

# TOURING SUGGESTIONS: NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

## IN GREATER SHEPPARTON

**This guide is for visitors to follow as a self-guided touring route or to pick and choose points of interest to visit according to their own plans and time available.**

### Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre

530 Wyndham Street, Shepparton (03) 5832 9330  
Daily 9.00am- 5.00pm (excl. Christmas Day)

Meet the Visitor Experience Enthusiasts who will happily provide you with more detailed maps and tourism publications, tell you about changes to road conditions, operating times of businesses on this route and any special events happening during your visit.

### Victoria Park Lake

Wyndham Street, Shepparton



Victoria Park Lake is a tranquil, picturesque area, popular with visitors and locals for walking, cycling, picnics, fishing, bird watching and outdoor games. Through the years the Lake has been a focal point of community life. The precinct includes walking tracks, bike paths, skate park, table tennis, playgrounds and boating facilities. Adjacent is Aquamoves health and fitness centre with indoor and outdoor pools.



### Goulburn River Shepparton



The Goulburn River is one of four Heritage Rivers in Victoria. The Broken River flows into the Goulburn in the heart of Shepparton. The floodplains and swamps between Shepparton and Mooroopna have great cultural significance and are integral to maintaining the rivers' health and supporting our community.

### The Confluence



Only accessible along the shared path network (walk or cycle), the confluence is the point where the Broken River flows into the Goulburn River.

### Dainton's Bridge

Midland Highway, Shepparton (South Side)



Named after the first engineer to build a bridge over the Goulburn River, James Henry Dainton, this site features a boat ramp, located on the southern side of the bridge. A fishing jetty is also accessible at this site when river levels are low. Good trailer parking is available on site.

### Stuart Reserve

The Boulevard, Shepparton



A sealed loop track to the north and south of the playground along The Boulevard gives great access and view to the Goulburn River.



### Jordan's Bend

The Boulevard, Shepparton



A good section of remnant vegetation in the heart of Shepparton which is home to the threatened Squirrel Glider. RiverConnect regularly conduct spotlight walks in this area.



### Shepparton Weir – Fishway

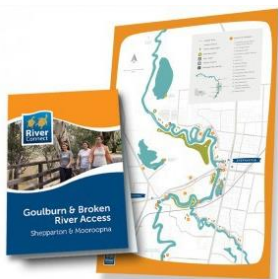
The Boulevard, Shepparton

The weir was built to provide a reliable river height for urban water extraction. The newly created Fishway enables fish to move up and down stream, essentially using the Fishway as a ladder.

### Goulburn & Broken River Access Map

Available from the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre

This fold out map shows access points to the Goulburn & Broken Rivers in Shepparton & Mooroopna and includes information about facilities and features at each point.



### Lower Goulburn National Park (Reedy Swamp)

Wanganui Road, Shepparton



The area stretching along the Goulburn River between Shepparton and Echuca was declared a National Park in 2008. The park is lined with River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and forms an important wildlife corridor linking the mountains of the Great Dividing Range to the Murray River. Reedy Swamp provides an ideal location for bird spotting, particularly waterbirds, including the Glossy Ibis and the Royal Spoonbill.

### Loch Garry

Loch Garry Road, Bunbartha



Wetlands and popular fishing area.

### Barmah National Park

Nathalia and Barmah



Barmah National Park, together with the adjoining Millewa forest in New South Wales, forms the largest River Red Gum forest in the world. The complex ecology of the forest is closely linked to the Murray River and it's flooding regime, creating a diverse natural habitat for a variety of wildlife, particularly waterbirds. Learn about the forest at the Nathalia Heritage Centre, or take a wildlife cruise on Kingfisher Cruises (bookings can be made at the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre).

### Kyabram Fauna Park

Lake Road, Kyabram

Phone: (03) 5832 2883. [www.kyabramfaunapark.com.au](http://www.kyabramfaunapark.com.au)

The Park has the second largest collection of Australian Fauna in Victoria, including Koalas, Alpine Dingoes, Owls, Snakes, Wombats, Kangaroos, Wallabies, Tasmanian Devils, Cockatoos, Parrots, Waterfowl, Cranes, Finches, Lizards and many more. There is a large Walk Thru Aviary; Australia's first energy efficient Reptile House, Wetland Viewing Hides and a Wetland Observation Tower.

### Tatura – Transition Town

Tatura-Undera Road, Tatura

The township of Tatura is part of the global "Transition Network" which inspires, encourages, connects, supports and trains communities to self-organise around the Transition model, creating initiatives that rebuild resilience and reduce CO2 emissions.

### Cussen Park

Tatura-Undera Road, Tatura



Cussen Park is a bushland style park encompassing 33 hectares of wetlands, woodlands and open space on the Northern outskirts of the town of Tatura. The land which forms Cussen Park is surrounded by industrial, residential and irrigated farm land. Cussen Park features constructed wetlands, bird hides, observation decks and well developed paths and signs allowing people to closely observe many bird species otherwise not possible. Experience the Hear & There Sound Walk – an innovative audio tour experience supported by interpretive signage that guides you through the wetland ecosystem.



### Lake Bartlett

Service Street, Tatura



Lake Bartlett combines wetlands and an ornamental lake used for recreational purposes that provide habitat for wildlife and improving water quality.



### Crouching Emu Trail

Dhurringile Road, Tatura



A project instigated by the Dhurringile and District Landcare group in partnership with local community groups and Greater Shepparton City Council, preserved threatened remaining stands of native Grey Box and Yellow Gum trees, Golden and Silver Wattles, and Wallaby and Spear grasses. Walking paths have been constructed along the length of the site.

### Doctors Swamp Wildlife Reserve

Bendigo-Murchison Road, Murchison



A 200 hectare red gum swamp near Murchison. The wetland is considered to be one of the most intact red gum swamps in Victoria and supports a diverse range of native wetland plants and provides important habitat for waterbirds. The Doctors Swamp area is abundant with birdlife (over 60 species) and is situated along the Murchison Rail Trail.

### Murchison Boardwalk



The boardwalk lets visitors to the area enjoy the impressive view of the Goulburn River, which was navigable by paddle steamers prior to 1887.

### Gemmill Swamp Wildlife Reserve

Echuca Road, Mooroopna



Gemmill Swamp Wildlife Reserve covers an area of approximately 170 hectares of Goulburn River floodplain forest and wetland between the urban centres of Mooroopna and Shepparton. The Reserve includes Gemmill Swamp, a high conservation value wetland of State significance, and a surrounding area of relatively natural river red gum forest. Gemmill Swamp Wildlife Reserve is significant in a state wide context because it provides habitat for some of Victoria's rare and vulnerable mammals, birds and reptiles, including squirrel glider, turquoise parrots and superb parrots.

### Shepparton Regional Park

Midland Highway, between Shepparton and Mooroopna



Home to the majestic River Red Gum Forest, Shepparton Regional Park is popular with locals and visitors alike. The parks access to the Goulburn River makes it a great spot for fishing and water sports. Cycling and walking are popular in this park, which includes "The Flats" Aboriginal History Walk, a 4.3km loop with interpretive signage that highlights the significance of this area – details included in the Walk in Greater Shepparton guide, available from the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre.

### Shepparton Australian Botanic Gardens

Botanic Gardens Avenue, Kialla



The Botanic Gardens uses Australian native plants in themed gardens designed to represent the cultural, environmental, historical and agricultural characteristics of Greater Shepparton and the Goulburn Valley. The Botanic Gardens are a long term project being developed over a number of years, on the former Kialla Tip site. The garden designs depict the story of change and the themes follow a timeline and are revealed to visitors as they walk along the pathways. Spectacular views from the top of "Honeysuckle Rise" include surrounding Goulburn River wetlands and the Strathbogie Ranges.

### Mount Major

Mt Major-TV Road, Dookie

Walking and cycle access only. 6.4km



Magnificent views from atop Mt Major (381 metres) include surrounding canola fields in Spring, red volcanic soils, surrounding Dookie hills and further afield to Victoria's High Country. Mountain Bike trails are a popular feature here.

### Dookie Rail Trail

Mary Street, Dookie

Walking and cycle access only. 9.3km return.



This trail is set at the base of Mount Saddleback and takes in views of surrounding hills, as well as flora and fauna which may be spotted including echidnas, blue tongue lizards, kangaroos and even wedge tailed eagles.

For more information see the Greater Shepparton Official Visitor Guide, available from the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre or [www.visitshepparton.com.au](http://www.visitshepparton.com.au)



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