# REDISCOVER ROYAL PARK

BECOME A PARK LOVER



Explore the gem that is Royal Park







## ROYAL PARK PROTECTION GROUP Inc

Preserving and Protecting Royal Park for current and future generations

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The Native Garden
This is a show piece
garden for native plants.
A wonderful area with
trees, flowers and lawn.
Corner of Royal Parade
and Gatehouse Street.
Historic Walmsley
House is on the edge of
the garden.





Burke and Wills monument
The cairn marks the start of their ill-fated expedition in 1860 to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Located near the corner of Macarthur Rd and The Avenue.

Thousands of people farewelled the expedition as it left Royal Park to cross the unknown inland of Australia from South to North. All but one perished on the return journey.



The Circle
This wonderful open
space has great views of
the city in the peace and
quiet of the bush. Great
for stargazing. See
birds, walk your dog, go
for a jog, let your
children run free. Many
paths lead from the
circle allowing you to
walk through the trees.





Nature Play
A place for children to
climb rocks and ropes
Experience the unique
qualities of the
indigenous landscape.
Located at the corner of
Flemington Rd and
Gatehouse Street.



### Great for bush picnics. Open space for children to run free.



The Wetlands
A magical peaceful place
to relax and see many
lovely birds. Located in
Manningham Street,
West Parkville.





Ross Straw Field Ross Straw field is near the wetlands and when the oval is clear the galahs enjoy the seeds. It is surrounded by lovely treed areas.





The Zoo
The zoo is located in the park. Lots of great exhibits. Well serviced by tram and train.
The butterfly house is wonderful.
Visit the park opposite for a bush experience.





Our Royal Park
Whether you cycle,
run, walk through or
just sit and relax,
Royal Park is a
wonderful place.



ROYAL PARK: Do take the time to rediscover it. Our parks are precious. Please help us preserve Royal Park for future generations.



Royal Park is a 188ha park which is located close to the northern edge of Melbourne's city centre and forms part of the network of open parklands that characterises the city and inner suburbs.

The centre of the park accommodates the Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens. Royal Park comprises large open spaces for passive and informal recreation, areas of native and indigenous vegetation including grassland, open woodland and wetland habitats, historic buildings and monuments, and areas for sporting activities, including ovals, buildings and other facilities.

Royal Park was an integral element in Lieutenant-Governor Charles La Trobe's vision, from the mid-1840s, of Melbourne as a city surrounded by extensive public parklands, which were considered to be vital to the health and wellbeing of the inhabitants. The site was part of the large area of land north of the city reserved for public purposes in 1845, and La Trobe personally identified the boundaries of the future park on the day of his departure from the colony in 1854. By the time the park was gazetted in 1876 it had been reduced in size by residential development.

Royal Park has been appreciated as a place of beauty since the arrival of European settlers, and this is evident in writings and artworks. Throughout its history there has been ongoing concern for its preservation, and despite various excisions the reserve has remained relatively unchanged in size since 1876. The retention and replanting of much indigenous vegetation is a feature of Royal Park and in 2010 the City of Melbourne won national recognition for its implementation of the 1984 Master Plan which helped preserve and develop the natural landscape so close to the city centre.

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#### **ROYAL PARK PROTECTION GROUP**

#### WHO ARE WE?

Royal Park Protection Group was established in 1996 to protect, regenerate and conserve the Royal Park as a unique, indigenous, central city park for present and future generations.

To Oppose alienation of parkland by government, commercial, sporting and other bodies to:-

To Ensure development consistent with principles of the 1987 Royal Park Master Plan, and provide –

Public access consistent with the terms of the establishment of the Royal Park.

We also take part in community plantings, restoration plantings and provide input to proposed developments and maintenance for the park.

## Do join us in preserving this wonderful park for future generations

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