

Murray-Sunset National Park

Lindsay Island

Visitor Guide

Located in the far north-west corner of the state, Lindsay Island, in Murray-Sunset National Park, is intersected by numerous small creeks carrying floodwaters from the Murray River into swamps, billabongs and flood plains. The Island is home to a significant array of plants and animals and has a long history of human occupation.



'The land does not belong to us, but we belong to the land',
Shaun Stephens,
Indigenous Ranger,
Murray Sunset
National Park.

A rich human history

For thousands of years the indigenous people were sustained by the rich waters and woodlands of the Murray River and its floodplain system. Shell middens, hearths and scar trees found throughout the park reveal much about the lifestyle and rich culture of the people.

Early European settlers soon followed the inland watercourse, and the traditional indigenous lifestyle was severely affected. Later the floodplain was grazed by cattle and sheep. Lindsay Island was protected when Murray-Sunset National Park was established in 1991 following recommendations of the Land Conservation Council to protect the area's natural, cultural and recreation values.

All aboriginal archaeological relics, artefacts and sites are protected by law.

Water regulation

Today water is a precious commodity, regulated by weirs and dams for rural and domestic water supply. At times of low river flow, some of the creeks on the Island form a series of billabongs, while others such as the Mullaroo are managed to supply constant water for irrigation.

Plants and animals - flooded into life!!

The Island's floodplains are a haven for wildlife. River Red Gums grow close to the Murray River and along smaller creek beds. Black Box woodlands give way to dense

lignum on clay flats - a haven for robins and fairy-wrens.

Pelicans and Wedge-tailed Eagles soar overhead while Emus and Red and Western Grey Kangaroos roam the drier plains. The elusive, endangered Paucident Planigale, a small native mammal, shelters in clay fissures. Regent Parrots flash through the trees above and waterbirds wade in the creeks below.

Things to see and do



Camping - there are no designated campgrounds, but many of the tracks lead to perfect shady sites along the creeks. *Beware of falling River Red Gum limbs when camping. See overleaf for camping guidelines.*



Fishing - favoured areas are the Mullaroo Creek, Lindsay and Murray Rivers. You can fish from the water's edge or launch a small boat. Fish include Golden Perch, Murray Cod, Redfin, Yabbies and the introduced European Carp.

If you are over 18 years of age you must hold a current Victorian Recreation Fishing Licence (RFL). Fishing in the Murray River requires a NSW RFL.



Driving - all tracks are dry weather only. The gates onto the Island are closed during floods. Many months of dry access allow you to visit a variety of picturesque locations, including Kulkurna Cliffs and the mouth of the Mullaroo Creek.



Canoeing - superb scenery rewards those who accept the challenge of negotiating fallen timber and river bends.

Location and access

Lindsay Island is about 650 km north-west of Melbourne and 300km east of Adelaide. It is reached from the south via the Sturt Highway from Mildura and South Australia.

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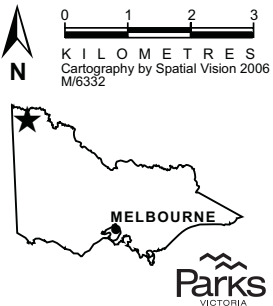


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Lindsay Island**

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For further information:

Parks Victoria Information Centre
Call **13 1963**
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PO Box 21 Werrimull 3496

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Victoria-call 13 61 86
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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your parks by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal

All plants, animals, and geographic features are protected by law

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the parks

Firearms, generators and chainsaws are prohibited

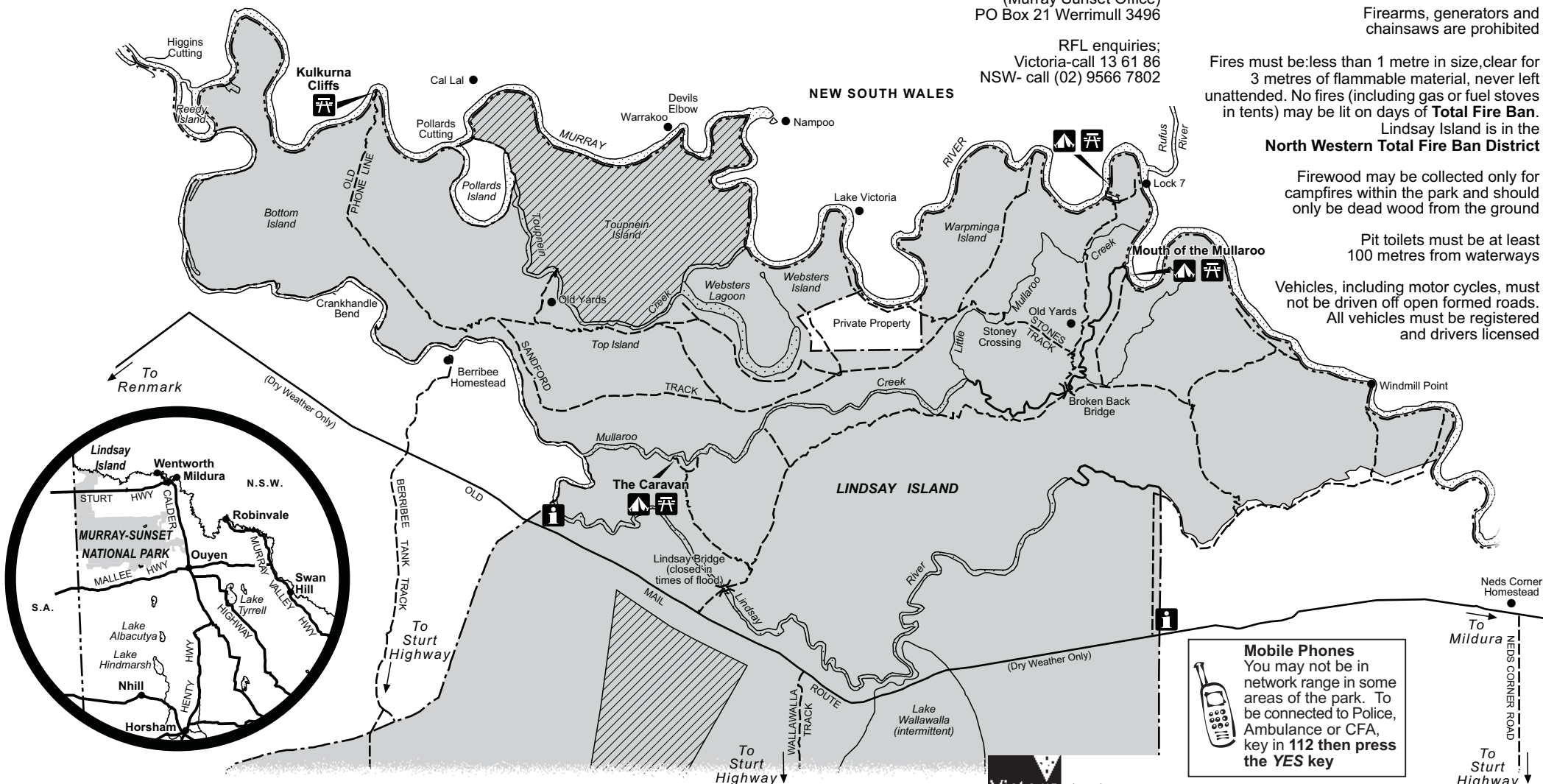
Fires must be less than 1 metre in size, clear for 3 metres of flammable material, never left unattended. No fires (including gas or fuel stoves in tents) may be lit on days of **Total Fire Ban**.

Lindsay Island is in the **North Western Total Fire Ban District**

Firewood may be collected only for campfires within the park and should only be dead wood from the ground

Pit toilets must be at least 100 metres from waterways

Vehicles, including motor cycles, must not be driven off open formed roads. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed



Mobile Phones
You may not be in network range in some areas of the park. To be connected to Police, Ambulance or CFA, key in **112** then press the **YES** key

