

About the park

The oak lined driveway provides only a glimpse of the 100 acres of natural botanic wonder which is beyond.

Only minutes from the Monash Freeway, the park attracts local and international visitors. Passive and active recreation is catered for with open space and many walking tracks to discover.

The picnic areas are the perfect place for a BBQ or celebration with family and friends.

The park is dog friendly and dog waste bags are located at all entrances. All dogs must be on leash.

Education

The park regularly hosts primary students for a program where they discover the seven secrets of the park.

Events and functions

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick plays host to a range of events throughout the year.

Spaces can be hired for a range of functions, including the Upper Shelter, Lower Shelter **10** and the Multi-purpose Room **4**.

Lakeside **6**, Rotunda **3**, Fairy Dell, the Bluestone Amphitheatre **11** and the Rose Garden **2** are truly wonderful locations for wedding ceremonies.

Hoo Hoo Tower **7**



History

It is difficult to imagine the site was an operational quarry until the late 1970s.

Founded by William Wilson in 1859, the site soon became renowned for producing some of the highest quality basalt in the Melbourne region.

In 1973, as an enduring gift to the people of Casey, George and Fay Wilson donated 42 acres of this land as a public park. After the City of Casey purchased an additional 58 acres, the vision for the site was realised when it opened in 1992.



Fossils

A fossil seam is not something generally found in a botanic garden, but Wilson Botanic Park Berwick is lucky enough to have two!

Many fossils have been found, some more than 22 millions years old, including fossilised wood, leaves and pollens of flowering plants and conifers.

To find fossils with both tropical and temperate species is rare and reveals that the site was tropical rainforest many years ago.



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Wilson Botanic Park is a 45 minute drive from Melbourne's CBD

Opening Hours

Non-daylight savings: 7.00am - 6.00pm

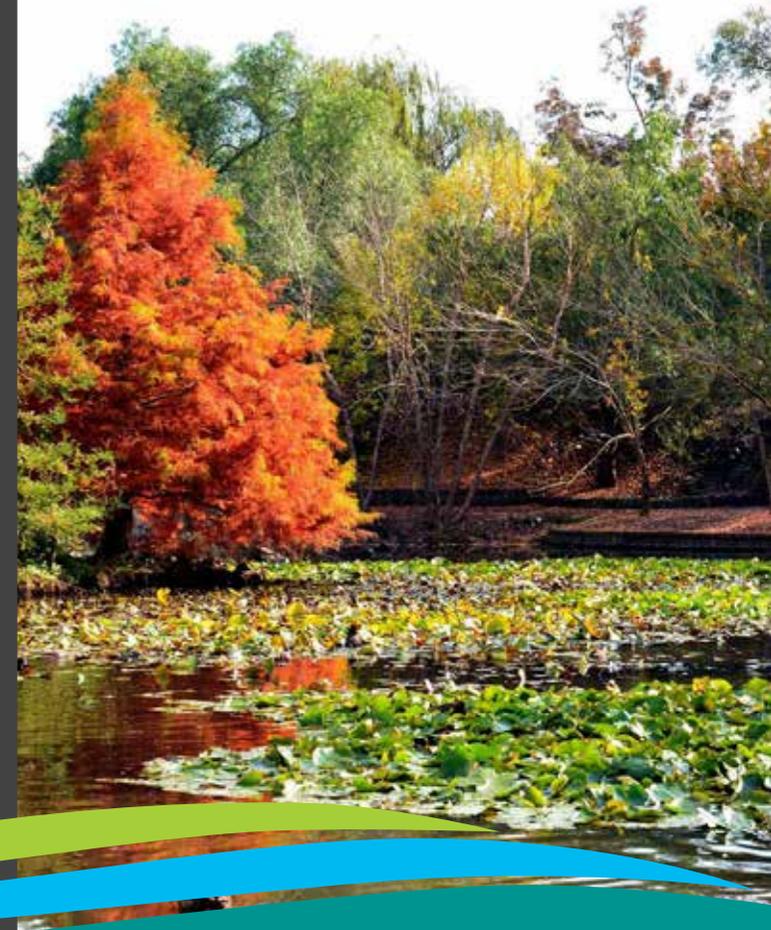
Daylight savings: 7.00am - 9.00pm

Visitor Centre: 10.00am - 4.00pm daily

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick is open every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday.

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Discover a wealth of flora and fauna
Uncover our unique history



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Flora and fauna

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick features over 1,000 native and exotic plant and tree species. The park has renowned collections of eucalypts, fossil trees, oaks, roses, temperate rainforest and pines.

The Sensory Garden **9** is a place completely dedicated to getting lost in the smell, sight, sound and textures of specially selected plants.

Nature play for children is important. Amongst some of our displays, kids will find little trails and play nooks especially created for them.

The park is a haven for wildlife, attracting frogs, turtles, possums and more than 80 species of birds. Local snakes and lizards live in Wilson Botanic Park Berwick too, so please keep this in mind when enjoying the park.

Dogs are welcome at the park but they MUST be on lead at all times.



Points of interest

- 1 Visitors Centre** Learn the parks history and see fossils.
- 2 Rose Garden** Breathtaking blooms from November until March.
- 3 The Rotunda** A quiet place for relaxation.
- 4 Upper Shelter / Lower Shelter** Available for hire for celebrations and family gatherings.
- 5 Playground** Popular with kids, the area has shade covers and a free electric BBQ.
- 6 Lakeside** Sit and enjoy lake views and say hello to the turtles.
- 7 Hoo Hoo Tower** With views to Aspendale, the tower was donated by the Hoo Hoo Club of Melbourne.
- 8 Detonator Store** A relic from the quarry days, this red brick box stored the dynamite.
- 9 Sensory Garden** Explore using all your senses.
- 10 Multi-purpose Room** Great for parties, education, meetings and corporate functions.
- 11 Bluestone Amphitheatre** Hosts concerts, productions, movies and weddings.
- 12 Crushing Plant Pylon** The pylon is all that remains of a basalt crushing plant.
- 13 Boardwalk Walk** Enjoy a walk amongst the eucalypts.
- 14 Bird Hide** A quiet spot to wait and watch nature at play.
- 15 Basalt Rock Face** Towering pillars of rock created by the volcano pushing molten basalt into the air.
- 16 Directional Marker** 143m above sea level, you'll feel on top of the world.
- 17 City View** This spot provides the perfect view of Melbourne.
- 18 Ball Games Area** Provided for ball and other games in the park.
- 19 Ben's Lookout** Great view to Westernport Bay.



Did you know?

A group of turtles is called a bale. Our lakes have hundreds of Eastern Longneck Turtles which breed here annually.

The park provides plant materials to Melbourne Zoo to feed Giraffes, Gorillas and Lemurs!

Our amphitheatre, front gates and rotunda were built via a bequest from the Gamble Family.

If you love the park, you can volunteer with the Friends of Wilson Botanic Park Berwick.

Parks Walks

How far do you want to walk?

Walking maps are available at the Visitors Centre