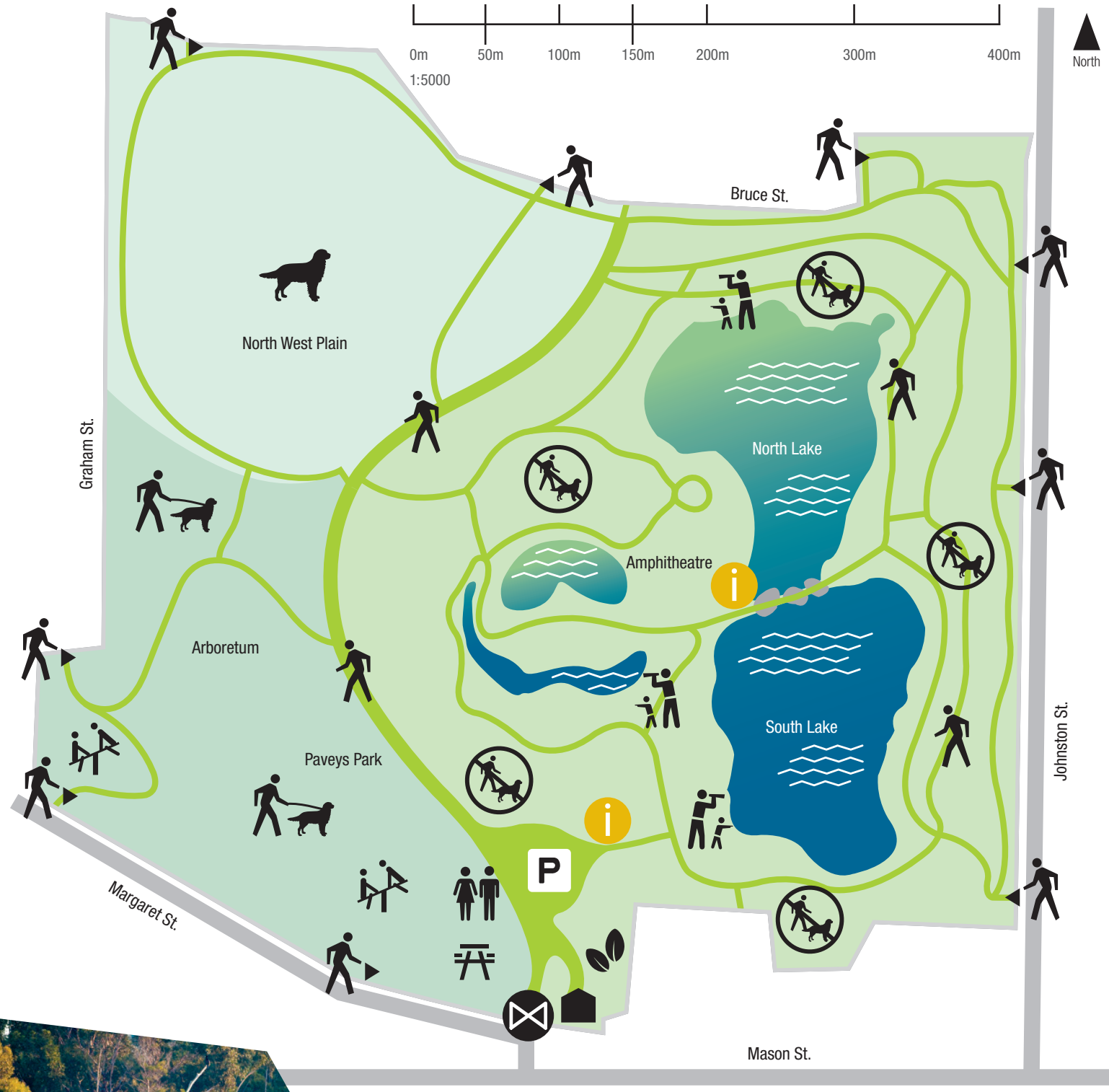
Common species found in Newport Lakes include – swans, eurasian coots, blue fairy-wrens and pacific black ducks.

Known for its wide number of bird species it is also home to the common froglet, tiger snake and ring tailed possum. So keep your eyes peeled in the air and on the ground.





- Conservation area; no dogs
- Recreation area; dogs allowed off lead
- Dog on lead at all times
- Pedestrian access
- Shared paths
- Picnic and BBQ area
- Toilets
- Lookouts
- Playground
- Depot
- Native nursery
- Main entrance
- Interpretive signage













Dogs at Newport Lakes Park

Responsible dog owners and their dogs are welcome at Newport Lakes Park. There is plenty of space to walk, play and relax with your dog in designated areas.

Areas off limits to dogs

Some sensitive parts of the park are closed to dogs completely. These conservation areas, like the lakes, form a valuable sanctuary for wildlife and native plants. Please keep a lookout for signage.

Wildlife and Dogs

Dogs can cause excessive stress in wildlife by chasing, barking and attacking them; please protect wildlife from your dog.

Reduce the risk to your pet from snakes. Snakes are present at Newport lakes and a bite can be fatal.

Arboretum

The Arboretum is a collection of plants - mostly of European and American origin.

Pavey's Park and Picnic Area

The Pavey's Park section has picnic shelters, BBQ facilities and playground equipment. The electric BBQs are free to use.





North and South Lake

The lakes area of the park provides a sanctuary for flora and fauna and a peaceful retreat for human visitors. Newport Lakes Park supports over 200 species of plants and 165 species of birds.

Main Lookout

The main lookout offers spectacular views over the north and south lakes. At the northeast corner of the lake, the steep quarry face can be seen.

Lakes Crossing

The stepping stone crossing is made of large bluestone and basalt rocks quarried from the site. The surround of the stepping stones has been built up to form a platform of bluestone rocks.