

Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Education Centre (ESWEC)

Venue and Safety Information

Please read and follow these important actions before your tour:

- All visitors must wear long pants, long sleeves and flat sturdy shoes.
- Share this information with all ESWEC adult participants.
- Adult visitors must register via the QR code upon entry at ESWEC
- Check in with the Melbourne Water team upon arrival.

<p>Site clothing and safety</p>	<p>All visitors to the Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Education Centre must wear the following essential clothing while on site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat, enclosed sturdy footwear, long pants and long sleeves only. • Sandals or thongs are not permitted on-site. <p>Visitors should also bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate to protect against weather, including a hat, raincoat or rain jacket and bring sunscreen (as required). • First Aid Kit.
<p>Extreme Weather</p>	<p>Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Education Centre visits will be cancelled on "Total Fire Ban", "Extreme" and "Catastrophic" Fire Danger Rating Days.</p> <p>If the EPA website declares a day of poor, very poor or extremely poor air quality then all Edithvale-Seafood Wetland visits will be rescheduled. A refund will apply under certain circumstances.</p>
<p>Accessibility</p>	<p>Please contact us if you have specific requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps and toilets are accessible to wheelchair and/or other mobility aids. <p>Assistance dogs are welcome at the Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Education Centre.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handlers are required to carry evidence that the dog is an assistance dog i.e. an identification card issued for the animal by an accredited assistance dog training provider.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When outside the bus/vehicle, dog(s) must always be on a leash and under strict control by the handler and the handler is responsible for the removal of any dog faeces from the Site. • If a dog frightens and/or endangers native wildlife or is aggressive towards other participants, it must immediately return to the bus/vehicle.
Emergencies	<p>In the event of an emergency, you will be directed by a warden to the evacuation point. Melbourne Water wardens will be easily identifiable by yellow/red/white hats and high visibility vests.</p> <p>Melbourne Water will call '000' in an emergency.</p>
Public liability cover	<p>Melbourne Water has the appropriate public liability cover.</p> <p>Melbourne Water will not accept any liability for any personal injury or property damage sustained by participants.</p> <p>You agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Melbourne Water and its Personnel from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising from or in connection with accessing the Site or a breach of these conditions by participants.</p> <p>You release Melbourne Water from all claims of any kind (including claims for personal injury or damage to property) and from liability which may arise in connection with participants accessing the Site.</p>
Cancellation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melbourne Water may cancel a visit at any time without notice and without providing reasons. • A booking cancellation will be imposed if there is a health emergency. • Melbourne Water will also cancel tours during the visit if participants fail to comply with the conditions outlined in this document. • In the event you need to cancel your booking then a cancellation fee of \$200.00 will be applied with less than five business days' notice.
Medical Support	<p>At Melbourne Water your safety is important. If you have injured yourself at our sites, we are committed to support you in your recovery. Please speak with our staff for more information.</p>

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For contact details - Scan QR below 	Organisation: Melbourne Water Mailing address: PO Box 4342, Melbourne, VIC 3001 Street address: 278 Edithvale Road, Chelsea Heights, VIC Phone: 13 17 22 and ask to be connected to the Water Literacy Team Web: Edithvale-Seafood Wetland Melbourne Water
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Potential Risks & Hazards	Responsibility	Control Strategies
Student Behaviour	Teachers/Adults	<p>Melbourne Water Educators will conduct activities with teachers present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers to always supervise students. Any accompanying adults must have adequate authority and experience to supervise students under their care. <p><i>Activities will cease immediately if student behaviour and/or supervision are not appropriate.</i></p>
Avian Influenza	All visitors	All visitors advised to avoid contact with wild birds or wildlife and maintain good hand hygiene.
Bushfires	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visits will be cancelled in the event of an "Extreme" or "Catastrophic" fire danger rating or a total fire ban weather forecast. Emergency evacuation plans will be implemented.
COVID Safety	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is to adhere to the Stay Safe Directions (Victoria) currently in force Pandemic Order Register health.vic.gov.au No-one is to visit when unwell. You must stay at home if diagnosed with COVID-19 Practise good hygiene - sanitise hands frequently, cover your mouth when coughing, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. If visitors don't comply with these conditions, then they will be asked to leave to ensure the safety of all.
Injuries caused by road accidents	Teachers / Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed and competent driver. Failure to comply can result in the full cancellation of the tour. Passengers must wear seat belts if available. All bags must be on laps or underneath seats. Buses must park in the appropriate parking area.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use designated walking paths at a walking pace only. Teachers must always supervise students.
Injuries caused by trips, slips and falls or bites and stings	Teachers / Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors must only wear flat, enclosed shoes, long pants and long sleeves. Use designated walking paths at a walking pace only. No running. Accompanied by First Aid trained teacher/adult.
Site evacuation	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety briefing by trained Melbourne Water staff informing visitors of site emergency plan.
Potential for microbial infection	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site safety briefing prior to tour.
	Teachers / Accompanying adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors should: Wash hands with soap and water.
Exposure to sun, wind and rain	Teachers / Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of sunscreen and wearing of hats and/or raincoats are recommended.
	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit may be cancelled in the case of extreme weather conditions.
Injuries caused by heavy objects	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety briefing by Melbourne Water staff at the start of the activity.
	Teachers / Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision of students always.
During lunch and breaks - injuries caused by	Melbourne Water staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief teachers and adults to any potential hazards and risks.

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climbing, touching electrical equipment, sharp objects, trips and falls	Teachers / Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision of students always. • Adherence to verbal and written instructions, as given by Melbourne Water staff. • All visitors must wear flat, enclosed shoes, long pants and long sleeves.

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