



COMMONWEALTH PARK

Introduction

1. Commonwealth Park is the parkland on the northern foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin, between Commonwealth Avenue and Kings Park, the eastern boundary being the eastern edge of the Rond Terraces.
2. The various individual venues within the Park are as follows:
 - a. the National Capital Exhibition,
 - b. the Picnic Shelter,
 - c. Stage 88,
 - d. the Rhododendron Gardens,
 - e. Nerang Pool,
 - f. the Marsh Gardens,
 - g. the Amphitheatre,
 - h. the Waterfalls,
 - i. the Pergola,
 - j. the Rond Terraces, and
 - k. the National Emergency Services Memorial.

Booking a Venue

3. Bookings for a venue (less the National Capital Exhibition and the Canberra Business Promotion Centre) may be made through the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.

National Capital Exhibition

4. The National Capital Exhibition is occupied by three different organisations. The Exhibition and shop are controlled by the National Capital Authority, whilst the Canberra Business Promotion Centre is licensed to the ACT Government. The Restaurant is leased to a private operator.
5. Requests to use the Exhibition's Apron and/or Forecourt are to be directed to the Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919. Requests to use the Exhibition (including the southern balcony) should be directed to the Exhibition's Facilities Manager on (02) 6257 1068. Requests to use the Canberra Business Promotion Centre are to be directed to the Centre's Manager on (02) 6207 7394.
6. When conducting an event within the vicinity of the Exhibition the following restrictions apply:
 - a. no promotional signs and/or banners are to be attached to the Exhibition's front wall, the Exhibition building or to the buildings balconies or railings;
 - b. no vehicles or works are to be set-up in the Exhibition's Forecourt, on either side of the road in front of the Exhibition, or on the unsealed island across from the Exhibition; and
 - c. the Exhibition's toilets, power, water and other utilities are not available for use by the event's organisers or spectators.

7. It is imperative that an event staged within the vicinity of the National Capital Exhibition building does not, in any way, interfere with the public access to either the Exhibition's Display, the Business Promotion Centre or the Restaurant.

Facilities

Picnic Shelter

8. The Picnic Shelter is located next to the children's play ground at Regatta Point. The shelter contains two power points that do not require keys.

Stage 88 Area

9. Stage 88 is located at the western end of the Park. There is no charge for the use of the stage area or the area around the Stage; however, use of the Stage's facilities is limited to staged public events (eg. concerts, festivals, plays, shows, etc) and incurs a rental charge of \$220 per day.

10. Stage 88 itself is addressed in a separate information sheet.

The Rhododendron Gardens

11. The Rhododendron Gardens are located along the path leading down from the National Capital Exhibition to Nerang Pool.

Nerang Pool

12. Nerang Pool is located centrally within the Park.

The Marsh Gardens

13. The Marsh Gardens are located centrally within the Park to the north of Nerang Pool.

The Amphitheatre

14. The amphitheatre is situated at the eastern end of Nerang Pool and accommodates approximately 250 people. The theatre has fluorescent lights at the rear of the seating and two sets of flush foot-lights at the rear of the stage area.

The Waterfalls

15. The Waterfalls area is located to the south of the chess board and runs into the eastern side of Nerang Pool.

The Pergola

16. The Sybil Howy Irving Memorial Pergola is located to the west of the Rond Terraces. The roofing of the pergola consists of Wisteria vines.

The Rond Terraces

17. The Rond Terraces are situated in an open space area at the southern end of Anzac Parade. They are in direct line between the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House (the Land Axis) and, as such, no structures may be positioned in the area. All temporary structures must be positioned on the grassed flanks of the Terraces.

The National Emergency Services Memorial

18. The National Emergency Services Memorial is situated to the east of the Rond Terraces.

Weddings and Confetti

19. Inquires about arrangements to hold weddings should be made through the Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.

20. Rose petals are the only accepted form of confetti.

Vehicle Access

21. Vehicles may be granted permission to enter the Park to deliver or pick-up equipment, however, vehicles are not to remain in the Park; all vehicles are to be parked in the formal parking areas. Vehicles are required to keep to the formal roads and tracks and the maximum speed limit for vehicles within the Park is 10 kph.

22. There are five vehicle entry points into Commonwealth Park and they are at the following locations:

- a. a boom gate running-off the eastern side of Regatta Place (operated by a remote control or a keyed-in code);
- b. a key operated gate on the western side of the Rond Terraces car park;
- c. a key operated gate on Wendouree Drive (near Blundell's Cottage);
- d. key operated bollards in the Parkes Way underpass (near the amphitheatre); and
- e. key operated bollards running-off Barrine Drive (to the west of the Terrestrial Globe).

23. The keys and the remote control devices are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer (02) 6272 2919 (the code to the boom gate is not made available to the public). A bond of \$25 is levied on keys/remotes issued by the Authority and the bond is refunded when keys are returned to the Authority by the agreed time.

24. The key operated bollards at the National Capital Exhibition are controlled by the Exhibition staff and are only removed for Exhibition related events.

Car Parks

25. Authorised car parking areas in Commonwealth Park are as follows:

- a. a main car park at Regatta Place: 247 vehicles (at the far western side of Commonwealth Park);
- b. a small car park off Parkes Way: 75 vehicles (above the Rond Terraces); and
- c. a small car park off Barrine Drive: 22 Vehicles (below Commonwealth Avenue Bridge).

Power

26. There are a variety of power points throughout the Park, including the amphitheatre and the picnic shelter. There is no charge for the use of the outlets and access keys are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919. A bond of \$25 is levied on keys issued by the Authority and the bond is refunded when keys are returned to the Authority by the agreed time. The Park's power sources are as follows:

Area	Power Type	Qty
Rond Terraces	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	8
	1 x single 15 amp 240 v	6
Stage 88 Area	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	13
Waterfall / Pergola	3 x single 15 amp 240 v	4
Amphitheatre	1 x single 10 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	1
	1 x single 10 amp 240 v	2
	1 x 3 phase 30 amp 415 v	1
Nat'l Emergency Svc's Mem'l	1 x 3 phase 30 amp 415 v / 3 x double 15 amp 240 v	1
Western Sector	1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x single 15 amp 240 v	12
Picnic Shelter	1 x single 20 amp 240 v	2
Western Car Park	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	4

27. The power outlets in Stage 88 are addressed in a separate information sheet.

Water

28. There are a number of water taps within the Park. There is no charge for the use of these outlets.

Public Toilets

29. Public toilets within Commonwealth Park are at the following locations:

- a. to the east of the Amphitheatre;
- b. to the western side of the Commonwealth Park Depot (near Stage 88); and
- c. at the Picnic Shelter.

30. The toilets are available from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm (9.00 pm during daylight saving).

31. The toilets in the vicinity of the Picnic Shelter (adjacent to the National Capital Exhibition) are not designed for use by large numbers of event participants or spectators.

Barbecues

32. There are no barbecue facilities in Commonwealth Park.

Structures

33. Temporary structures (works) may be erected within Commonwealth Park in association with an event. However, any such structures require the prior approval, in writing, of the National Capital Authority. An Application for Works Approval should be submitted to the Authority at least 21 days prior to the event. Structures (works) include marquees, tents, sun-shelters, fencing, barricades, amusements (eg. jumping castles), stages, dais's, signs, banners, port-a-loos, buoys etc. A Works Approval Application usually attracts a modest fee.

34. Chairs, tables, and decorations are permitted and do not require a works approval; however, they must be removed immediately following the event.

35. Application forms for a works approval and/or a permit to use Unleased Commonwealth Land may be obtained from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.

Captain Cook Jet

36. The Captain Cook Jet is situated in the northwest corner of the Lake's Central Basin. The Jet's normal operational times are as follows:

- a. 10.00 am – 12 noon;
- b. 2.00 – 4.00 pm; and
- c. 7.00 – 9.00 pm (during daylight saving only).

37. The Jet's times may, for various reasons, change and the Jet may be switched-off during high winds, especially where the spray is being blown towards Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

38. Event organisers may request that the Jet be turned on, or off, for a particular activity, however, the operation will incur a fee.

Camping

39. Camping within the Park is not permitted at anytime.

Floriade

40. The ACT Government's annual Floriade Spring Festival is staged in the western half of Commonwealth Park from mid-September until mid-October. However, the setting-up and reinstatement of the site occurs over a much larger period, usually from late April until early December. Consequently the area used by Floriade is not available for other events during this time.