

Running Creek Camping Reserve is situated in the north-east region of Victoria, approximately two thirds of the distance to Jamieson from Mansfield. This area is in State Forest on the Howqua River. It is only 40km or a 40 minute drive from Mansfield, (23.5km from Jamieson), to the camping site. The Grid Reference Number for this site is DU 317784 or map 63 E5 in the Vicroads Country Directory.

This area contains forests of Narrow-leaved peppermint, Candlebark, Blue Gum, Manna Gum and Stringybark species. The campsite is on the bank of the Howqua River which, makes it great for activities such as bushwalking, fishing, riding and touring. When camping across the river beware of rapid river level rises after thunderstorms in the Upper Howqua Catchment. Swimmers must be careful of strong currents, rocks and submerged objects in the Howqua River.

Getting there

Follow the Mount Buller Road from Mansfield towards Merrijig for 4km. Turn right at the sign to Jamieson and travel for about 26km. Turn left at the Howqua River Road immediately after the Howqua River. After approximately 10km on gravel road you will reach the Running Creek Camping Reserve sign on your left. The campsite is 300m from this sign. The track to the Reserve is a moderate slope and is accessible to all vehicles. However, following heavy rains this road becomes slippery and may be temporarily inaccessible to 2WD's.

What facilities are provided?

There are two toilet blocks at the site. Fresh water can be obtained from the river nearby and we suggest you boil any water for drinking. There are no facilities for rubbish collection here so you must take it home when you leave and ensure the area is clean for future campers.

No firewood is supplied at this site. Use fallen dead wood but do not remove any from standing trees or damage other vegetation. There are no built fireplaces at this site so please use a previous campfire site where possible and clean up afterwards please. Make sure you clear the ground at least 3 metres around your campfire and 1.5 metres around portable gas appliances. **Do not light fires on a 'Total Fire Ban Day'**. Remember to watch for overhead branches and refrain from throwing non-burnable objects into the campfire. Don't camp directly under trees as branches can fall unexpectedly. Check overhead before pitching your tent.

Attractions

There is excellent fishing along the Howqua River. Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout are the two main species of fish that can be caught and eaten. Please remember that you must have a current Inland Fishing Licence. Touring by 4WD is popular here and there are many tracks to follow. Remember to stay on formed vehicle tracks. While driving be aware of other recreationists using these tracks as they may appear unexpectedly. For safety keep your vehicle well maintained and carry sufficient food and water.

Horse riding is allowed but problems can occur if some guidelines are not followed. Please hold horses away from other campers in temporary yards and at least 30 metres from waterways. To prevent weed spread restrict the horse feed to processed feed and lucerne hay. Use a nosebag, and make sure any spilt feed is removed. Refer to the brochure 'FS0004 – Horse riding in State forest' before riding.

Trail bikes are permitted in this reserve but must be roadworthy and fully registered. Drivers must be fully licenced and riders should consider other recreationists. While riding, only use formed roads and tracks available to public vehicles. Dogs are also allowed in this area but they must be kept under control. We also ask that you do not place generators where they will disturb others. If you are hunting, please keep your hounds away from the camping area and don't shoot across roads.

Useful maps and brochures

- Vicmap 1: 25 000 *Howqua* (8123-4-2)
- Bush Maps Victoria 1: 50 000, *Lower Howqua Track*
- Natmap *Mansfield*, 1: 100 000 (8123)

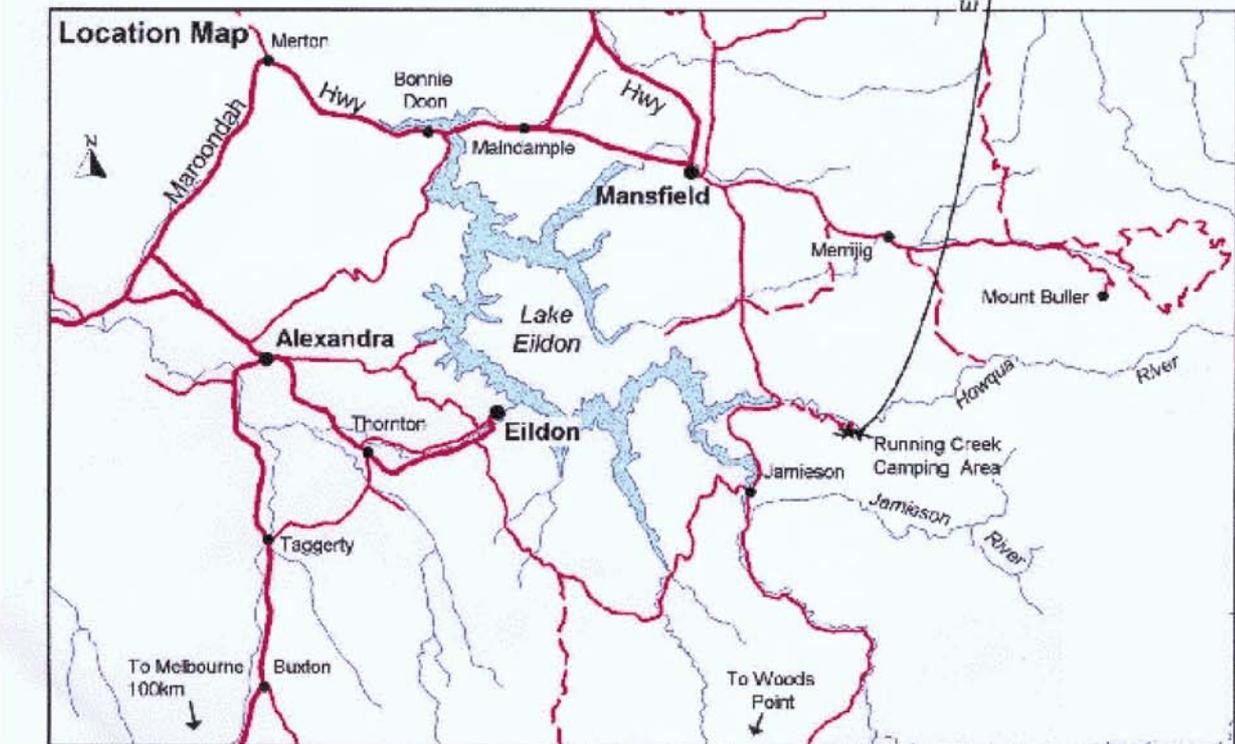
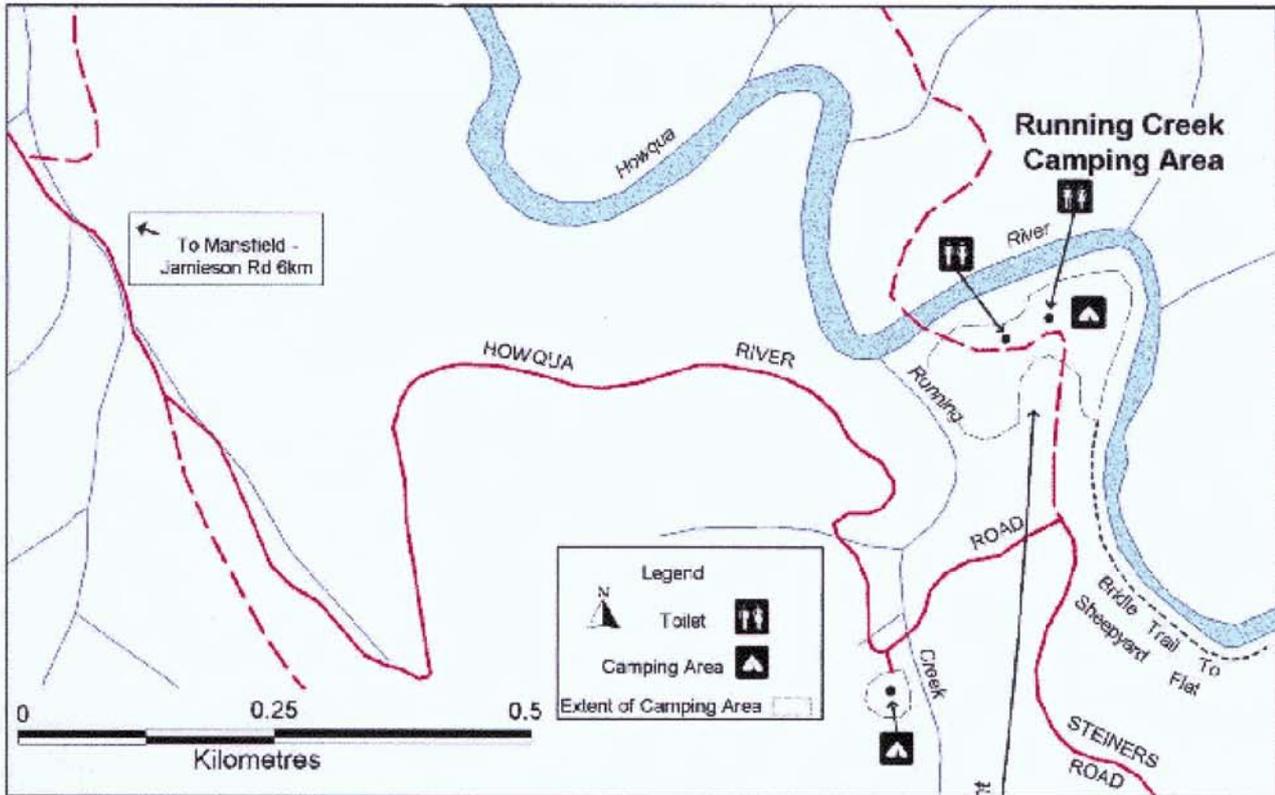
For more information

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria's State Forest. For further information contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment office at Mansfield (☎5733 1200) or DSE's Customer Service Centre on ☎136 186.

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