

# Media Release

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## UPGRADED CAMPGROUNDS FOR VICTORIANS TO EXPLORE

From the Grampians to the Great Ocean Road and all across Victoria, families now have more opportunities to explore the great outdoors over Easter with the opening of new and upgraded campgrounds.

Whether its pristine coastlines or the rugged High Country there is something for everyone, with 13 new and 28 upgraded campgrounds and a further 23 new and 55 upgraded campgrounds to be finished by mid-next year.

The Andrews Labor Government has invested \$105.6 million towards getting more Victorian outside into nature, with more accessible and affordable options like new campgrounds, better walking trails and visitor facilities across the state.

New camping spots include Flat Spur Campground at Mt Buller, Thomson Bridge Campground in Gippsland and Stockman's Campground in Big River State Forest just south of Lake Eildon.

Popular destination the Great Otway National Park has three new campsites and there are seven new hike-in campgrounds along the Grampians Peaks Trail.

We're also upgrading camping and caravan park facilities. Lake Lascelles Campground and Dimboola Caravan Park in Western Victoria now has new all-ability accessible amenities and facilities, while Nelson Kywong Caravan Park on the Glenelg River now has all-ability accessible showers and cabins.

The Labor Government has also worked to reopen campgrounds destroyed or damaged by bushfires and storms with Paddy Joy Campsite near Corryong, Cobaw Visitor Area in the Cobaw State Forest and Werribee River and Wombat Creek Picnic Areas in the Wombat State Forest now reopened to the public.

Most state forest campgrounds do not require booking, while national park campsite can be booked on the Parks Victoria website.

Different rules apply in parks and state forests, so it's important to read the campfire safety rules and check the conditions on the VicEmergency app before you leave.

To find out where to go in our state forests download the More to Explore app or visit [vic.gov.au/delivering-new-and-upgraded-campgrounds](https://vic.gov.au/delivering-new-and-upgraded-campgrounds).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

*"It's been fantastic to see so many Victorians enjoy our great outdoors this summer, and we will continue to support camping opportunities for everyone, in some of our state's most special places."*

*"Our funding for campgrounds and visitor facilities will help bring visitors and tourists to regional communities – creating jobs and boosting local economies."*

*"From fully equipped drive-in campsites to remote hiking spots in the bush, there's a great range of ways to enjoy camping in Victoria this Easter."*

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## New campgrounds

Name	Location	LGA
Flat Spur Campground	Alpine National Park/Mount Buller	Mansfield Shire
Stockman's Campground	Big River State Forest/Big Desert	Mildura Rural City
Thomson Bridge Campground	Boola Boola State Forest	Baw Baw Shire Council
Grays Campground	Corryong (nearest town)	Towong Shire Council
Jack Swasbrick (Cracker's Camp)	Mitta Mitta (nearest town)	Towong Shire Council
Barigar hike In Campground	Grampians National Park	Northern Grampians Shire
Barri Yulag (Barbican Rocks) Hike campground	Grampians National Park	Northern Grampians Shire
Durd Durd (Stockyard Saddle) Hike-in campground	Grampians National Park	Ararat Shire
Duwul (Mt William) Hike-in campground	Grampians National Park	Ararat Shire
Stony Creek Group Camp	Grampians National Park	Northern Grampians Shire
Wannon (Mt Christabel) Hike-in campground	Grampians National Park	Ararat Shire
Yarram Hike-in campground	Grampians National Park	Ararat Shire
Rubicon Picnic Area	Rubicon State Forest, Rubicon (nearest town)	Murrindindi Shire Council

## Upgraded campgrounds

Name	Location	LGA
Big Billy Lookout	Big Desert State Forest	Mildura Rural City Council
Grants Reserve	Matlock (nearest town)	Yarra Ranges Shire Council
Gunbower Canoe Launches	Koondrook (nearest town)	Gannawarra Shire Council
Hammonds Road North	Great Otway National Park	Surfcoast Shire Council
Huggetts Campground	Monomak (nearest town)	Wellington Shire
Avondale Gardens	Shelley (nearest town)	Towong Shire Council
Blue Pool	Briagolong State Forest	Wellington Shire
Brunton's Bridge	Boola Boola State Forest	Latrobe City Council
Ned's Gully	Cathedral Range State Park	Murrindindi Shire
Jorgensons Hut	Thomson (nearest town)	Wellington Shire
Junction Hut	Thomson (nearest town)	Wellington Shire

Merrington's Hut	Thomson (nearest town)	Wellington Shire
French Island	French Island National Park	French-Elizabeth-Sandstone Islands (UNINC)
Allenvale	Great Otway National Park/Lorne	Surf Coast Shire
Big Hill	Great Otway National Park	Surf Coast Shire
Hammonds	Great Otway National Park/Aireys Inlet	Surf Coast Shire
Latrobe River Picnic and Camping Area	Yarra State Forest	Baw Baw Shire Council
Beauchamp Falls	Otway Forest Park, Beech Forest	Colac Otway Shire
Freestone Creek	Briagolong State Forest	Wellington Shire Council
Carter's Mill	Mansfield State Forest	Mansfield Shire Council
Collins Flat Campground	Dargo State Forest, Dargo	Wellington Shire
Italian Flat Campground	Dargo State Forest, Dargo	Wellington Shire
Jimmy Iverson's Campground	Dargo State Forest, Dargo	Wellington Shire
Ollie's Jump Up Campground	Dargo State Forest, Dargo	Wellington Shire
Two Mile Creek Campground	Dargo State Forest, Dargo	Wellington Shire
Little O'Tooles Campground	Toombon State Forest, Toombon	Wellington Shire
Checking Station	Loch Valley (nearest town)	Baw Baw Shire Council
Lake Lascelles Campground all abilities access	Lake Lascelles Campground	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Corinella Foreshore Reserve safety and amenities improvements	Corinella Caravan Park	Bass Coast Shire Council
Dimboola Caravan Park all-ability accessible amenities and facilities upgrade	Dimboola Caravan Park	Hindmarsh Shire Council
Donald Lakeside Caravan Park rejuvenation	Donald Lakeside Caravan Park	Buloke Shire Council
Eskdale Caravan Park power upgrade	Eskdale Caravan Park	Towong Shire Council
Gordon Park Caravan Park amenity block rejuvenation	Gordon Park Caravan Park	Buloke Shire Council
Heathcote Meadow Caravan Park installation of fire hose reels throughout the park	Heathcote Meadow Caravan Park	City of Greater Bendigo
Harrow Johnny Mullagh Reserve install new playground	Johnny Mullagh Reserve	West Wimmera Shire Council
Kennett River Holiday Park Rhel drain upgrades	Kennett River Holiday Park	Colac Otway Shire

Camperdown Lakes and Craters Holiday Park sewer connection project	Lakes & Craters Holiday Park	Corangamite Shire Council
Minyip Caravan Park upgrade	Minyip Caravan Park	Yarriambiack Shire Council
Nelson Kywong Caravan Park provide disabled facilities to showers/cabins and repaint camp kitchen	Nelson, Kywong Caravan Park	Glenelg Shire Council
Newbridge Recreation Reserve (Riverside Park) access steps to amenities	Riverside Park aka Newbridge Recreation Reserve	Loddon Shire Council
Porepunkah Bridge Holiday Park removal of remaining septic tanks	Porepunkah Bridge Holiday Park	Alpine Shire Council
Seaspray Caravan Park fire hose reel and electrical substation upgrades	Seaspray Caravan Park	Wellington Shire Council
Shepparton Victoria Lake Caravan Park refurbishment of existing amenity blocks and upgrade the camp kitchen	Victoria Lake Caravan Park	Greater Shepparton City Council
Walwa Riverside Caravan and Camping Reserve fire safety compliance, camp kitchen extension, BBQ & playground installation	Walwa Riverside Caravan and Camping Reserve	Towong Shire Council
Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park power site upgrade	Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park	Gannawarra Shire Council
Corinella Caravan Park cabin refurbishment	Corinella Caravan Park	Bass Coast Shire Council
Dunkeld Caravan Park development of north east side	Dunkeld Caravan Park	Bass Coast Shire Council
Eagle Point Caravan Park self-serve kiosk	Eagle Point Caravan Park	East Gippsland Shire Council
Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park, Newbook self-service kiosks	Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park	East Gippsland Shire Council
Kywong Caravan Park (Nelson) amenity block rejuvenation	Nelson, Kywong Caravan Park	Glenelg Shire Council
Nhill Caravan Park Amenities Block Refurbishment	Nhill Caravan Park	Hindmarsh Shire Council
Port Campbell Recreation Reserve camping ground levelling up project	Port Campbell Recreation Reserve	Corangamite Shire Council
Wycheproof Caravan Park rejuvenating camp kitchen	Wycheproof Caravan Park	Buloke Shire Council
New Federal Mill	Yarra State Forest, Warburton	Yarra Ranges Shire Council