



Welcome to

Waranga Basin



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About Waranga Basin

The fourth largest inland waterway in Victoria, Waranga Basin is located between the Goulburn and Campaspe River basins, eight kilometres north-east of Rushworth and 12 kilometres south-west of Tatura.

The basin was formed on the site of a natural wetland formerly known as Waranga or Gunn's Swamp. It is a family-friendly destination and one of the best kept secrets in Victoria.

Today the basin supplies irrigation and stock and domestic water to entitlement holders in the north and west of the state.

Waranga Basin is one of 24 lakes, dams and reservoirs managed by GMW to capture, store and deliver 70% of Victoria's stored water.



Things to do

Fishing

Waranga Basin is a prime fishing spot where you can try your luck for Redfin, Murray Spiny Crayfish, Murray Cod, Trout and Golden Perch.

For the latest information on fishing in Victoria, phone Fisheries Victoria on 136 186, and don't forget your Recreational Fishing Licence!

Camping

Camping is not allowed in GMW reserves or foreshore and lakebed areas. However, visitors can stay at the Lake Waranga Caravan Park and Holiday Camp, located on the western side of the basin.

For more information visit www.lakewaranga.com

Boating

As one of the state's largest inland waterways there's plenty of space to play, so it's no surprise that boating is the most popular pastime for visitors.

Vessels can be launched from public boat ramps around the reservoir (see map).

A 5-knot speed limit applies at any level within 200 metres of the water's edge. A 5-knot speed limit applies at any level within 50 metres of other vessels, navigation aids, swimmers and fixed or floating structures; and within 100 metres of vessels displaying a dive flag. There is no boating within 40 metres of the Waranga Basin embankment wall, at the northern perimeter of the water storage.

Always travel in a anti-clockwise direction when boating.

Keep a lookout at all times for hazards and other vessels.

Refer to the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook (available online at transportsafety.vic.gov.au) for information on staying safe while boating.

Water levels

The water in Waranga Basin is owned by GMW customers, who produce food and fibre, supply towns and businesses and protect and improve environmental waterway health.

Visitors need to be conscious of potential hazards and consider their own safety and the safety of other users at all times. Water levels (high or low) can prompt increased safety measures and changes to access for recreational areas and boating. Safety information and alerts will be signposted at public areas and boat ramps.

You can find out more information about water levels at gmwater.com.au/storage-levels

Blue-Green Algae

At times, the level of blue-green algae in storages can exceed safe limits. When this happens you should avoid direct contact with the water as the algae can cause skin rashes, itchiness; sore eyes, ears and nose; and nausea.

If unsafe blue-green algae levels occur, warning signs will be positioned at major recreational areas around the storage.

Recreational users can still boat, sight-see and enjoy other activities that don't involve direct contact with the water.

Blue-green algae warnings can be found online at gmwater.com.au/bluegreenalgae-alert or by phoning the 24 hour GMW blue-green algae hotline on (03) 5826 3785.

For more information on GMW and its operations visit gmwater.com.au

Facilities

Facilities along the reservoir's foreshore include the popular Lake Waranga Caravan Park and Holiday Camp, picnic areas and public boat ramps.

You can explore the foreshore on one of the many trails where you're sure to find a secluded spot to sit and relax, or head out birdwatching, kite flying or cycling. Waranga Basin is also popular for boating and on-water activities.



Events

GMW's lakes, dams and reservoirs are ideal places for events. If you would like to host an event at one of our storages, visit: www.gmwater.com.au/events.

DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER SMARTS



gmwater.com.au/watersmarts

Waranga Basin Code of Conduct

Waranga Basin is a beautiful and valued resource, both locally and regionally. Please care for the basin and be considerate of local communities so it can be enjoyed now and into the future.

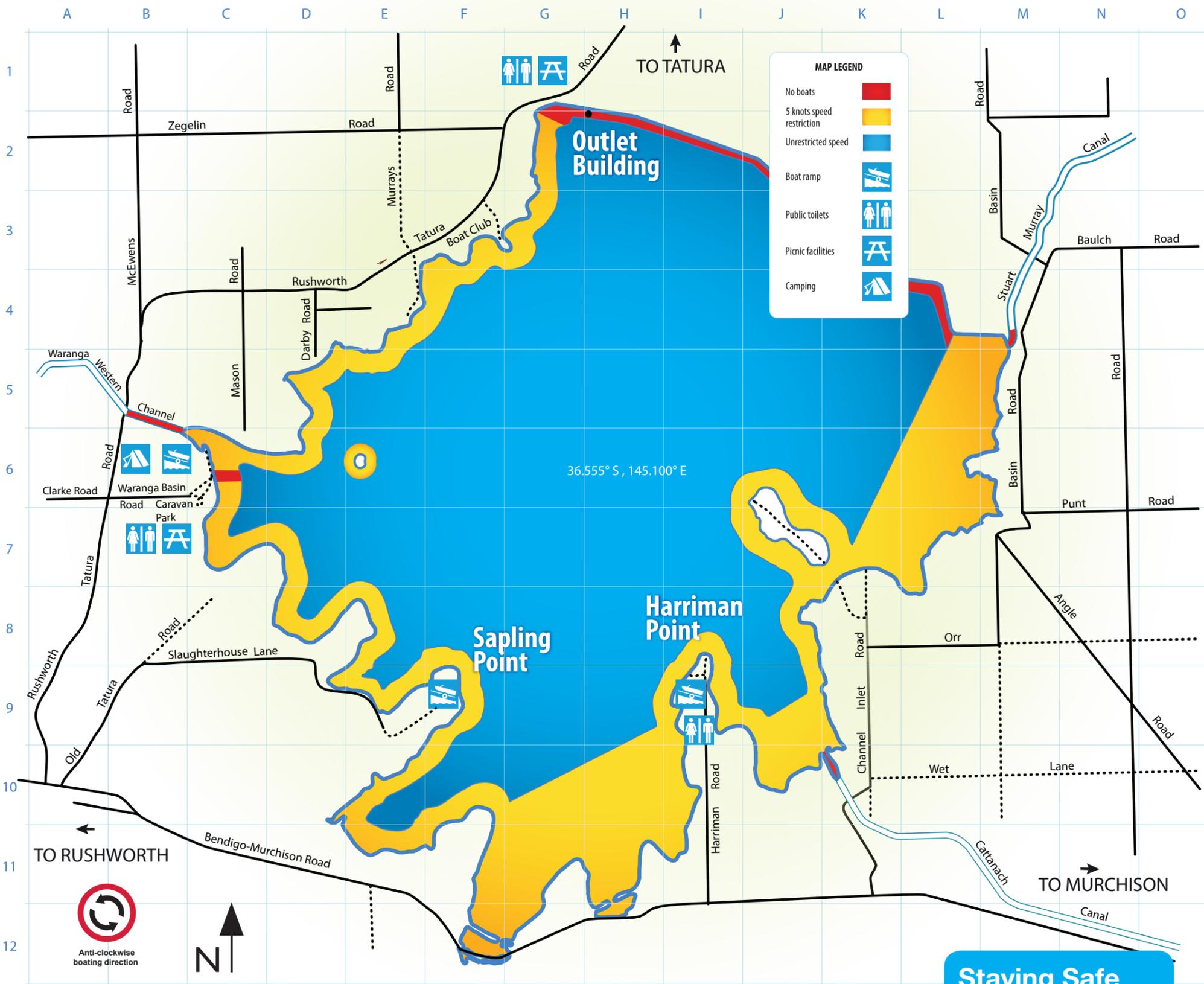
- campfires aren't allowed in GMW reserves or foreshore and lakebed areas
- please refer to the local council for landfill services and consider the environment when disposing of your litter. Penalties apply for illegal dumping of rubbish
- don't remove vegetation from the foreshore, or bring any in
- don't interfere with animals or their habitats, and don't feed them
- boat wash can cause erosion, keep to 5 knots within 200 metres of the shore
- vehicles and trail bikes are only allowed on public roads within the reserve
- all vehicles must be registered and users must be licensed
- keep the waterway healthy by not using soap, toothpaste or detergent in the lake
- dogs must be on a lead and/or under control at all times and aren't allowed to enter the basin. Please clean up after your pets.

A copy of GMW's recreational by-law can be found online at gmwater.com.au/recreation-tourism

Waranga Basin also has a Land and On-Water Management Plan, developed in 2011. This provides an opportunity for community, stakeholder and agency representatives to work through priority issues and actions. This is available at gmwater.com.au/lowmp



Waranga Basin boating and facilities guide



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Scale of Kilometres

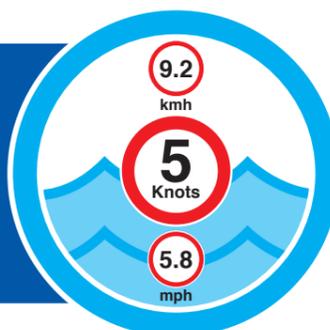
A 5-knot speed limit applies at lake levels lower than 114.38 metres.

Please Remember

- No fires allowed. Camping is only permitted in designated areas.
- Confine vehicles and motor bikes to formed public roads.
- Take your rubbish home.

On Waranga Basin a 5-knot speed limit applies within 200 metres of the water's edge. A 5-knot speed limit applies within 50 metres of other vessels, navigation aids, swimmers and fixed or floating structures.

Current water levels can be found at gmwater.com.au/water-levels



Staying Safe

Local boating requirements are posted at all public boat ramps.

1. Boat ramps are for the launching and retrieval of vessels only.
2. To avoid congestion, complete any preparation prior to launching, or when returning from the water, away from the ramp.
3. Ensure all safety equipment is on the vessel and operational, and that lifejackets are always worn.
4. Always keep a lookout for waterway hazards and operate your vessel in line with weather and waterway conditions.
5. Parking is only allowed in designated areas.
6. Ensure no one is in or on the vessel when moving to and from the ramp.
7. Shade structures aren't allowed within 50 metres of either side of boat ramps.
8. Stay clear of dam infrastructure.