

Quarry Hills Regional Parklands

Creating new parklands for Melbourne's growing communities

Suburban parks are important to all of us. They are where families create memories, connect with nature and each other. Suburban parks provide habitat for native plants and animals, support healthy rivers and creeks, and help us tackle climate change.

The Victorian Government is investing \$315 million in the Suburban Parks Program to create more than 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks and trails across Melbourne's growing outer suburbs. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning leads this program.

What is Quarry Hills Regional Parklands project?

Why create new parks?

- to help improve community health and wellbeing
- to protect nature
- to strengthen cultural heritage
- to address climate change
- to attract jobs, investment, skilled people and visitors to Melbourne's growing outer suburbs

In 2018, the government committed to expand Quarry Hills Parkland to cover 1,088 hectares near South Morang.

The project will expand access to the parklands to allow more people to connect to nature.

A Quarry Hills Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan outlining new experiences for visitors to enjoy, will be drafted by mid-2023.

Planning for the parklands will be informed by a cultural values study drafted by the Traditional Owners of the land — the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

New walking and cycling trails will be completed by mid-2023. This includes more than two kilometres of shared paths, rest stops, signage and landscape improvements.

Landscaping and basic infrastructure in the middle of the parklands will provide a rest stop for visitors and support future development there, including a potential Aboriginal Gathering Place.

Location

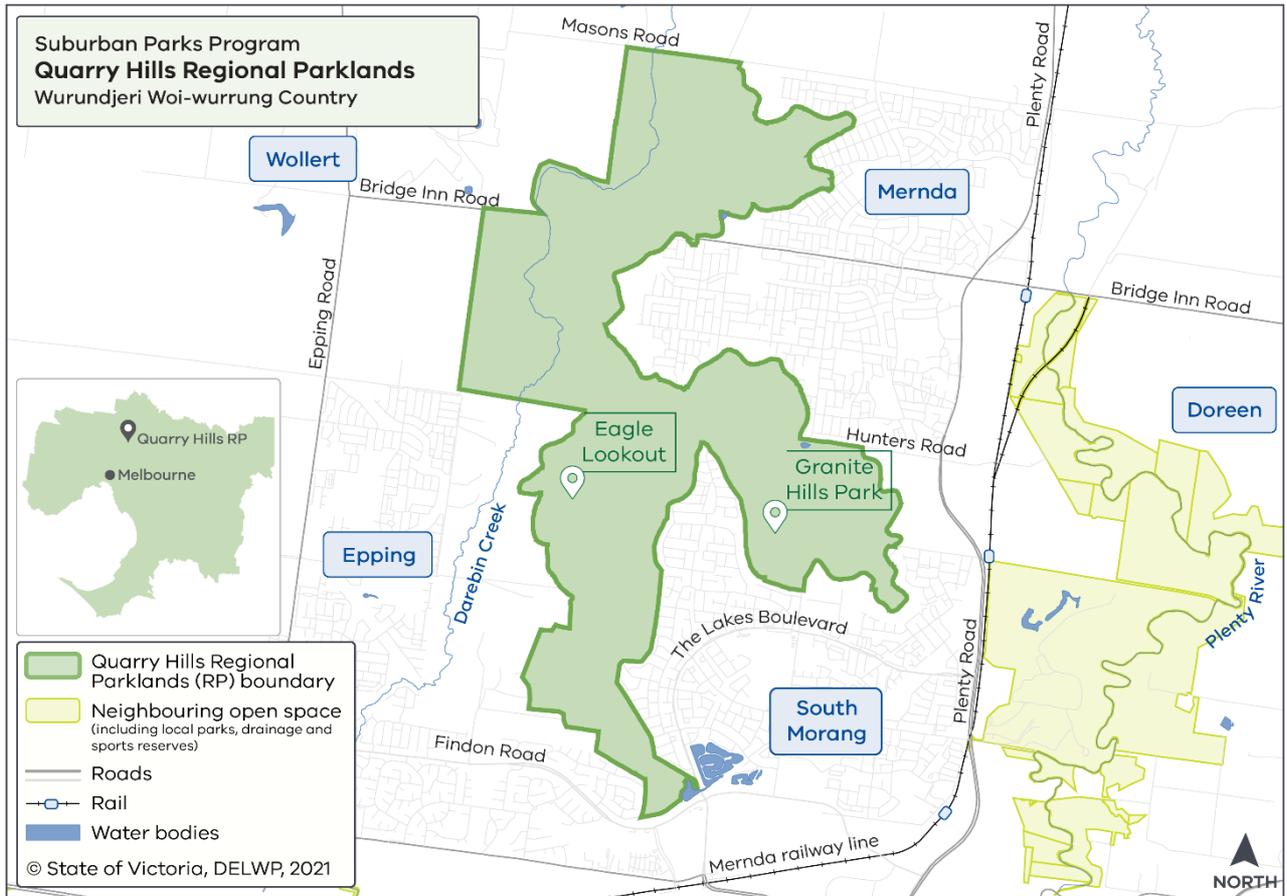
The new parklands will span 1,088 hectares from Wollert and Mernda to Epping and South Morang on Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country in Melbourne's north.

When will the park be open?

Quarry Hills Regional Parklands is a project requiring extensive planning and consultation. New areas of the parklands will be accessible from late 2022.

New infrastructure including walking and cycling trails will be designed to encourage people to explore the natural environment.





Project partners and stakeholders

The parklands are managed by the City of Whittlesea in partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

Partners, community members and future park users will contribute to the parkland planning process.

People will be invited to participate in community consultation in late 2022.

More information

[Updates on the Suburban Parks Program](#) are available online. Or you can [email the Suburban Parks Program](#).

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