



Pettys Orchard

Nestled along the Yarra River, Pettys Orchard uniquely encompasses an antique apple orchard, commercial orchard, wetlands and birdhide. Pettys Orchard grows, displays and interprets over 200 different types of antique apples.

Location

Corner of Monckton and Homestead Roads, Templestowe. (Melway Map 22 A12).

Size

Pettys Orchard is 44 hectares in size. This includes approximately 2 hectares of Demonstration Orchard and 25 hectares of Commercial Orchard.

The remaining land area includes the wetland, fruit and nut arboretum, Yarra River and surroundings.

Disabled access

The car park and Demonstration Orchard are relatively flat, although tracks through the latter are fine gravel and mown grass which can be slippery when wet. The wetland and bird hide are less accessible and people with physical mobility problems will have to be very fit to negotiate some areas.

Park opening hours

Organised groups may visit Pettys at any time of the year by prior arrangement. The most interesting times being fruiting, pruning and blossom seasons.

Each year Festival Days will be organised during the fruiting and pruning seasons. For bookings and further information please contact the Westerfolds Park Office on 13 1963.

History

In 1853 Thomas Petty arrived in Australia from England. He selected land in the Doncaster and Templestowe area.

It was Thomas Pettys' grandson, Thomas Henry, in 1911 that first bought the property that is located at Homestead Road. Thomas Henry was the first of three generations of Pettys to work the Homestead Road orchard.

The Petty Family managed the orchard until Parks Victoria purchased the property in 1981.

Yarra River

The Yarra provides a magnificent scenic backdrop to Pettys, making it one of the most beautiful parts of the area. It is also an important bush corridor for wildlife.

A stroll down to the river bank will reward you with a lovely view. En route you can acquaint yourself with the diverse range of fruit and nut trees.

Wildlife lake

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Activities

- Explore the sights and smells of an orchard.
- Rediscover antique apples on a Ranger guided walk.
- Learn about the history of the apple, orcharding and the Petty family.
- Visit the bird hide to see local wetland life.
- Walk through the arboretum of fruit and nut trees en route to the Yarra River.
- Enjoy the rural scenery and tranquil setting.

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Parks Victoria Ranger
John Argote

"Some people think of our country as quite young, but a history of continuous migration from the first Aborigines to the present day makes for a healthy and diverse heritage. Rediscover our fascinating past, and help us preserve it for the future."

For more information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963



Commercial Orchard

While managed by Parks Victoria, 25 hectares of Pettys is privately leased to a commercial operator.

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Demonstration Orchard

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appearance, ability to be transported and cool stored have had a major influence on what cultivars are available today.

Hear more about changing tastes and modern marketing at Pettys Festival Days or on a group booked tour.

Rangers

Rangers are available for guided tours of the Antique Apple Orchard and wetland/Yarra River area by prior arrangement. For further inquiries please contact the Westerfolds Park Office on 13 1963.

Picnics/barbecues

Barbecues are not provided, however Pettys offers a lovely site for a group picnic.

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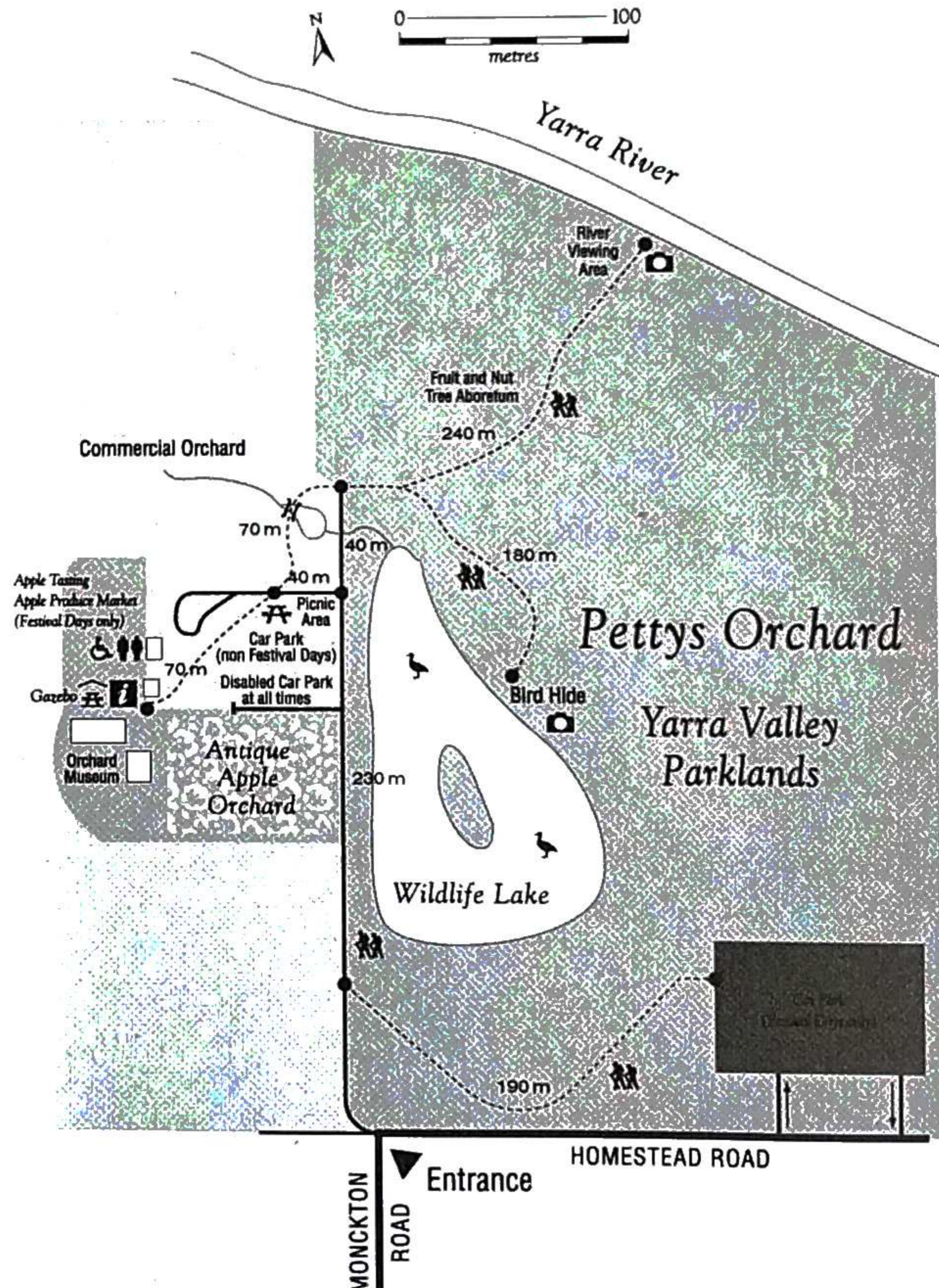
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Toilets

There is a single toilet block at Pettys, which has facilities for the disabled.

KEY TO MAP

- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Disabled toilets
- Walking trails
- Information
- Birdwatching
- Sightseeing
- Car parks



Caring for the environment

Help us look after this park by remembering these guidelines:

Take your rubbish home with you

All native plants and animals are protected

No dogs allowed in the park

Leave the park as you find it

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PARK NOTES

Pettys Orchard Information and Map.

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Park ph 846 4499.

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FOR ALL PARK ACTIVITIES
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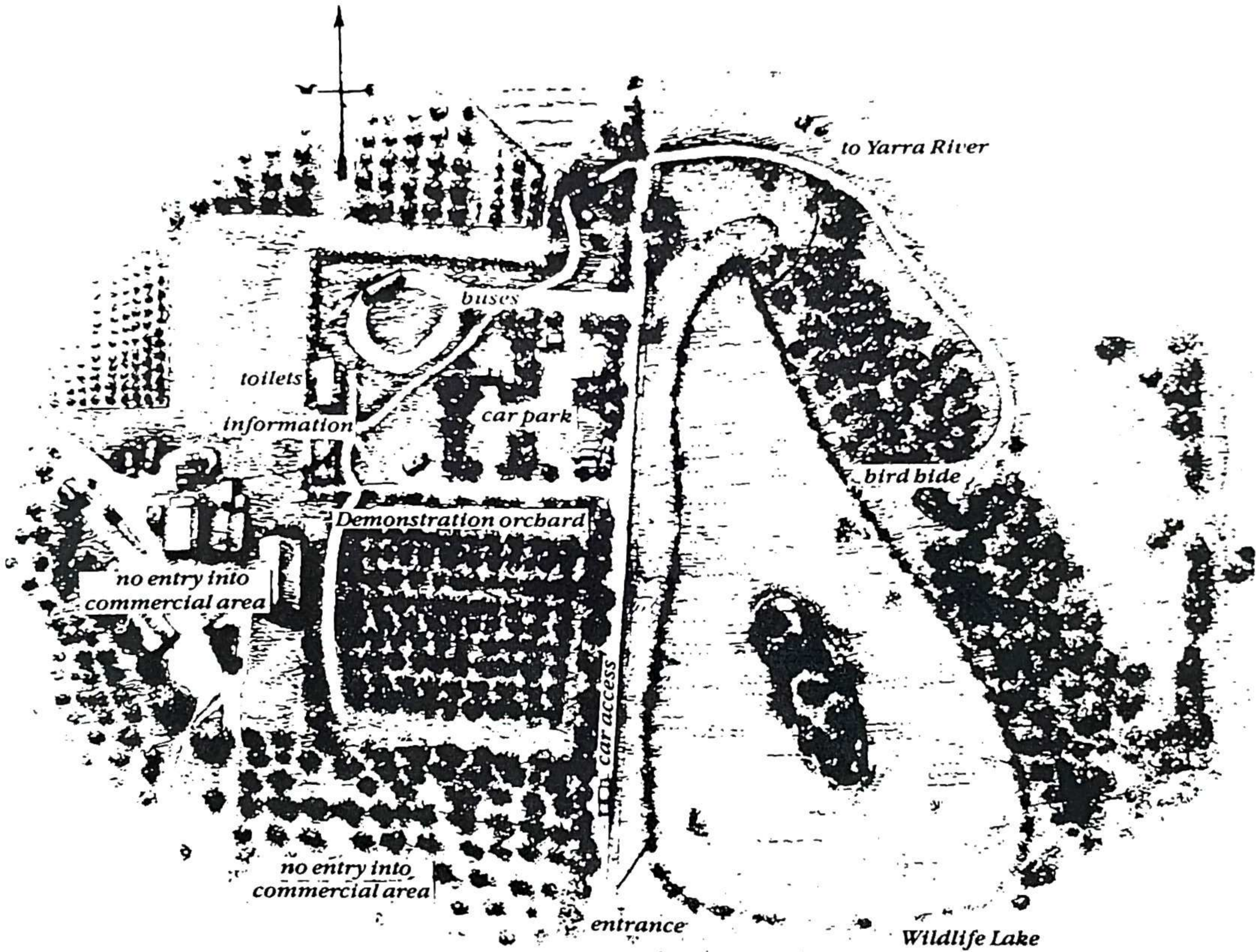
Litter

Pettys Orchard has a "carry in, carry out" policy. Please take your litter home.

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Key
 Walk car access
 trees and shrubbery



Have you tasted one of these apples lately?

Abas	Fortune	Newtown Pippin
Adam's Pearmain	Freyburg	Opalescent
Akane	Fuji, Red Naga-Fu No2	Orleans Reinette
Albany Beauty	Fuji, Red Aki-Fu No1	Ortley
Alexander	Gala	Peasgood's Nonsuch
Alfriston	Geante d'Exposition	Pine Golden Pippin
American Mother	Geeveston Fanny	Pink Lady
Andre Sauvage	George Carpenter	Pitmaston Pineapple
Baldwin	George Neilson	Potts' Seedling
Barry	Glen Vimey	Prima
Batman's Tree	Golden Delicious	Prince Alfred
Baumann's Reinette	Golden Delicious Mutation II	Prince Edward
Beauty of Bath	Golden Harvey	Prinzen Apfel
Bec d'Oie	Golden Pippin	Queen Cox
Bedford Pippin Cross	Gooseberry Pippin	Quinte
Bedfordshire Foundling	Grand'mere	Ranger
Belle de Boskoop	Granny Smith	Red Astrachan
Berner Rosen	Granny Smith Flat	Red Granny Smith
Bess Pool	Gravenstein	Red Newton
Blenheim Orange Pippin	Gravenstein Early	Red Winter Pearmain
Blue Pearmain	Gravenstein Red	Reinette d'Angleterre
Bonza	Greenup's Pippin	Reinette du Canada
Brabant Bellefleur	Hollow Crown	Reinette Musquee
Bramley's Seedling	Holly	Rhode Island Greening
Breakwell's Seedling	Hubbardston Nonsuch	Rokewood
Brittle Sweet	Idared	Rome Beauty
Brown's Apple	Improved Foxwhelp	Rotor Gravensteiner
Brown's Pippin	Irish Peach	Roundway Magnum Bonum
Bulmer's Norman	Issac Newton's Tree	Royal Jubilee
Bushey Grove	James Grieve	Rymer
Cayuga	Jaunet	St. Edwards Pippin
Cayuga Red Streak	Jeff's Tree	Scarlet Crofton
Cellini	Jerseymac	Scarlet Nonpareil
Cleopatra	Jonagold	Scarlet Staymared
Climax	Jonared	Seedless
Coldstream Guard	Jonathan	Spartan
Cornish Aromatic	Jonathan Red	Spartan Canberra
Coronation	Jonathan Red Davis	Splendour
Cox's Orange Pippin	Jongrimes	Spring Grove Codlin
Cox's Orange Pippin(E.M.L.A)	July Red	Stark Earliblaze
Cox's Orange Pippin Red Eaton	Kidd's Orange Red	Stark's Earliest
Cox's Orange Pippin Striped	King Cole	Statesman
Cox's Pomona	King David	Stayman's Winesap
Crimson Newton	King of the Pippins	Stewart's Seedling
Crofton	King of Thompkins County	Stoke Red
Crofton Red	Kingston Black	Striped Beefing
Crofton Striped	Kirk's Seedling	Sturmer Pippin
Delicious	Lady Williams	Summer Strawberry
Delicious Coldicott	Lalla	Sweet Alford
Delicious Hi-Early	Laxton's Advance	Sweet Coppins
Delicious Myers	Laxton's Fortune	Symond's Winter
Delicious Richared	Laxton's Superb	Tropical Beauty
Delicious Royal Red	Legana	Twenty Ounce
Delicious Starking	Legana Bulmer	Tydeman's Early Worcester
Delicious Starkrimson	Lodi	Upton Pyne
Democrat	London Pippin(Five Crown)	Violette
Democrat Black	Lord Derby	Vista Bella
Democrat Early	Lord Lambourne	Wandin Glory
Democrat J. Sharp	Lord Nelson	Winter Banana
Dewdneys Seedling	Lord Suffield	Woodstock Pippin
Discovery	Maigold	Woolbrook Russet
Dobinett	Margil	Worcester Pearmain
Doctor Hogg	Melba	Yapeen Seedling
Dumelow's Seedling	Mellon's Seedling	Yates
Dunn's Seedling	Melrose	Yarlington Mill
Early McIntosh	Merton Worcester	
Edward's Coronation	Minjon	
Edward VII	Monarch Cross	
Egremont Russet	Monroe	
Ellison's Orange	Murray Gem	
Emneth Early(Early Victoria)	Mutsu	
Esopus Spitzenberg	McIntosh Early	
Fameuse(Pomme de Neige)	Norfolk	
Fenouillet Gris	Northern Spy	
Forfar Pippin	Newtown Green Pippin	

Wetland & River Walk

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Includes Fruit and Nut Arboretum

The Yarra Valley Parklands extend along the Yarra River for twenty-four kilometres from Pound Bend, Warrandyte to Burke Road Bridge at Ivanhoe. They include 1432 hectares of bushland, wetlands, orchards, farmlands, and parklands such as Banksia, Birrarung, Yarra Flats and Westerfolds Park.

A unique area in this large network of parkland is Pettys Orchard. Pettys Orchard is located at the corner of Monckton and Homestead Roads, Templestowe. (Melway Map 22 A12)

Although noted for the antique and commercial orchards, Pettys also contains a thriving wetland, and is bordered by the scenic Yarra River.

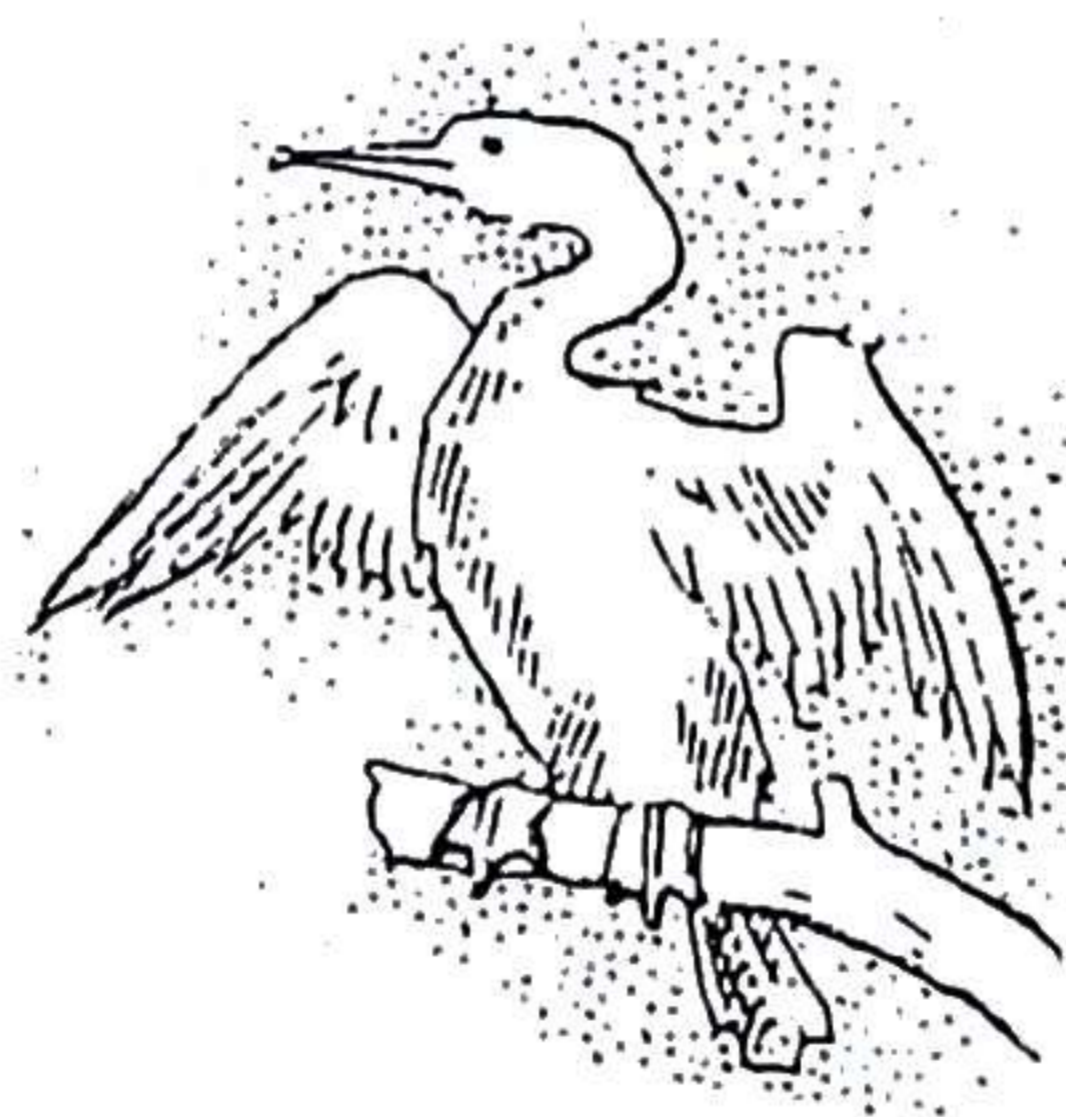
Explore these year-round attractions of Pettys Orchard, using this information sheet to take in points of interest. Follow the red gum trail markers.



① Spillway

As you pass over the bridge, notice the spillway for the wetlands. When the lake is full, excess water naturally drains into this area, and follows the channel down to the Yarra River.

A surprising amount of water passes through this wetland system. Run-off from nearby housing filters through several ponds, the water purified by native aquatic vegetation before entering the lake. This reduces levels of chemicals, fertilisers, and rubbish contained in the run-off before it enters the Yarra River.



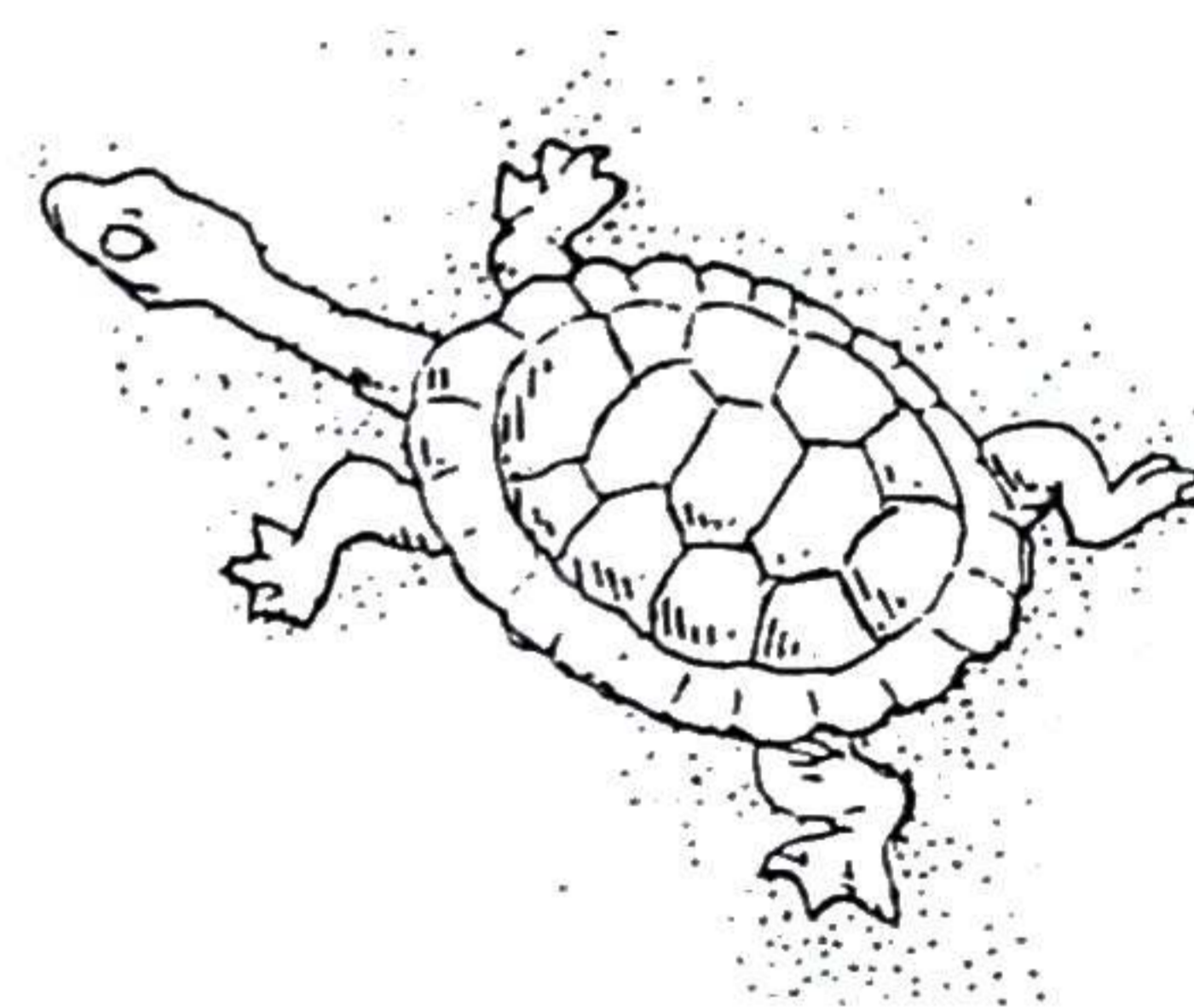
② What is a Wetland?

Wetlands are areas of water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary. Wetlands support a wide variety of plants, while providing homes and food for a surprising array of fish, waterbirds, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. (Watch for the family of Eastern Grey Kangaroos that frequent Pettys Orchard!)

③ Wetland Construction

The wetland at Pettys Orchard was designed and built by park staff in 1984.

Fish such as Blackfish, Southern Pygmy Perch, and Common Galaxias were released into the wetland in the same year.



④ Habitat Construction

Significant plantings have occurred around the wetlands including Silver Wattle, Black Wattle, Blackwood, Kangaroo Apple, Hop Goodenia, Dogwood, Paperbark, Christmas Bush, Hemp Bush, Tree Violet, Swamp Gum, Manna Gum, Cumbungi, Carex, and native Dock.

These native plants are indigenous (local) to the area, and have been propagated by seeds collected in the area.

Habitat has also been created under the water - pipes, rocks and hollow logs provide a breeding place for fish and offer protection from diving birds looking for a feed!

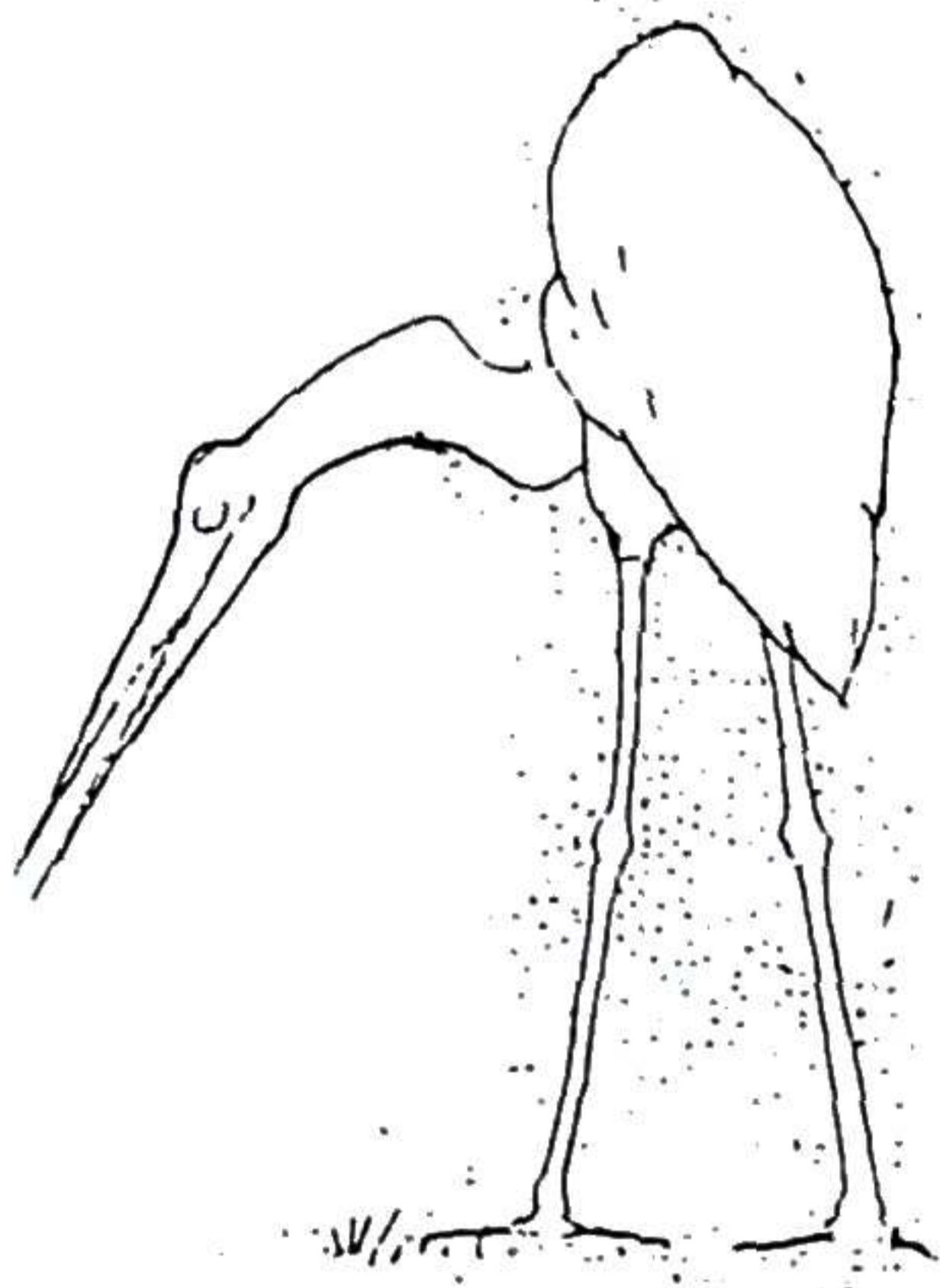
⑤ Bird Hide

The bird hide is well worth a long visit. Constructed by park staff, it offers a commanding view of the lake and its inhabitants, as well as providing identification charts.

Grebes, Pacific Black Ducks, Eastern Swamphens, Eurasian Coots, Dusky Moorhens, and White-faced Herons are a few of the easily seen residents.

Nesting boxes have been placed around the lake for some birds to live and breed in.

What birds can you see?



⑥ Prickly, but sweet!

Sweet Chestnuts and a variety of Oak trees have been planted in the paddock north of the wetland. These are not native trees, however they reflect the varieties of trees that the early settlers may have planted.

⑦ The Yarra River - our Wildlife Corridor

The Yarra River provides a magnificent scenic backdrop to Pettys Orchard. It is also an important corridor for wildlife.

Habitat corridors are linear tracts of land often with remnant indigenous vegetation that enable wildlife to survive in a given area. They may assist in the movement of species from one area to another by providing a continuous green link, and this helps prevent isolation of small populations which may otherwise lose genetic diversity (become inbred) and face possible extinction.

There has been an increasing awareness of the importance of maintaining habitat corridors for the preservation of animal and plant species.



The most significant habitat corridor in the Melbourne metropolitan area is the Yarra River. The continuous 24 kilometre river frontage of the Yarra Valley Parklands connects riparian (riverside) vegetation from Studley Park, Kew to Warrandyte State Park, Warrandyte. This provides a relatively uninterrupted passage from close to the city centre to the ranges. The koalas certainly like it!

By extending habitat into your own backyard, you too may be visited by a roaming koala!

⑧ Oranges and Lemons...

On your way back to the Antique Apple Orchard, there is a range of fruit and nut trees near the ranger's residence.

Can you find the Lemons, Limes, Oranges, Grapefruits, Mulberries, Persimmons, Pomegranates, Currants and Cumquats?

⑨ More fruit trees!

In front of the ranger's residence is a weeping apple tree - shaped quite differently to what you may have seen in the orchard!

⑩ Pears...

The Commercial Orchard contains both apples and pears. It is leased to a private operator from Parks Victoria. The pears you see today may be the pears you buy from your local supermarket next week!



We hoped you enjoyed your visit to Pettys Orchard. Visit one of the many other parks managed by Parks Victoria soon!

For further information contact
Westerfolds Park Office,
☎ 9846 4499.