

**Welcome to Country ...** The traditional custodians of Lake Parramatta Reserve are peoples of the Burrumatagal clan of the Dharug language group. Some relics of Aboriginal occupation exist on site in the form of remnant shelters, hand-stencils, flaking scars and midden deposits. Today we welcome you to the reserve and ask that you acknowledge indigenous cultural values particularly having respect for Earth and all its creatures.

Completed in 1856, the **Lake Parramatta** reservoir was the first large dam built in Australia. It was made of sandstone blocks quarried onsite as seen today from the Dam Wall Lookout.

A concrete rim adding 3.3m to the dam height was built in 1898.

The dam was a crucial part of Parramatta's water supply until 1909, when the city was connected to Sydney's water system (following the construction of the Cataract Dam).

An enduring legacy of the dam for Parramatta was the creation of a water reserve protecting its catchment in the 1880s. This was later expanded to cover the natural area now protected in Lake Parramatta Reserve.

Today the reserve forms a vital part of a **connected network of natural areas**. These provide essential habitat for an array of native wildlife across the Parramatta River Catchment. Please help to protect these values by following the reserve's user regulations.



### Lake Parramatta ...

is one of the most significant and beautiful bushland remnants in Western Sydney. It features picnic and BBQ facilities, playground, kiosk and bushwalking tracks. The **main entrance** is from Lackey Street off Bourke Street in North Parramatta, with entry gates opening at 6.30am and closing at 5.30pm (7.30pm during daylight savings). Parking by the lake is limited. Overflow parking is available beside Bourke St entrance.



**Public transport is available via Hills Bus Route #609 (first stop on Bourke Street).**



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# LAKE PARRAMATTA RESERVE

## Visitor Guide



**CITY OF PARRAMATTA**



**Lake Parramatta Reserve ...** is the largest surviving bushland remnant in the Parramatta Local Government Area and has the highest diversity of native flora and fauna.

To protect these unique native animals and their habitats, Lake Parramatta Reserve has been proclaimed as a Wildlife Refuge under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and declared a Wildlife Protection Area under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

Cats are prohibited from entering the reserve and dogs must be on a lead and remain on established tracks.



**HERITAGE PATH**

**Grade 1:**  
**300m one way**

Follow the surfaced wheelchair assisted accessible path around from the visitor hub to the Dam Wall Lookout. Short steeper 'wheelchair assistance required' sections occur.



**ARRUNGA BARDO WALK**

**Grade 2:**  
**900m one way**

Starting from the Arrunga Bardo Garden follow the evenly surfaced bushtrack past Lake Parramatta's finest views to the Arrunga Bardo (Calm Waters) Lookout.



**RESERVOIR TRACK**

**Grade 3:**  
**600m one way**

Steep steps, a creek crossing and rocky track surfaces make this a grade 3 outing to a fine viewpoint.



**UPPER LAKE TRACK**

**Grade 3:**  
**2100m one way**

Connects Reservoir Lookout with Arrunga Bardo (Still Waters) Lookout via the top of the lake.

**LAKE CIRCUIT**

**Grade 3:**  
**4200m loop / 2 hrs**

Link the Heritage Path, Arrunga Bardo, Reservoir Track and Upper Lake Track together for a memorable lap of the lake.

