

Urban Parks in Australia

City	Park	Size	Date	Heritage	Original Size
Adelaide	Adelaide Parklands	2030 acres	1837	RNE	2300 acres
Bendigo	Rosalind Park	20 acres	1861	Vic & RNE	59 acres
Brisbane	Roma Street Park	40 acres	2001		40 acres
	Victoria Park	145 acres	1865	CH Brisbane City Plan	
Canberra	Weston Park	128 acres	1968	ACT & RNE	
	Glebe Park	10 acres	1983	ACT & RNE	10 acres
Darwin	East Point Reserve	471 acres	1984	RNE	
Geelong	Eastern Park	185 acres	1851	RNE	
Hobart	Queen's Domain	445 acres	1860	RNE indicative	
Ipswich	Queen's Park	56 acres	1858	Qld & RNE indicative	207 acres
Launceston	City Park	15 acres	1863	Tas & RNE partial	
Maribyrnong	Footscray Park	45 acres	1911	Vic & RNE	37 acres
Maryborough	Princes Park	64 acres	1863	Vic & RNE	12 acres
Melbourne	Carlton Gardens	64 acres	1839	Vic & RNE & NH & WH	
	Fitzroy Gardens	64 acres	1848	Vic & RNE	
	Royal Park	464 acres	1854		2562 acres
	Albert Park	556 acres	1862		949 acres
	Treasury Gardens	14 acres	1867	Vic & RNE	21 acres
	Yarra Bend Park	551 acres	1877	RNE	
Newcastle	King Edward Park	94 acres	1863	NSW & RNE	
Parramatta	Parramatta Park	219 acres	1858	NSW & RNE	246 acres
Perth	Kings Park	990 acres	1872	WA & RNE	432 acres
Sydney	Hyde Park	41 acres	1810*	City of Sydney Env. Plan	56 acres
	The Domain	84 acres	1860	NSW & RNE	
	Moore Park,	346 acres	1866	NSW & RNE	378 acres
	Queen's Park	62 acres	1887	NSW & RNE	
	Centennial Park	543 acres	1888	NSW & RNE	1000 acres
Toowoomba	Queen's Park	65 acres	1869	Qld & RNE	

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Adelaide	Adelaide Parklands	822	1837	RNE	930
Bendigo	Rosalind Park	8	1861	Vic & RNE	24
Brisbane	Roma Street Park	16	2001		16
	Victoria Park	58.7	1865	CH Brisbane City Plan	
Canberra	Weston Park	52	1968	ACT & RNE	
	Glebe Park	4.2	1983	ACT & RNE	4.2
Darwin	East Point Reserve	190.7	1984	RNE	
Geelong	Eastern Park	75	1851	RNE	
Hobart	Queen's Domain	180	1860	RNE indicative	
Ipswich	Queen's Park	22.8	1858	Qld & RNE	84
Launceston	City Park	6	1863	Tas & RNE partial	
Maribyrnong	Footscray Park	18.3	1911	Vic & RNE	15
Maryborough	Princes Park	25.6	1863	Vic & RNE	5
Melbourne	Carlton Gardens	26	1839	Vic & RNE & NH & WH	
	Fitzroy Gardens	26	1848	Vic & RNE	
	Royal Park	188	1854		1037
	Albert Park	225	1862		384
	Treasury Gardens	5.8	1867	Vic & RNE	8.7
	Yarra Bend Park	223	1877	RNE	
Newcastle	King Edward Park	38	1863	NSW & RNE	
Parramatta	Parramatta Park	88.6	1858	NSW & RNE	99.6
Perth	Kings Park	400.56	1872	WA & RNE	175
Sydney	Hyde Park	16.7	1810*	City of Sydney Env. Plan	23
	The Domain	34	1860	NSW & RNE	
	Moore Park,	140	1866	NSW & RNE	153
	Queen's Park	25	1887	NSW & RNE	
	Centennial Park	220	1888	NSW & RNE	405
Toowoomba	Queen's Park	26.3	1869	Qld & RNE	

Notes:

Dates shown are when gazetted, dedicated or given unrestricted public access as far as can be determined

Figures for acreage can vary slightly depending upon source. Acreage often changes over time.

Data was obtained primarily from State & RNE descriptions. Some data was obtained from Local Council and National Trust sources.

A number of the Parks shown contain Botanic Gardens and the acreage devoted to the Gardens is included in the listed acreage. Listed parks, which contain Botanic Gardens, include the Adelaide Parklands, Eastern Park Geelong, Kings Park Perth.

Adelaide: The Adelaide Parklands have been nominated for State Heritage numerous times since 1986 but these nominations are still pending.

Brisbane: Victoria Park is classified as Cultural Heritage land under the Brisbane City Plan (source Brisbane City Council). The 1865 date was obtained from information in the Queensland Heritage listing - Brisbane Victoria Park Clubhouse.

Canberra: Weston Park is listed together with Yarralumia Nursery on the ACT & RNE listings. The nursery began in 1913. In 1968 the plan for the family recreation area was completed and constructed with roads, paths, tree planting and play equipment following the development of Lake Burley Griffin.

Darwin: East Point Reserve. Part of the reserve is RNE listed as Darwin Foreshores and the East Point Fortifications have their own RNE listing. Gazette date obtained from NT Parks & Wildlife

Geelong: Eastern Park RNE listing is under Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park.

Hobart: Queens Domain has been nominated for Tasmanian Heritage Listing but is not yet registered -Tasmanian Heritage Office

Maribyrnong: Footscray Park size includes an area of floodplain that is not part of the heritage listings.

Maryborough: Princes Park was enlarged from 12 acres to 64 acres in 1895

Melbourne: Yarra Bend Park 1877 date is from gazettal of Studley Park. The area of open space area was enlarged creating Yarra Bend Park by 1926.

Perth: Kings Park was called Perth Park until 1901. It expanded to virtually its present size in 1890

*Sydney: Hyde Park Information obtained from Sydney archives supporting date of 1810 appears credible but is lacking bibliography such as the date and source gazetting Governor MacQuarie's 1810 order.

Sydney: The Domain was originally Governor Phillip's private garden. In the 1830's it had some public access but it was not until 1860 that the public could enter in evenings. The Domain RNE listing appears under Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain.

Sydney: Moore Park, Centennial Park and Queens Park are all listed together under the NSW and RNE Centennial Park listing

Sydney Botanic Gardens: The Gardens were not included in the table. The table is about public urban parks not botanic gardens. While some of the parks listed contain botanic gardens the gardens are a feature of the park rather than the park being ancillary to the garden. In Sydney's case the construction of the Cahill Expressway in 1962 effectively cut off the Domain from the Royal Botanic Gardens. The Gardens are what they are and if botanic gardens are compared with urban parks then we would also need to compare zoos. For the record the Sydney Botanic Gardens were initially lands Governor Phillip reserved from sale in 1792 for the Governors garden and for the Town of Sydney. In 1816 the Gardens were established but they were not open to the public. In Carol Henty's introduction to her book, "For the Peoples Pleasure - Australia's Botanic Gardens", she stated: "In the two earliest gardens, those of Sydney and Hobart, there were official visiting hours and restricted entry, permitting the admittance of respectable citizens only, thus the gardens became symbols of law, order and social status".