Forests Notes

Carters Mill Camping and Picnic Area

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Carters Mill Picnic and Camping Area is less than 30 minutes from Mansfield on the way to Mount Buller. The picturesque reserve is on the banks of the Delatite River and is perfect for picnicking and enjoying the outdoors. It is also the start of the Plain Creek Loop walking track and camping facilities are located in the adjacent camping area.

Carter & Co. built a sawmill at this site in 1937 to mill the timber from the surrounding forest. In the early days timber was brought down to the mill from the forest by a single line five horse team along timber tramways. After the 1950s these were replaced by motor vehicles on bush tracks. Carter's Mill was destroyed by fire in January 1965.

Getting There

Follow the Mount Buller Road from Mansfield towards Mount Buller for about 30kms. Carter's Mill Reserve entrance is on your left 1 km past Sawmill Settlement. Follow the road around the reserve and the camping area is on the right.

Attractions

Fishing, including fly fishing, bushwalking, picnicking, horseriding and trailbike riding are all popular in this area of State Forest.

Plain Creek Loop Walk

Grade of Walk[1]:	Grade 3
Distance:	Loop 2.0km
Time:	1 hour return
Gradient:	Gentle hills
Quality of Path:	Formed track, some obstacles
Quality of Markings:	Sign posted
Steps:	Occasional steps
Experience required:	No experience required

Tramway Bridge Walk

Grade of Walk[1]:	Grade 3
Distance:	Return 3.1km
Time:	1.5 hours return
Gradient:	Gentle hills
Quality of Path:	Formed track, some obstacles
Quality of Markings:	Sign posted
Steps:	Occasional steps
Experience required:	Some bushwalking experience recommended

This is a one way track taking off from the Plain Creek Loop that takes you to the remains of a tramway bridge.

Tomahawk Hut

Originally built by the Forestry Commission in the 1960s as a base for road building crews, Tomahawk hut is a small basic shelter accessible by 2WD. To visit the hut, continue up Carters Road and turn left down Buckland Spur Track.

Safety

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days, Parks and State Forest are closed to the public. Do not enter parks or forests on Code Red Days. If you are already there when a Code Red day is declared, you should leave the night before or early in the morning.

For more information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact DSE's Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (TTY: 1800 122 969) or visit DSE's website at http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forests

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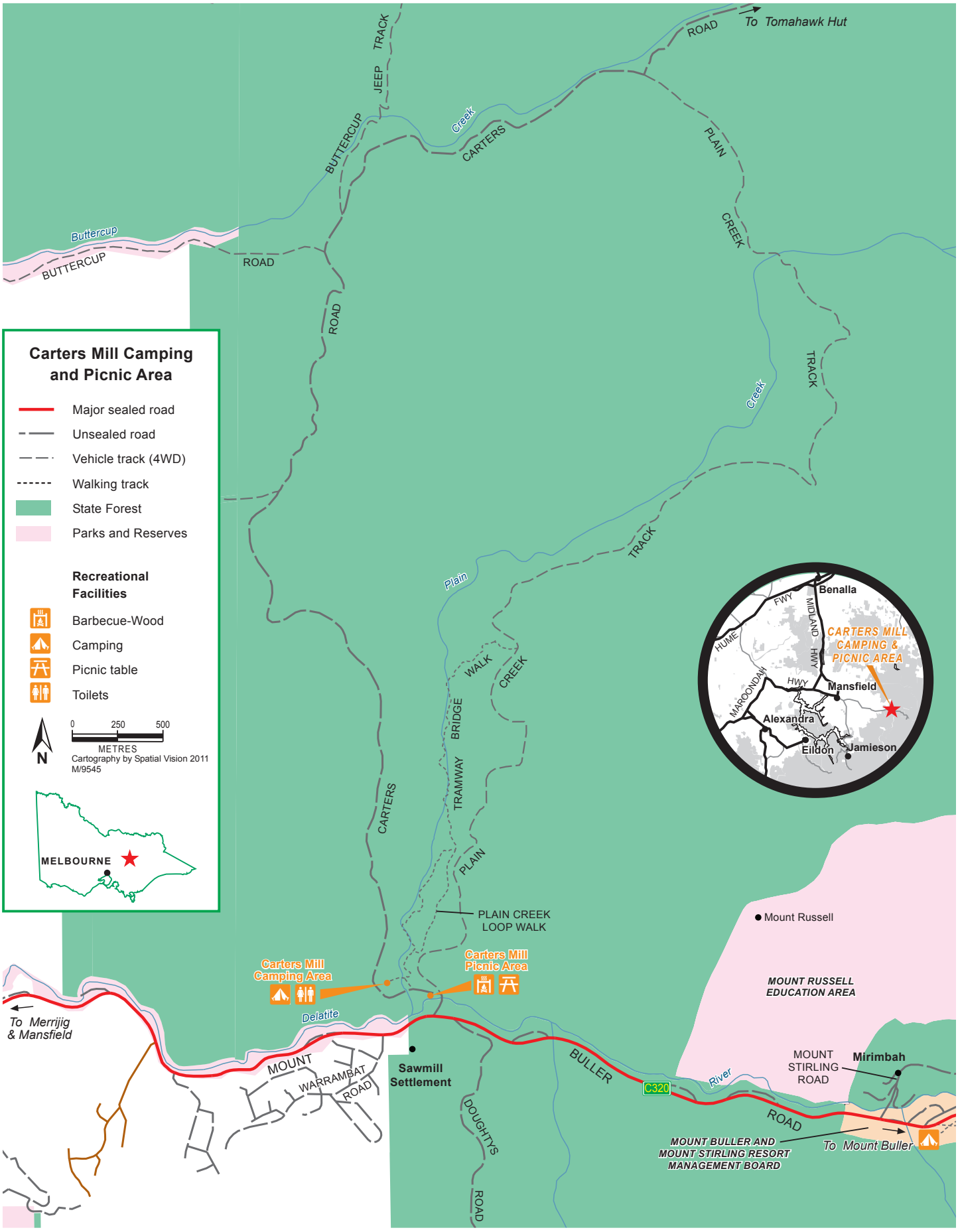
[1] For more information on how walks are graded, visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/walking



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