

Langi Ghiran State Park

Visitor Guide



Rugged granite peaks and gentle sloping woodlands dominate in picturesque Langi Ghiran State Park. Take a summit walk for impressive views of Mount Buangor in the east, the Grampians in the distant west and ancient Red Gums on the surrounding plains. Camping and walking are popular activities in this park.



Getting there

Langi Ghiran State Park is located between Ararat and Beaufort on the Western Highway, Route A8.

Things to see and do

Walking



1. Reservoir Walk – 2.6km, 45 minutes return

Grade 2 – easy. Some steps and uneven ground.

Starting from the Langi Ghiran picnic ground this gentle walk climbs slowly beside Easter Creek passing by a small dam and weir hewn from local granite. The quality of the stonemason's craftsmanship is clearly visible from the walking track.

There are views all the way to the summit as the walk passes large granite boulders, before arriving at the old reservoir, originally constructed in 1880 to supply water for Ararat.

Take care near deep water. Be aware as the reservoir and holding dam are deep and children should always be supervised.



2. Water-race Circuit – 5.1km, 1.5 hours return

Grade 3 – moderate. Steps, and uneven ground.

Extending from the Reservoir Walk to follow the historic granite water-race this track meanders through the lightly forested lower slopes of the park. Return to the picnic ground via the Reservoir Track to complete this circuit.



3. Lar-ne-jeering art site – 1.8km, 30 minutes return

Grade 2 – easy. Some steps and uneven ground.

Walk this gentle track and take some time to contemplate the spiritual significance of Lar-ne-jeering (Djab Wurrung language for what is now called Langi Ghiran), with its mountain peaks and rich forests overlooking the surrounding fertile plains.

Camping and picnicking

There is car-based camping and a small picnic site at Langi Ghiran Picnic & Camping Area among Candlebark Gums at the end of Langi Ghiran Picnic Ground Road (see map overleaf).

Driving

A drive along the 6.3km one-way Langi Ghiran Track reveals a variety of vegetation types and landforms. We recommend a slow speed with stops at regular intervals.

Plants and animals

River Red Gums, Yellow Box and Candlebark trees are scattered through the woodland, with Messmate, Manna Gums and Red Stringybark in the mountains and Yarra Gums along the waterways.

Some plants unique to this area are the Langi Ghiran Grevillea and the Grampians Bitter-pea.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and a variety of birds can be found throughout the park. Lar-nee-jeering is Djab Wurrung for 'Home of the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos'.

Exploring the history

Through their rich culture, Djab Wurrung have been intrinsically connected to this Country, Lar-ne-jeering (Langi Ghiran), for tens of thousands of years. Rock art sites, numerous rock-shelters, scarred trees and other artefacts remind us of these earlier days.

Members of the Djab Wurrung community welcome and remind us that these sites are part of Australia's heritage, and ask that visitors respect these sites when visiting them.

Caring for Country is the fabric of Indigenous social, spiritual, economic and physical wellbeing and is the basis of cultural lore. Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of Victoria.

Major Thomas Mitchell climbed Mt Langi Ghiran in 1836 on his expedition through 'Australia Felix' (his Latin term for lush pasture meaning 'happy or fortunate Australia').

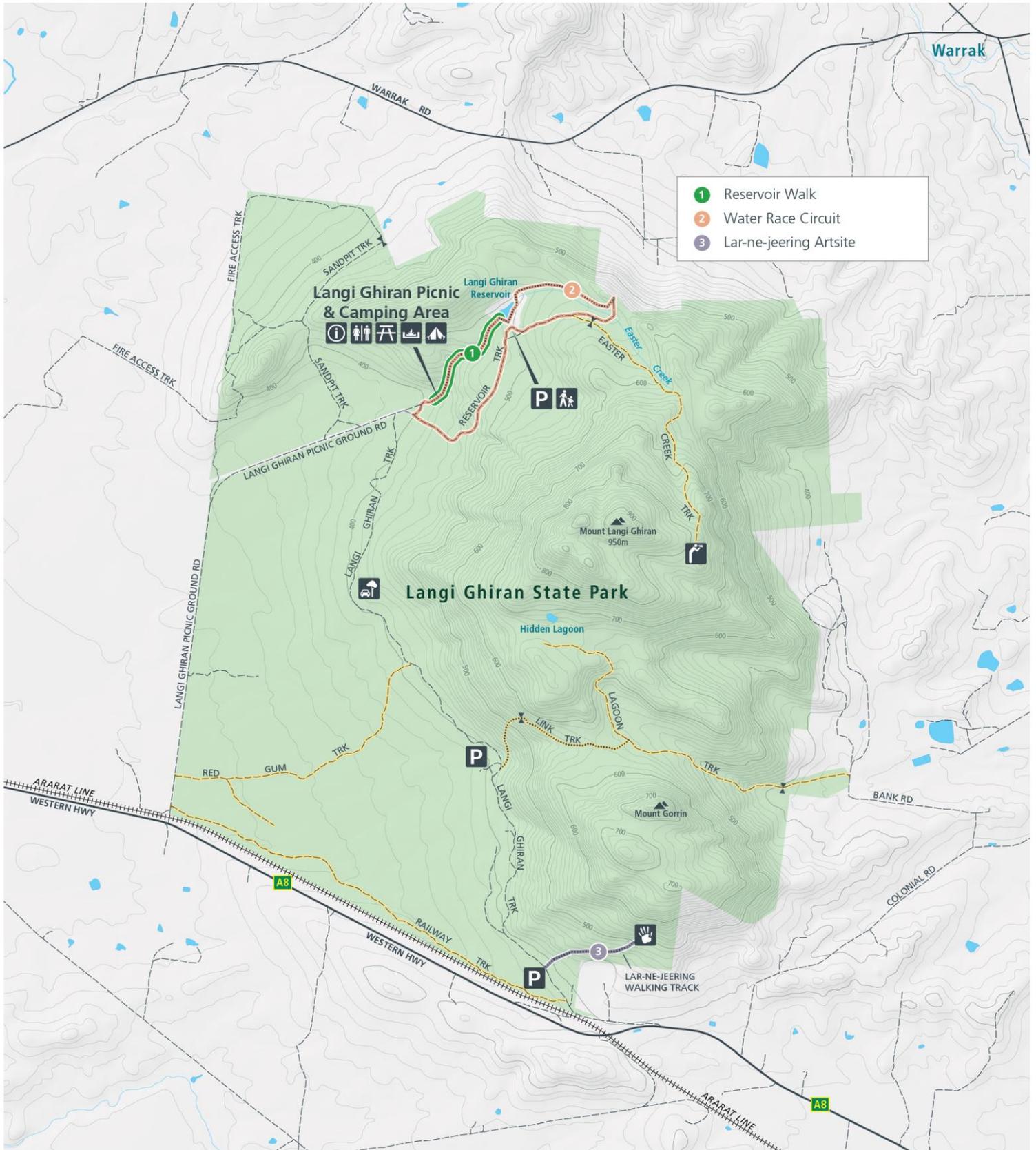
The two reservoirs in the park were built from locally quarried granite blocks in 1880. The main reservoir still forms part of the Ararat water supply and is worth a visit.

Be fire safe

Langi Ghiran State Park is in the South West fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. However, gas fuel stoves may be used to prepare food under certain conditions.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the



- 1 Reservoir Walk
- 2 Water Race Circuit
- 3 Lar-ne-jeering Artsite



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| P Parking | Lookout | Freeway/highway | Walking track |
| Information | Aboriginal artsite | Main road | Management vehicles/walkers only |
| Toilets | Family walk | Sealed road | Railway |
| Picnic table | Scenic drive | Unsealed road | Gate |
| Fireplace | Camping area | 4WD | Langi Ghiran State Park |

