

friends of newport lakes



Hobsons Bay
CITY COUNCIL

This special place inspired Linda Cottrell, local artist and committee member in the Friends of Newport Lakes, to devise four trails featuring resident bird life on mosaics designed and constructed with the help of local school students and residents. Part of one trail features a bird hide constructed and painted by members of the Friends of Newport Lakes.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE TRAILS

This leaflet describes four trails around Newport Lakes that use bird mosaics as markers. Look carefully for the mosaics, they may not be immediately obvious. There are seven mosaics all together, but you won't see all of them on one trail. In between the mosaics, follow the Willy Wagtail directional signs marked with a trail number, either 1, 2, 3 or 4. The trails range in length between 1200 and 2100 metres, taking between 25 and 40 minutes to complete. Some pathways in the park are steep and covered with recycled concrete gravel. They may be slippery and unsuitable for visitors with mobility difficulties. Do not venture into tall grass, to avoid damaging plants and encountering snakes. If you spot any vandalism please report it to the Ranger on 0419 302 063.





CREDITS

Directing Artist: Linda Cottrell

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Stone Mason: David Waters

Bird Hide Builders: Ted Peck with Ron Bowman,

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as a venue for mosaic workshops.

JOINING THE FRIENDS

Renewals are due each June. Membership costs **\$5** a financial year per household and (apart from attending events) entitles you to receive newsletters and vote at the AGM.

To (re)join fill in this form and send it with \$5 to The Treasurer, PO Box 433 NEWPORT 3015

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail/Fax

Donations above your membership fee are gratefully received.

trail descs

All trails begin with the Purple Swamp Hen mosaic inside and to the left of the main entrance.

TRAIL 1

Distance: 1200 metres

Time: 25 minutes

Map symbol:

From the Purple Swamp Hen, go left and down hill.

Look for a Willy Wagtail 1 Marker before a second lookout.

Turn left, walking around the top of the Amphitheatre.

Find the Bell Frog mosaic and walk down slope into the Amphitheatre.

Walk across the Amphitheatre and the bridge.

Cross the stepping-stones and look for the Darter mosaic.

Turn right and follow the lakeside path around South Lake, past the Black Swan and up hill to the Purple Swamp Hen.

TRAIL 2

Distance: 1600 metres

Time: 35 minutes

Map symbol:

From the Purple Swamp Hen, go left and down hill to the stepping-stones.

Cross the stones and look for the Darter mosaic.

Follow Willy Wagtail 2 Markers left around North Lake where you'll pass Crake's Corner.

Follow the lakeside track around the lake and uphill.

On your left, you'll find the bird hide built in 2000 by the Friends of Newport Lakes.

Cross the little bridge on your left.

Follow this track and you'll pass the Magpie mosaic on your left.

Follow the track left to the Amphitheatre

At the Bell Frog mosaic walk down slope into the Amphitheatre.

Walk across the Amphitheatre and the bridge.

Cross the stepping-stones again and turn right following the Willy Wagtail 2B Markers.

Follow the lakeside path around South Lake, past the Black Swan and up hill to the Purple Swamp Hen.

Options

TRAIL 3

Distance: 1400 metres

Time: 30 minutes

Map symbol:

From the Purple Swamp Hen, turn right down hill to the Black Swan.

Walk halfway up the steep slope where you'll see a Willy Wagtail 3 Marker.

Turn left and follow the track at the base of the cliff.

Along the way, you'll see the New Holland Honey Eater and Fairy Wren mosaic.

Cross over the grassy picnic area and pick up the track at the base of the cliff again.

Pass the Rainbow Lorikeet mosaic, walk down the steps and cross the little bridge ahead of you.

Follow this track and you'll pass the Magpie mosaic on your left.

Follow the track and the Willy Wagtail 3 Markers left to the Amphitheatre.

At the Amphitheatre, find the Bell Frog, look for a Willy Wagtail 3 Marker, and follow the track around the top of the Amphitheatre.

At the Amphitheatre Lookout, turn right and walk up hill back to the Purple Swamp Hen.

TRAIL 4

Distance: 2100 metres

Time: 40 minutes

Map symbol:

From the Purple Swamp Hen, turn right down hill to the Black Swan.

Go to the top of the steep slope to the boundary fence and follow it round to the left.

Follow this track around the perimeter of the park. It takes you past the South and then North Lake, around the back of the undeveloped area and past the Arboretum to the paved road.

Look for a Willy Wagtail 4 Marker on your left directing you towards the Lakes.

At the Amphitheatre, find the Bell Frog, look for a Willy Wagtail 4 Marker, and follow the track around the top of the Amphitheatre.

At the Amphitheatre Lookout, turn right and walk up hill back to the Purple Swamp Hen.

PARK HOURS

The public car park is open daily from 7:30am to dusk.

The park is open to visitors on foot at all hours.

ENQUIRIES

For more information about Newport Lakes Park, phone Hobsons Bay City Council on 9932 1000 or the Newport Lakes Ranger on 0419 750 923.

NEWPORT LAKES NURSERY

Newport Lakes Nursery is privately operated and sells a range of local native and aquatic plants. It's hours of operation are 11:00am to 4:00pm daily. For more information about the nursery, phone 9391 0044.

DOGS

Dogs may be exercised on or off leashes - always within their owners control - in the Pavey's Park and Picnic Area, the North West Area of the park and in the Arboretum.

Dogs are prohibited, however, from entering the North and South Lake area of the reserve, where native vegetation and fauna are protected.

LOCATION

Newport Lakes Park is located off Margaret Street, Newport (just off Mason Street).

Melway Map Ref.55 G3.

For those travelling by public transport, the park is about a 15 minute walk from Newport Station.

