

Port Phillip

Destination swing moorings



Parks Victoria offers free access to 17 destination swing moorings in six locations around Port Phillip for public recreational use. These moorings have been designed to reduce environmental impact and provide convenient short-term access to some of Victoria’s favourite locations.



Accessing a destination mooring

There are 17 destination moorings in six locations across Port Phillip. Most destination moorings are for short-term (overnight) lengths of stay.

Mud Islands moorings are for sunlight hours only.

Most destination moorings can suit up to 14 metre length vessels. Mud Islands moorings are shallow and only suitable for non-keeled vessels with a draft up to 0.5 metres. As each location has varying restrictions, users are encouraged to plan before accessing a destination mooring.

Destination moorings are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are not available for booking. Parks Victoria cannot ensure exclusive use during your stay if you move your vessel from the mooring. When arriving at your chosen location, you should observe information identified. All destination moorings in Port Phillip Bay are identifiable by a large, orange buoy.

Once moored, scan the QR code located on the mooring buoy or call Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 to inform us of your vessel and contact details.



Environmentally friendly moorings

All destination moorings offered by Parks Victoria are designed to be environmentally friendly. Conventional swing moorings can lead to damage of the marine environment when the chain drags along the seabed as the vessel moves about with wind and tidal influences. This destroys marine life and vegetation underneath.

The design of environmentally friendly swing moorings keeps components of the mooring off the seabed. By using a screw pin embedded in the seabed, a rotating swivel connection is attached to the anchor, with a floating rope leading to the top float buoy.

Port Phillip Locations

Mud Islands

Mud Islands offers two moorings, suitable for non-keeled vessels with a draft of up to 0.5 metres:

S 38 16.632 E 144 46.526
S 38 16.617 E 144 46.534

Queenscliff Harbour

Queenscliff offers 2 destination moorings for up to 8.5 metre vessels:

S 38 15.718 E 144 39.979
S 38 15.717 E 144 39.957

Portarlington

Portarlington offers four moorings for up to 14 metre vessels:

S 38 06.687 E 144 39.638
S 38 06.696 E 144 39.398
S 38 06.713 E 144 39.364
S 38 06.726 E 144 39.400

Limeburners Bay (Corio Bay)

Limeburners Bay offers 2 destination moorings, for up to 14 metre vessels:

S 38 04.459 E 144 24.379
S 38 04.472 E 144 24.344

Williamstown

Williamstown offers 2 destination moorings, for up to 14 metre vessels:

S 37 51.215 E 144 54.362
S 37 51.237 E 144 54.394

Sorrento

Sorrento has 5 destination moorings. 2 can accommodate up to 20 metre vessels, and the other 3 up to 14 metre vessels:

S 38 20.297 E 144 44.969
S 38 20.340 E 144 45.067 (up to 20m)
S 38 20.401 E 144 45.129
S 38 20.400 E 144 45.150
S 38 20.408 E 144 45.201 (up to 20m)

