

Hattah Lakes North

The Hattah Lakes North project is in the final stage of a long-term program to restore the internationally significant floodplains of Hattah-Kulkyne National Park.

Work will soon begin to connect the northern and southern lakes, allowing water to be delivered across the floodplains in a controlled and carefully timed way.

The project will help ensure Hattah's floodplains remain healthy, resilient, and protected for future generations.

Information: www.vmfrp.com.au

Timing & Next Steps

Planning, approvals and funding have been obtained for works at Hattah Lakes North. This site is moving into construction phase, with works scheduled to take place between mid-April (after the Easter break) and December 2026.

Visitors are advised to check the Parks Victoria website for the latest access information: www.parks.vic.gov.au.

Why Is This Project Happening?

Previous works at the southern lakes under The Living Murray Program have improved ecological health and supported environmental and cultural outcomes. Works at the northern lakes will complete the project's original vision.

This project will enable improved watering to help regenerate native trees, grasses and understorey plants, stabilise sandy soils, and restore habitat for wildlife that depends on inundation to survive. The park contains Ramsar-listed wetlands that provide important habitat and breeding grounds for more than 47 species of waterbirds.

Hattah-Kulkyne National Park is a special place and holds deep cultural, spiritual and historical significance for Traditional Owners. Protecting cultural heritage is a key consideration in the project's design and delivery. Returning water to the floodplain and stabilising soils helps prevent erosion and protect culturally sensitive sites that can be exposed as lakes dry and sands shift.

Project Milestones



What Is Happening?

The project will reconnect parts of the floodplain to the Murray River by removing barriers to flow and building carefully designed infrastructure to support the seasonal wetting cycles that native plants and animals depend on.

This infrastructure includes gated structures known as regulators, which control the movement of water between the river and surrounding wetlands in a controlled and carefully timed way, along with containment banks that help direct and retain water.

Visitors are asked to take care when travelling through the area and to follow all signage and directions.

Works near Mournpall Track

Construction works will include:

- Raised containment banks
- A five-bay gated structure (regulator) to the north
- A three-bay gated structure (regulator) at Bitterang to the south

Works near River Track

Construction works will include:

- Raised containment banks
- Two three-bay gated structures (regulators) at different locations along the track.

Impacts To Site Access

The vast majority of popular camping areas and river frontage will remain open while works are taking place. Some remote river frontage will be temporarily closed and these areas will be clearly signed. Known access changes are as follows:

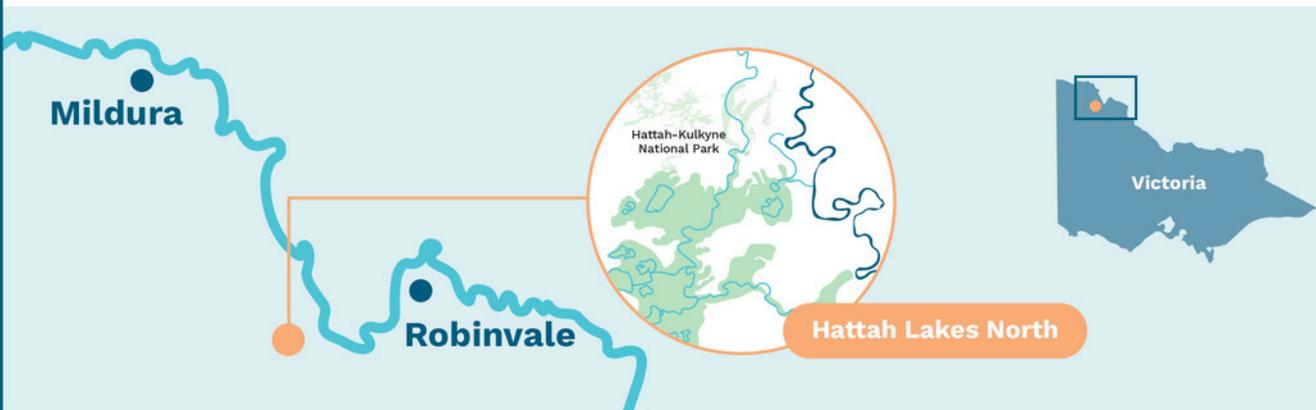
- Mournpall Track will remain open, however temporary speed limits and traffic controls may apply
- River Track will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians at Goosefoot Track from March to December 2026 to allow works to be carried out safely
- There will be limited access via the River Track's southern entry

Please check the Parks Victoria website for the latest access information: parks.vic.gov.au

What To Expect

You may notice the following changes while construction activities are taking place. These impacts are temporary and we will endeavour to minimise disruptions where possible.

- Increased traffic and heavy vehicle movements on local roads
- Temporary changes to site access
- Construction activity during working hours
- Temporary fencing and signage



For more information or to register for updates, visit www.vmfrp.com.au or scan the QR code. If you have questions about the Hattah Lakes North project site or would like to provide feedback, please email the project team on info@vmfrp.vic.gov.au or phone **1800 808 830**.