Emerald–Cockatoo Multi-use Trail (part)

This trail runs from Nobelius nursery through to Wombat corner, and is part of a longer trail that links Emerald to Cockatoo via Emerald Lake Park and Wrights Forest. The trail is lined with ferns and a mix of exotic and native flora.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Distance: 1km (only the section within Emerald Lake Park)
Time: 20 minutes

Nobelius Track

Nobelius Track follows Puffing Billy railway line, from the Carl Stemp amphitheatre to the packing shed. The walk has a number of pine trees, chestnuts and oaks, together with a mix of indigenous flora. The track passes the old Nobelius station and is part of the annual Great Train Race fun run.

Difficulty: Moderate (one steep section)
Distance: 1.4km
Time: 20 minutes

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Walking tracks and trails

Emerald Lake Park

Emerald Lake Park has a number tracks and trails offering a range of walking experiences, from an easy stroll to more challenging hikes. Take a short easy walk after your picnic or combine a few trails to extend your walk into an all-day trek.

Enjoy the scenery of the park – exotic trees in arboretums, native plants in remnant bushland, and reeds, rushes and lilies around the lake.

Please note: the estimated walking times on this brochure are not exact and should be used as a guide only. Walking times may vary depending on the fitness of the walker. Please allow these times as a minimum when planning your walk.

- *For more information about the park, visit www.emeraldlakepark.com.au*

Link Track

A short steep track linking the Wishing Well Track to Pine Track via the Emerald–Cockatoo Multi-use Trail. Array of native and some large elm trees at the bottom end of the track.

Note: This track can be slippery during wet weather.

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult, short but steep
Distance: 0.25km
Time: 5 minutes

Lake Nobelius Loop Track

This track starts and finishes by the cafe. Proceeding south from the cafe, you will reach Lake Nobelius. This lake was constructed as a sediment trap for stormwater entering the park from urban areas to the east of the park and the natural spring that enters from the south. A number of boardwalks pass over the water, allowing walkers to view the abundant animal life.

Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 1.2km (loop)
Time: 15 minutes

Pine track

This track is well-formed and is dominated at one end by mature pine trees *(Pinus radiata),* giving the trail its name. The track joins the Emerald–Cockatoo Multi-use Trail on the border of the Nobelius Heritage Nursery.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Distance: 1km
Time: 15 minutes

Wishing Well Track

The Wishing Well Track walk is the most popular within the park. Walk through a stand of chestnuts, into an ancient forest gully with very tall European trees towering over the native rainforest. When you reached the end, make a wish at the wishing well.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Distance: 0.7km
Time: 10 minutes

Fern Gully Track

This track, narrow and steep in parts, meanders along the stormwater course that flows from Nobelius Heritage Nursery through to Lakeside car park. You will head through the gully filled with native and exotic flora then come to a small field of ferns.

Note: This track is very narrow and is slippery after rain.

Difficulty: Difficult (steep in sections)
Distance: 0.7km
Time: 15 minutes

Emerald Lake Park walking trails

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Entry and car parking

Entry to Emerald Lake Park is free but parking fees apply ($2 per hour or $6 per day). Parking tickets can be purchased on arrival at the park and must be displayed at all times. Group car parking rates are available for 15 or more cars.

Cardinia Shire residents may purchase a discounted annual parking pass for $10. Annual passes are also available to non-residents on application ($40 per pass). Annual passes cannot be used on specific dates, such as the Great Train Race Day. Signs will be displayed on these days and parking fees will apply.

- *For more information phone 5945 0400.*

Park requirements

- Dogs may visit the park, but must be on a leash at all times.
- Swimming is not permitted in either Lake Treganowan or Lake Nobelius at any time; bathing is only permitted in the designated wading pool.
- Trail bikes and horses are not permitted anywhere in the park
- Please help us keep the park nice for all visitors by using bins provided.

Opening hours

Emerald Lake Park is open on the following dates at listed times:

- 18 December to 14 March 8am–8pm
- 15 March to 30 April 9am–6pm
- 1 May to 30 September 9am–4.30pm
- 1 October to 17 December 9am–6pm

Map labels

To Cockatoo and Gembrook

E — Park exit and entrance

Ornamental and conifer tree lawn

LAKE TRECANOWAN — No swimming

Gus Ryberg

Rangers' office

Puffing Billy car park

Emergency access only to Bellbird Crescent

Lakeside car park

Paddle boats

Puffing Billy station

Water play only

Model railway

EMERALD LAKE ROAD

Emerald–Cockatoo Multi-use Trail

Steep

Fern Gully Track

Cafe

Nobelius Heritage Museum

Wishing Well

Link Track

Wishing Well Track

Fern gully

The Pines

Nobelius border

Packing shed

To Emerald town centre

Pine plantation

Pine Track

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Nobelius Track

Carl Stemp

Nobelius Loop Track

LAKE NOBELIUS — No swimming

Bunurong

The Gums

Nobelius station

Legend

Pedestrians and authorised vehicles only	
Bitumen roads	
Unmade roads	
Puffing Billy railway	
Walking and cycling tracks (as marked)	
Ranger office	
Parking	
Parking ticket machine	
Shelters (for hire) 1. Lions Den 2. Messmate 3. Boatshed 4. Poolside 5. Lakeside	
Electric barbecues (free)	
Toilets	
Playgrounds	
Amphitheatres (for hire)	
Fishing permitted	
First aid	
Emergency assembly areas	

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