

Yarra Ranges National Park



Lake Mountain

The highest point on Lake Mountain is 1433 metres above sea level. Across the plateau and summit area there are more than 40 kilometres of walking tracks and ski trails that take in beautiful stands of mottled grey Snow Gum and alpine heath, interspersed with alpine bogs. The wildflowers of spring and summer flood the mountain with colour and fragrance. Each winter, snow heralds the opening of Australia's premier cross-country ski destination, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort.



Leadbeaters Possum

Things to see and do

Lake Mountain has more than 40 kilometres of sub-alpine tracks and ski trails open to walkers through the summer months. Several lookout points on the mountain offer panoramic views of the Victorian Alps to the east, and Melbourne and the surrounding foothills of the Great Dividing Range to the west.

From November to March, wildflowers bloom in a succession of bright colours and fill the air with perfume.

Picnicking on Lake Mountain is a popular way to escape the summer heat with the temperature averaging 10 degrees cooler than Melbourne.

Facilities include an information centre, toilets and picnic tables.

In winter

When snow falls Lake Mountain is transformed into a cross-country (or Nordic) ski resort, offering 37km of groomed ski trails to explore.

The resort has ski, toboggan and snow shoe hire, a ski school, first aid centre, as well as the information centre and bistro.

During the snow season a fee is charged for entry to the mountain and ski trail fees apply.

For snow season information please obtain a Lake Mountain snow brochure from the Marysville Visitor Information Centre or Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Visitor Centre.

Lake Mountain Alpine Resort administration is open weekdays between 8.00am and 4.30pm.

Accommodation

There is no accommodation at Lake Mountain, however there is a range of accommodation available in the nearby Marysville Triangle.

Be Prepared

The terrain is rocky in places and sturdy footwear is recommended.

Alpine weather conditions are subject to rapid change. Always carry warm and weatherproof clothing.

It is easy to become disoriented in this environment at any time of year, but particularly when snow is present. *Please stay on the marked tracks and trails.*

Leave details of your proposed trip with a responsible person, especially if skiing or walking alone.

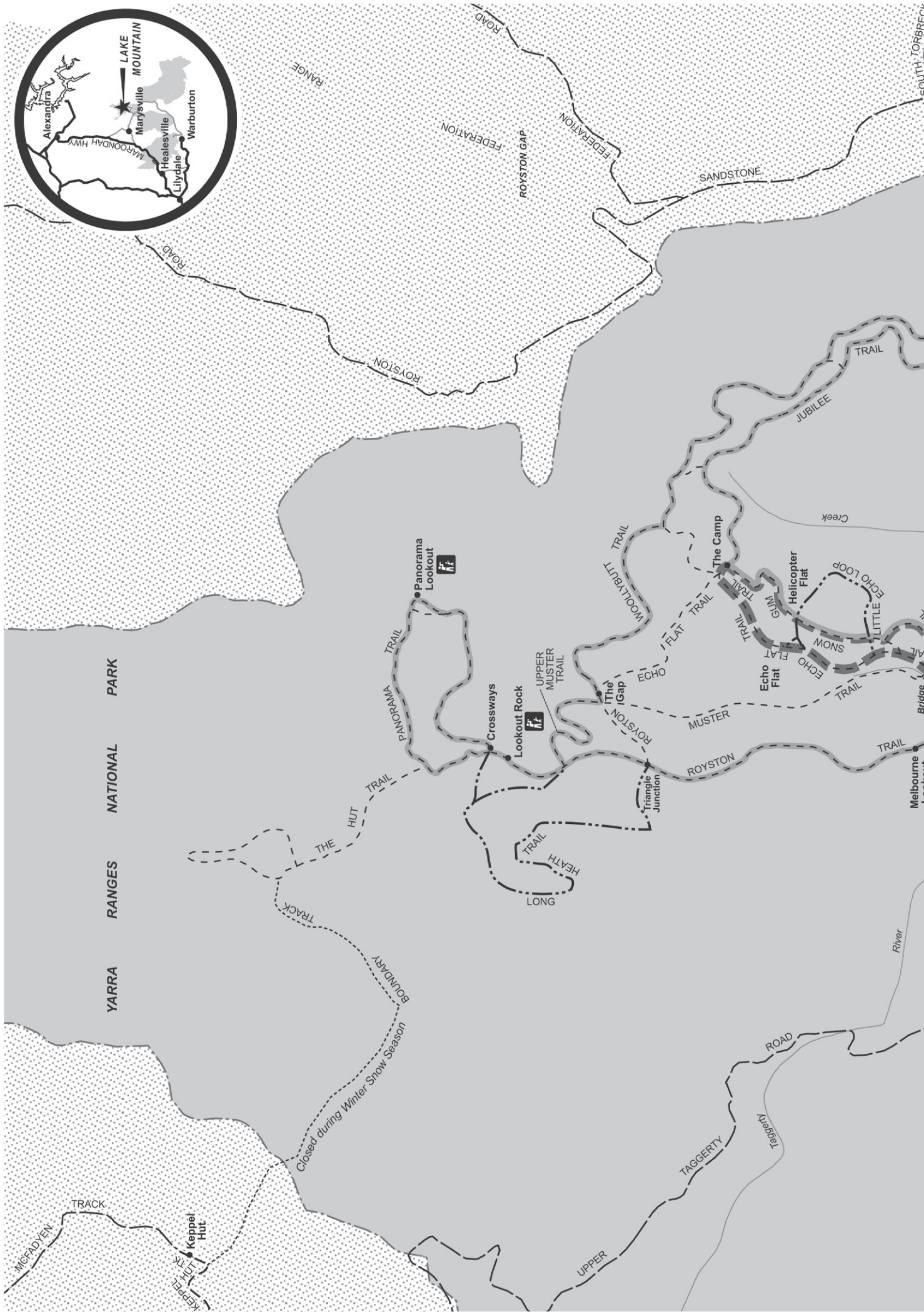
Be fire ready and stay safe

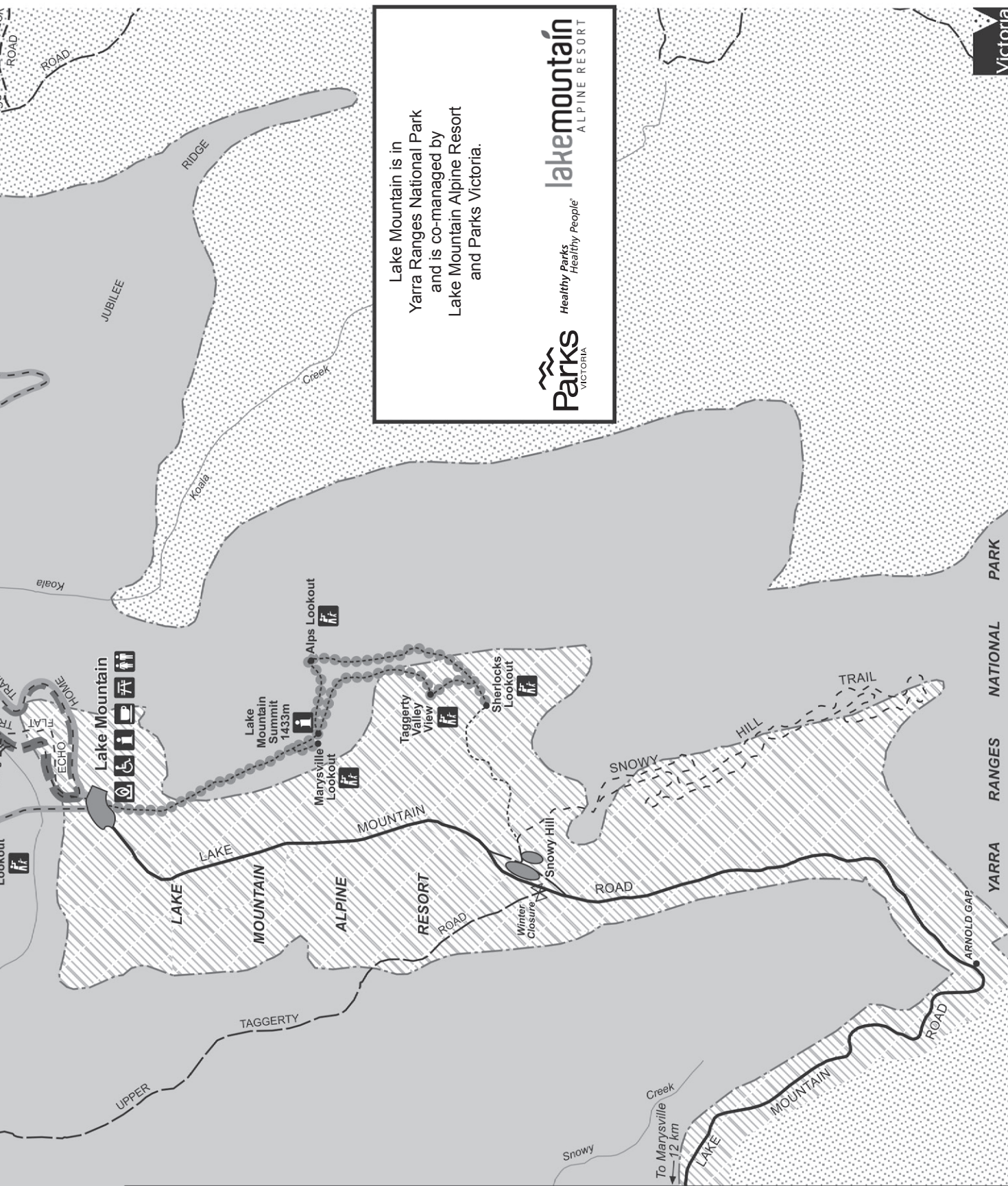
On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol where possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check by calling **13 1963** or visit **www.parks.vic.gov.au**.

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667** or **www.cfa.vic.gov.au**.







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ALPINE RESORT

Lake Mountain

- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Walking track
- Ski Trail
- Ski Trail (Winter Only)
- Day Loop Walk
- Leadbeaters Loop Walk
- Summit Loop Walk
- National Park
- Alpine Resort
- Other Public Land

Recreational Facilities

- Barbecue - Gas
- Bistro
- Facilities for people with disabilities
- Information
- Lookout
- Picnic table
- Toilets

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For further information

Call Parks Victoria on **13 1963**
or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

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Marysville Vic 3779
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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park
by following these guidelines:

Take your rubbish with you for
recycling and disposal

The alpine environment and its
animals are sensitive to
disturbance. Please respect them
by staying on the marked tracks
and trails, and watching wildlife
from a distance

Do not feed the wildlife

All native plants and animals
are protected

Dogs and other pets are not
permitted in the park or the
Alpine Resort

Firearms and other weapons
are prohibited

**No fires are permitted on
Lake Mountain**

Yarra Ranges National Park is in
the **Central, North Central and
North East Total Fire Ban Districts**

It is your responsibility to know if
it is a day of Total Fire Ban. If in
doubt call the Victorian Bushfire
Information Line on 1800 240 667

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your health, mind, body and
soul. So, with over four million
hectares of parkland available
to Victorians, why not escape
to a park today!



Walks

All walks start from the main car park and visitor centre. The walks at Lake Mountain highlight the alpine regeneration from the Black Saturday bushfires and offer something different depending on the time of year. November to March is particularly popular for wildflowers. The many lookout points have spectacular views of the surrounding area and right across to Melbourne.

Walking in the snow

During the designated snow season, ski trails are managed for skiing only. Walking on the ski trails during this time is prohibited. Lake Mountain Summit and Summit Loop Walk are open to walkers all year round.

Lake Mountain Summit (900 metres one way)

From the car park the track rises steeply for 200 metres before levelling to a gentle incline to the summit. Fifty metres before the summit a short track off to the right leads to the Marysville Lookout. Return to the car park the same way.

Summit Loop Walk

This 4 kilometre walk starts with the track to the Summit then winds its way under pristine snow gum canopy, taking in three spectacular lookouts, lichen covered granite rock faces and a small alpine bog.

From the summit the track leads 300 metres to the Alps Lookout. Continuing on for 800 metres the track arrives at a junction. The right track continues the loop via the rock platform of Taggerty Valley View, back to the summit and car park. To see Sherlocks Lookout take the left track for 100 metres, but remember to return to the junction to find the return track.

Mountain Bike Trails

Construction of a mountain bike trail network at Lake Mountain is well underway. These trails offer a single track alternative to riders, with the 10km Granite Grind loop becoming more and more popular. For further information about the trails, pick up a mountain bike trail map from the Lake Mountain Visitor Centre.

Walks on ski trails

The ski trails are all five metres wide, grass covered and gently undulating providing easy walking. The following two walks provide amazing examples of regeneration from fire. Interpretative signage along the way describes the various themes.

Leadbeaters Loop Walk

This easy, 4km loop walk starts on Echo Flat Ski Trail, passing the Snow Gauge and Helicopter Flat, before arriving at The Camp. From The Camp the walk winds back via Snow Gum Trail, then onto Home Trail and back to the car park. Signs along the way highlight various themes, including forest regeneration.

Day Loop Walk

This 14 kilometre walk is designed as an all day walk with plenty of resting places for picnics and views along the way. The walk starts on Royston Trail leaving from the lower car park behind the Ski Patrol Centre. At Triangle Junction it continues straight on Panorama Trail to Crossways and past Panorama Lookout back to Crossways. Heading back towards Triangle Junction the walk now turns left down Upper Muster Trail to arrive at The Gap. It then follows Woollybutt Trail onto Jubilee Trail. After winding around the full length of Jubilee Trail it arrives at The Camp.

The return follows Snow Gum Trail past Helicopter Flat and turns left at Home Trail before arriving back at the car park.

Keppel Hut (4 kilometres)

Keppel Hut has been re-built since the 2009 fires and is accessible via Lake Mountain ski trails.

This walk starts past Crossways at the junction of Panorama Trail and Hut Trail. Follow Hut Trail and then Boundary Walking Track until you reach Keppel Hut. Keppel Hut is also accessible by 4WD via Marysville State Forest.



Wedge-tailed Eagle

How to get there

Lake Mountain is 120km from Melbourne. Follow the Maroondah Highway through the Black Spur taking the turn at Narbethong to Marysville. From Marysville follow Woods Point Road for 11km to Lake Mountain Road. A further 11km and you arrive at Lake Mountain.

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