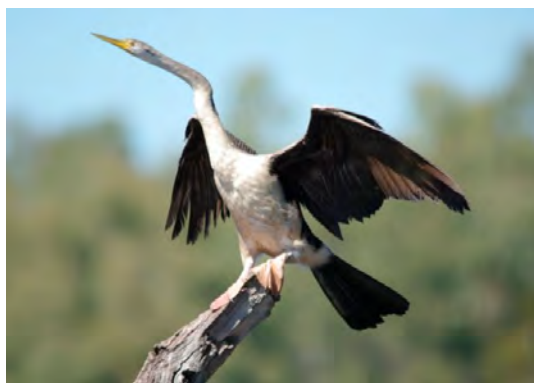


# Kings Billabong Park



## Visitor Guide

Bordered by a wide stretch of the Murray River just minutes from Mildura, Kings Billabong Park is an ideal place to discover local river wetlands, nature and history. The park is home to majestic River Red Gums and a fantastic variety of birdlife.



*Come and discover the wildlife and surrounds of the billabong that we love and enjoy so much.*  
- Friends of Kings Billabong

### Getting there

Kings Billabong is on the Murray River floodplain 8km south-east of Mildura, in the north-west corner of Victoria. It can be accessed via Eleventh Street.

### Enjoying the park

#### Walking

Walking tracks cater for all fitness levels.

**Kings Billabong Lookout** – Take a short 200m loop walk down to the water's edge and enjoy spectacular panoramic views over the Billabong.

**Bird Hide Loop Walk** – Starting at the Billabong Walks car park, this is an easy 3.5km loop walk for the whole family. View the abundance of waterbirds living on the largest part of the Billabong from the bird hide.

**Ducks Foot Lagoon Walk** – This moderate 9.5km loop walk, also starting at the Billabong Walks car park, offers fantastic photographic opportunities and a longer walk for those with more time to explore the park.

#### Canoeing

The Billabong is excellent for canoeing and kayaking. Enquire at the Mildura Visitor Information Centre for opportunities to explore the Billabong with local licensed tour operators.

Wear appropriate clothing to avoid glare and sunburn, always wear a lifejacket and be aware of snags.

#### Bird watching and photography

The Billabong is a birdwatchers' paradise with Australian Pelicans, Black Swans, Herons and many species of ducks. A bird list for the Mallee area is available from the Mildura Visitor Information Centre.

#### Picnics

Enjoy the many picnic facilities provided throughout the park, offering delightful views of both the Murray River and the Billabong.

#### Camping

Camping in Kings Billabong is dispersed, meaning you can select your own site. Many of the tracks lead to perfect shady sites along the Murray River. An area just downstream of Psyche Pumps caters for caravans and campervans.

Beware of camping or resting under or near River Red Gum - trees and branches may fall at any time and swing away from the tree.

#### Fishing

A New South Wales Freshwater Fishing Licence is required to fish in the Murray River. A Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence is required in Victorian waters. Certain exemptions are available. Licences can be purchased at [www.service.vic.gov.au](http://www.service.vic.gov.au) and [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au)

### A haven for wildlife

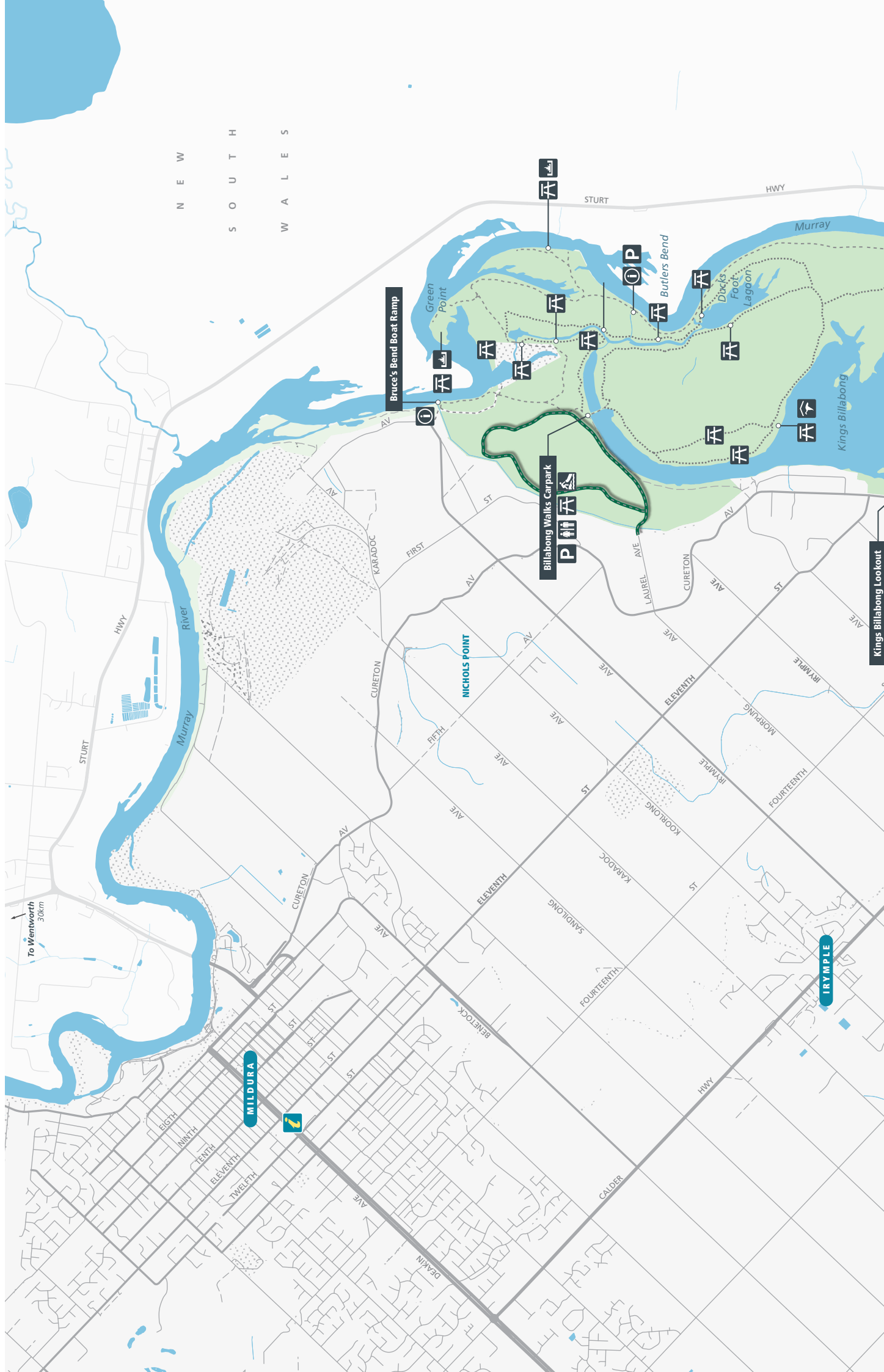
Kings Billabong is part of the Murray River floodplain and is rich in fish, plants, seeds and other wetland foods, attracting a wonderful variety of wildlife.

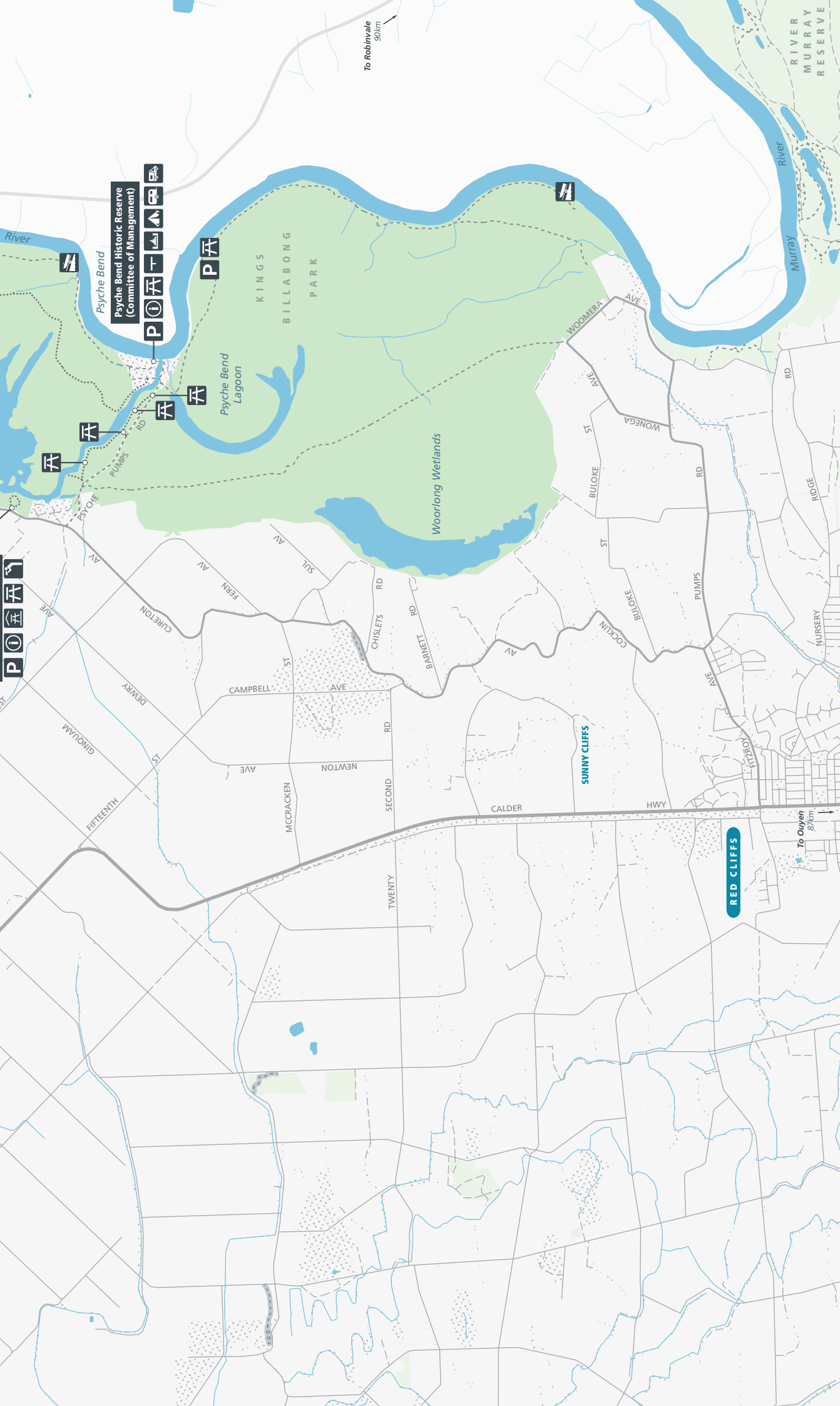
Whistling Kites and Swamp Harriers can be seen soaring above the Billabong. Many waterbirds, including Pelicans and Swans, are best observed from the lookout and Bird Hide. Mistletoebirds and Fairy-wrens are commonly seen along the walking tracks.

The huge River Red Gums and fallen logs provide a haven for local wildlife. Their hollows offer shelter from the elements and protection from predators for birds, possums, bats and reptiles.

For more information call **Parks Victoria** on 13 1963 or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

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For further information  
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Mildura Vic 3500  
Tel: (03) 5021 4424  
[tourism@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@mildura.vic.gov.au)

## Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish with you for recycling or disposal. All plants, animals, historical and archaeological sites and geographic features are protected by law.

Dogs are permitted in the park and must be kept on a leash.

Vehicles, including motor bikes and horses, may only be used on formed open roads. Drivers must be licensed and vehicles registered and roadworthy.

Firearms are prohibited.

Collect only dead wood from the ground for campfires and use existing firepits.

No fires are permitted on a day of Total Fire Ban. Built in and portable gas or electric barbecues may be used provided that:

- a 3 metre area is cleared of anything flammable
- at least 10 litres of water is available for immediate use
- an adult is in attendance at all times

Chemical toilets are preferred. Pit toilets must be at least 100m from the water's edge. Please bury toilet paper and waste appropriately.

### Healthy Parks Healthy People

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



## A rich human history

Local Indigenous people have enjoyed the Billabong's rich life-supporting wetland food supply for thousands of years. Shell middens (kitchen hearths), burials and scar trees indicate a lifestyle celebrated on these banks for centuries.

Kings Billabong took its name from the Indigenous word for stillwater – billabong, and its European name from Captain James King, who navigated the Murray River and its tributaries in the late 19th century.

Logging occurred until the 1950s to supply fuel for steam-powered paddleboats and pumps.

Kings Billabong was declared a park and officially gazetted in June 2011.

## Psyche Pump Station

The steam-powered pump was built in 1891 by the Chaffey Brothers from Canada to meet the needs of the Mildura Irrigation Settlement. The pump was replaced in 1959 by an electric pump.

The restored steam-powered pump at Psyche Bend operates on key holiday weekends. Check with the Mildura Visitor Information Centre for opening hours. No camping is permitted around the Psyche Pump Station.



*The Psyche Pump Station, built by the Chaffey Brothers*

## Healthy parks, healthy people

There is growing recognition of the vital contribution parks and reserves make to a healthy environment, to the health of individuals and to a healthy society. With the invaluable assistance of the Friends of Kings Billabong we are able to maintain the health and integrity of this park.

You can join the Friends of Kings Billabong in caring for the park's important inhabitants. Call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au).

## Exploring the region

The Victorian Mallee Parks cover over one million hectares and are extremely important for nature conservation because of their relatively undisturbed state.

**Healthy Parks  
Healthy People®**

They protect a range of plant and animal species adapted to the dry mallee environment and contribute significantly to Australia's biodiversity.

Autumn, winter and spring are the best times to visit. Call into the Mildura Visitor Information Centre in Mildura for Mallee parknotes and maps before heading out.

### Red Cliffs Scenic Reserve

Enjoy a picnic with family and friends at this nearby idyllic spot. The reserve offers the diversity of Murray floodplains, with Aboriginal middens, the old Carwarp pump boiler and abundant birdlife.



*The female Broad-shelled Turtle lays its eggs in clay under trees along the Billabong*

## Emergencies

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

Kings Billabong Park is in the Mallee fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au), on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this Park will be closed for public safety. Do not enter the Park. If you are already in the Park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning. Check the latest conditions at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.

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