



Morwell National Park

Billys Creek Area

The Billys Creek area was added to Morwell National Park between 1989 and 1991 to provide a wider range of recreational opportunities and a greater sample of the State's natural environments than were previously available in the Fosters Gully area. (See separate Morwell National Park notes).

About the area

It is an area of great natural beauty with high scenic values and relics of past land uses. Areas of remnant Strzelecki Ranges vegetation can be seen, along with previously degraded areas which have been rehabilitated; over 25,000 trees have been planted on the creek flats between Junction Road and the Billys Creek weir. Recreational activities include picnicking, bird watching, nature study and bushwalking.

In the future a carpark and picnic facilities will be developed beside Billys Creek and the public will have access from Braniffs Road.

This brochure outlines some of the walking tracks in the area ranging from steep tracks venturing into the more remote, but highly scenic parts of the park, to gentle strolls more suitable for young and old alike.

Walks descriptions

Billys Creek Track – 1.5 km

From Junction Road Carpark to proposed Billys Creek Carpark.

A pleasant walk along the creek flats beside Billys Creek passing through areas which have been revegetated over the past ten years. Some excellent remnant vegetation can also be seen along the creek banks, including Manna Gum, Blue Gum, Swamp Gum and the vulnerable Strzelecki Gum.

Weir Track – 800 m

From proposed Billys Creek Carpark to Billys Creek Weir.

The track crosses several footbridges over the creek and passes through some superb stands of Manna Gum before arriving at the old weir.

The weir was built in 1914 and once supplied water to Morwell via a wooden pipeline. An easy walk, suitable for the whole family.

Lodge Track – 2 km

From Billys Creek Weir to Morans Road.

This track climbs steeply up a ridge through a variety of forest types containing Blue Gum, Mountain Grey Gum, Messmate and Apple Box (But But). A strenuous walk, but the views from the higher areas of the Park make it worthwhile.

Clematis Track – 1.2 km

From Billys Creek to Lodge Track.

Climbing through a damper forest type which contains Blackwoods and Musk-daisy Bush, this track joins Lodge Track half way up on its climb to Morans Road but is not quite as steep. Clematis and Wonga Vine can be seen flowering profusely all along this track in early spring.

Blue Gum Hill Track – 3 km

From Billys Creek Weir to Blue Gum Hill and return.

Blue Gum Hill Track starts a short distance along Lodge Track, then follows a small creek for 500m before beginning the climb up Blue Gum Hill.

On the way to the top, the track passes through disturbed areas, which were once cleared for grazing, as well as some fine stands of Blue Gums.

After climbing for 1.2 km, the summit is reached and, although there is no formal lookout, the views from this area are spectacular. Looking out over Billys Creek and the surrounding steep hills, the Latrobe Valley can be seen in the distance.

Return via the same route, or take the track to the West, which follows a steep spur down to Billys Creek and back to the weir. Care must be taken as this track is extremely steep.

Zig Zag Track – 1.2 km

From Weir Track to Jumbuk Road.

An alternative route into the weir area from Jumbuk Road.



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becoming lost.

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the Park, Please take your
rubbish home.

Camping is not permitted in
the Park.

Cats and dogs are not
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