

BERWICK SPRINGS LAKE DAY

Sunday 9th November 2025 • 10am-4pm

Let's Celebrate OUR Community!

Join us for a special community celebration at Berwick Springs Lake—the place at the heart of our neighbourhood!

No speeches, no fuss—just neighbours celebrating the Lake that brings us together.

QUICK OVERVIEW



What's Happening

- Family picnic by the Lake (BYO blanket & food)
- Community Lake Walk at 2:30pm (dog-friendly!)
- Berwick Springs Love Ribbons
- Treasure Hunt for all ages
- Kids' drawing & painting activities



What to Bring

- Picnic blanket
- Your food and drinks (extras to share if you'd like!)
- Wear white, green & blue if you can



Why

Because this is OUR community, OUR Lake, and when we come together, beautiful things happen.

All families welcome. All ages.

Come for an hour or stay all day—it's up to you.

ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL

Family Picnic (10am-4pm)

The heart of the day! Find your spot around the Lake, spread out your blanket, and enjoy a relaxed day with family and friends.

What you'll find:

- Open green spaces around the Lake for picnicking
- Community sharing: if you'd like, bring a plate to share with neighbours as they walk past your picnic area!
- Complimentary scones, treats and lollies
- Welcome stickers for all participants at arrival

Tips:

- Arrive early for prime picnic spots
 - Be prepared for weather contingencies – we're talking about Melbourne, after all!
 - Consider bringing outdoor games, books, or activities
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Community Lake Walk (2:30pm)

A gentle, inclusive walk around the full 2.5km Lake circuit—the perfect way to experience our community together.

Details:

- **When:** Assemble at 2:15pm, depart 2:30pm
- **Where:** Lake shore access area
- **Duration:** Approximately 45-60 minutes
- **Pace:** Relaxed stroll, not a race!
- **Accessibility:** Paved paths suitable for all mobility levels

What to know:

- Dogs welcome (must be on leads)
- Volunteer leaders at front and back of group
- All fitness levels and ages welcome
- Feel free to chat with neighbours as you walk!

Can't make 2:30pm? Walk the circuit at your own pace anytime during the day. But do so with pride and the Berwick Springs Community Love sticker! You'll get yours upon arrival.

Berwick Springs Love Ribbons (10am-4pm)

Share what you love about our community by writing a message on a ribbon and tying it to the bridge.

How it works:

1. Visit the Love Ribbons table near the bridge
2. Choose a ribbon (white, green, or blue)
3. Write your message with the markers provided
4. Tie your ribbon to the bridge railing
5. Take a selfie and share with the hashtag #BerwickSpringsLakeDay
6. Watch the installation grow throughout the day!

Message ideas:

- What you love about living in Berwick Springs
- What makes this Community special to you
- Your hope for our Community's future
- A simple word or phrase that represents "home"

Note: Ribbons will remain on the bridge as a visible reminder of community voice and spirit.

Treasure Hunt (10am-4pm)

An educational adventure around the playground area exploring Berwick Springs' heritage, environment, and community values.

Three age categories:

 **Little Explorers (Under 5)** - Simple observation tasks - Drawing activities - Tick boxes - Parent assistance expected

 **Young Discoverers (Ages 6-12)** - Facts and calculations - Short written responses - Mix of observation and thinking questions - Can work independently or with family

 **Community Historians (Ages 13+)** - Reflection questions - Critical thinking - Community values exploration - Deeper engagement with local heritage

How it works:

1. Collect your coloured answer sheet at the START point (look for the main hub)
2. Find numbered cards positioned around the Berwick Springs (all within walking distance and no road crossings involved).

3. Complete the activities on your sheet
4. Return completed sheet to FINISH point
5. Receive your **prize!**

What you'll learn about:

- “The Springs” historical name (used since the 1850s!)
- Over 25 years of community volunteer work
- The natural environment and ecosystem
- Community values like respect, consultation, and persistence
- Physical features and landmarks

Time required: 30-40 minutes depending on age and pace

Bonus: All answer sheets include “Community Voice” questions where you can share your ideas and hopes for Berwick Springs Lake!

Kids' Drawing & Painting (10am-4pm)

Creative expression for children in a designated activity zone near the picnic area.

Weather permitting:

- Sidewalk chalk on marked path sections
- Draw what you LOVE about Berwick Springs Lake
- All materials provided

If it rains:

- Sheltered area with colouring sheets and drawing paper
- Take your artwork home as a souvenir
- Option to email completed drawings for community sharing

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

What to Bring Checklist

Essential:

-  Picnic blanket or mat
-  Food and drinks for your family

-  Sun protection (hat, sunscreen) or rain gear
-  Water bottles

Optional but great:

-  Outdoor games or activities
-  Camera for photos
-  Extra food to share on the community table
-  White, green & blue clothing (if you have it!)
-  Umbrella

For kids:

-  Comfortable walking shoes
 -  Change of clothes (in case they get too creative with chalk!)
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Event Timeline - Your Day at a Glance

10:00am: Community get-together starts

All activities begin!

- Collect your welcome sticker
- Find your picnic spot
- Kids can start the treasure hunt or drawing activities
- Write a Love Ribbon anytime

12:00pm-2:00pm: Peak picnic time

- Enjoy lunch with family and friends
- Continue exploring activities at your pace

2:15pm: Community Walk assembly

- Gather at Lake shore access area

2:30pm: Community Walk begins

- 45-60 minute gentle stroll around the Lake

3:30pm-4:00pm – Wrap up

- Last chance to complete treasure hunt
- Add your Love Ribbon
- Enjoy the afternoon

4:00pm - Activities close - Thank you for celebrating community with us!

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a free event?

Yes! Completely free. All activities, prizes, and treats are provided at no cost.

Do I need to RSVP?

No RSVP required—this is YOUR Lake, YOUR community.
Just turn up anytime between 10am-4pm!

Do I need to register?

No formal registration is required, but please collect your Berwick Springs Community Love sticker upon arrival. It helps us gauge participation and creates a sense of togetherness. Bring your whole family—everyone gets one!

What if it rains?

The event proceeds in light rain. We have weather contingencies for activities. Only severe storms would cause postponement (check Facebook for last minute updates).

Is the event accessible?

Yes! Paved paths around the Lake are suitable for wheelchairs and prams. All activities are designed to be inclusive.

Can I bring my dog?

Dogs are very welcome on the Community Walk (must be on leads). Please be mindful of other families during picnic and activity times.

Where do I park?

Street parking is available around Berwick Springs Lake. We encourage walking or cycling from nearby homes if possible.

What if I can only come for a short time?

Perfect! This is a come-and-go event. Stay for 30 minutes or 6 hours—whatever suits your family.

Are there toilets?

Yes, public toilets are available at the playground area on the south end of Berwick Springs, near the tennis courts.

Can I take photos?

Absolutely! We encourage you to capture memories and share using #BerwickSpringsLakeDay. Please be respectful of other families' privacy.

I want to volunteer. How do I help?

Email us at info@berwicksprings.com.au - we'd love your support!

What happens if my child doesn't finish the treasure hunt?

No worries! There are no "wrong" answers and everyone who participates gets a prize. It's about learning and having fun; no grading involved!

Can I still add a Love Ribbon after the event?

The Love Ribbons activity runs 10am-4pm on Sunday.

The ribbons will remain on the bridge after the event, so you'll be able to see and enjoy the community's LOVE messages long after the day!

Unfortunately, we won't have materials available after Sunday, but you're welcome to enjoy seeing what others have shared.

LOCATION & FACILITIES

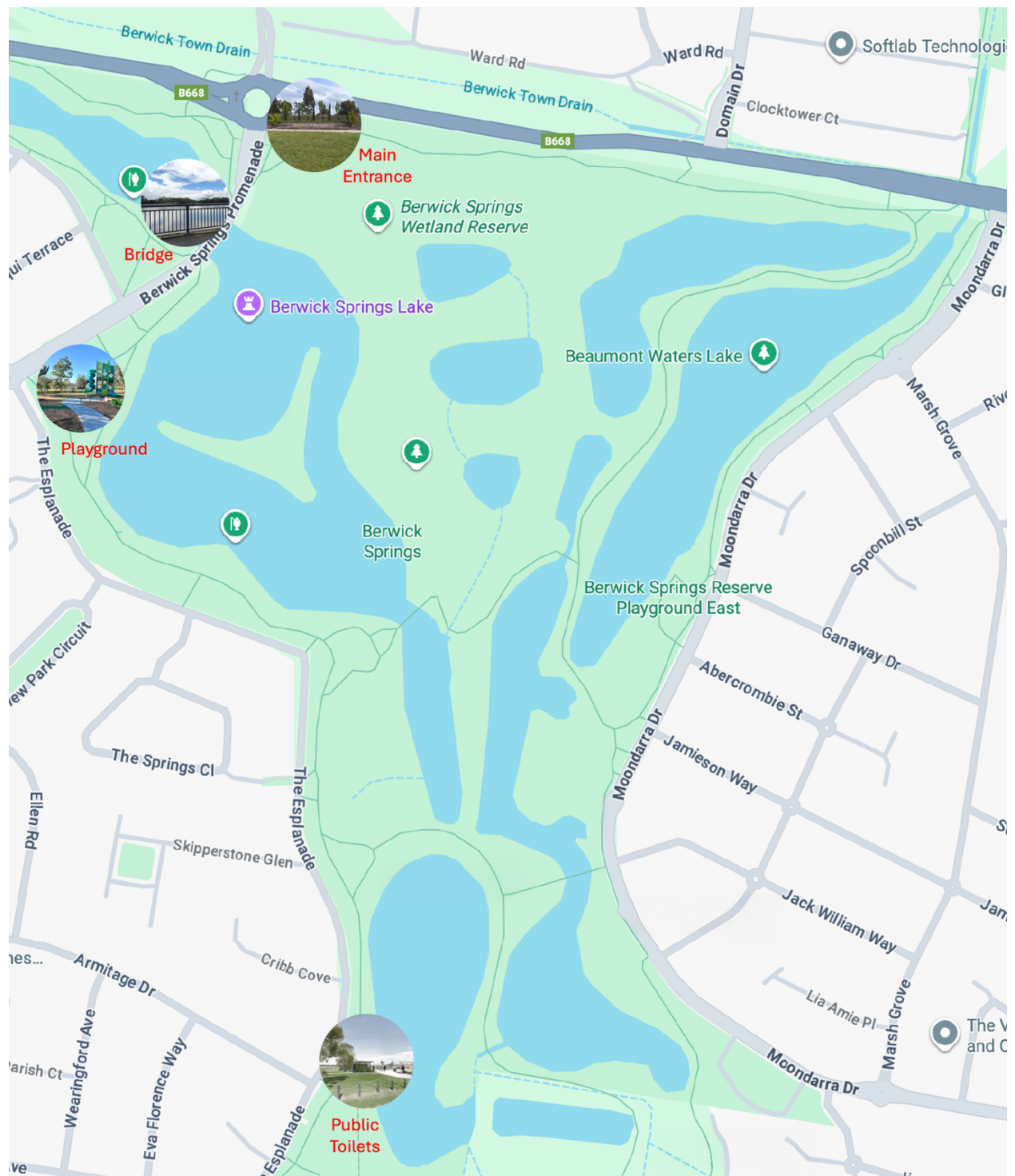
Address: Berwick Springs Lake Reserve, Berwick Springs (main access via Greaves Road)

Key locations:

- **Main entrance:** Greaves Road
- **Playground:** Central hub for treasure hunt and activities
- **Bridge:** Berwick Springs Love Ribbons activity
- **Lake circuit path:** 2.5km paved walking path

Facilities:

- Public toilets (south-end playground area)
 - Some picnic tables
 - Drinking fountains
 - Shaded areas and open spaces
 - Playground equipment
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WEATHER UPDATE

We're monitoring the forecast closely! Current outlook suggests possible showers.

Our plan:

-  Event proceeds in light rain
-  Rain contingencies in place for all activities
-  Only severe storms would cause postponement

Check for updates:

- **Facebook page:** Sunday morning by 8am
- **Website:** Updates posted here if needed

Back-up date (if needed): Sunday 16th November, same time

STAY CONNECTED

During the event:

- Look for volunteers in Berwick Springs Community branded items
- Check signage around the Lake for activity locations
- Listen for gentle announcements (if needed)

Questions before the event?

Email: info@berwicksprings.com.au

Follow along:

- **Facebook:** Berwick Springs Community
 - **Hashtag:** #BerwickSpringsLakeDay
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WHY BERWICK SPRINGS LAKE DAY?

For 25 years, this community has cared for Berwick Springs Lake through volunteer work, advocacy, and coming together in both celebration and challenge.

This gathering is an affirmative celebration of:

-  Our shared spaces and natural environment
-  Community spirit and neighbourly connection
-  The democratic principle that community voices matter
-  25 years of collective care for this beautiful place

No speeches, no fuss—just neighbours celebrating the Lake that brings us together.

Everyone welcome. All ages. All backgrounds. **Our community, our Lake.**

AFTER THE EVENT

Can't wait to see how the day unfolds?

We'll be sharing:

- Photo highlights on Facebook
- Community responses from the Treasure Hunt questions
- Impact summary (how many participated, ribbons tied, etc.)
- Plans for making this an annual tradition!

Your feedback matters:

After the event, we'd love to hear what you enjoyed and any suggestions for future gatherings.

See you Sunday 9th November! 🌳💙

Want to Help Your Community?

Email us at info@berwicksprings.com.au

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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