

Welcome to Lake Boga



Things to do

Fishing

People love fishing at Lake Boga. The Lake is home to Redfin as well as populations of native fish including Golden Perch and Murray Cod.

Camping

Camping at Lake Boga is only allowed in commercial caravan and holiday parks located around the water storage.

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1800 625 373 or visit: www.swanhillonline.com

Boating

Lake Boga is a popular spot for power boating, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking and jet skiing.

The designated boating authority for Lake Boga is the Swan Hill Rural City Council.

Boats can be launched from boat ramps at a number of locations around the lake.

A 5-knot speed limit applies at any level within 50 metres of the water's edge. In addition a 5-knot speed limit applies when your vessel is within 50 metres of other vessels, navigation aids, persons in the water and fixed or floating structures. A 5-knot speed limit applies within 100 metres of vessels displaying a dive flag.

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

Refer to the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook at sportsafety.vic.gov.au



Water levels

Lake Boga has a capacity of 37,794 megalitres. When full, the Lake covers 940 hectares and is two metres deep in places.

The water in the Victorian Mid Murray Storages is captured, stored and released into the Murray River to supply water users downstream.

Generally, water flows into Lake Boga during winter and spring with water levels peaking in November and December. Water is then released during summer until the storage reaches minimum operating levels in April or May

The water in Lake Boga belongs to 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 the safety needs of themselves and others 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.

Up-to-date water level information is available online at www.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. Low levels of blue-green algae are present in the water all the time and it is a natural occurrence for blue-green algae to rapidly increase in numbers.

Lake Boga has a history of having high levels of blue-green algae during the warmer months.

If unsafe levels occur, warning signs will be placed at major recreational areas.

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

About Lake Boga

Lake Boga is one of the four Victorian Mid Murray Storages. It is located approximately 40 km north of Kerang and only 16 km southeast of Swan Hill.

Lake Boga is a safe, family friendly place highly valued by the community for its water based recreational activities, amenity and cultural heritage while also fulfilling its role as a water supply storage.

During World War II it became the largest inland flying boat repair base with anything up to 1,000 air force personnel based at Lake Boga.



Lake Boga receives inflows from the River Murray and flood flows from the Avoca River.

Facilities

Facilities along the foreshore include public boat ramps, a caravan park, and picnic areas with electric barbeques and public toilets.

For more information see the map below.



DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER SMARTS



gmwater.com.au/watersmarts

Lake Boga Code of Conduct

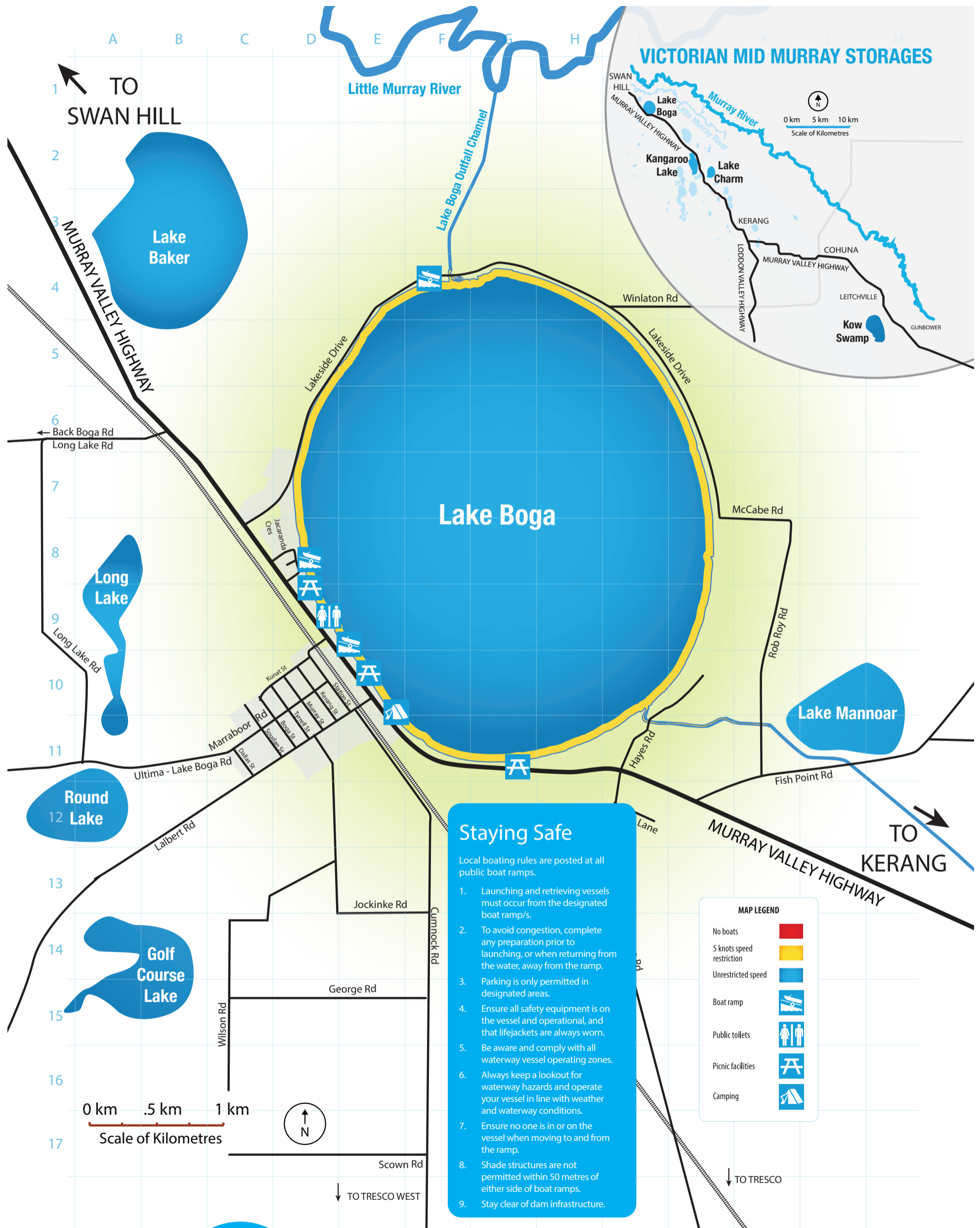
Please care for the lake so it can be enjoyed now and into the future.

- Camping and campfires are prohibited in GMW reserves and on foreshore and lakebed areas.
- Refer to your local council for landfill services and consider the environment when disposing of your litter. Penalties apply for illegal dumping of rubbish.
- Don't take plants from the foreshore, or bring any in.
- Don't feed the animals or wildlife, or interfere with their habitats.
- Keep to 5 knots in designated areas.
- Vehicles and trail bikes are only allowed on public roads within the reserve.
- All vehicles and trail bikes must be registered and users must be licenced.
- 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 in the lake. Please clean up after your pets.

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



Lake Boga boating and facilities guide



Staying Safe

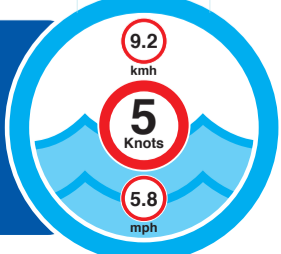
Local boating rules are posted at all public boat ramps.

1. Launching and retrieving vessels must occur from the designated boat ramp/s.
2. To avoid congestion, complete any preparation prior to launching, or when returning from the water, away from the ramp.
3. Parking is only permitted in designated areas.
4. Ensure all safety equipment is on the vessel and operational, and that lifejackets are always worn.
5. Be aware and comply with all waterway vessel operating zones.
6. Always keep a lookout for waterway hazards and operate your vessel in line with weather and waterway conditions.
7. Ensure no one is in or on the vessel when moving to and from the ramp.
8. Shade structures are not permitted within 50 metres of either side of boat ramps.
9. Stay clear of dam infrastructure.

MAP LEGEND

No boats	
5 knots speed restriction	
Unrestricted speed	
Boat ramp	
Public toilets	
Picnic facilities	
Camping	

On inland waters a 5-knot speed limit applies within 50 metres (except where otherwise indicated) of the water's edge, other vessels, navigation aids, swimmers and fixed or floating structures.
Current water levels can be found at gmwater.com.au/water-levels



- No camping or fires allowed on GMW foreshore land.
- Confine vehicles and motor bikes to formed public roads.
- Take your rubbish home.

NOTE: At storage levels below 200m AHD (28% capacity) a reduced area for high speed boating applies.
At storage levels below 196m AHD (13% capacity) a 5 knot speed restriction applies to the whole storage.