

Tali Karng – Alpine National Park

Visitor Guide



Tali Karng is a hidden jewel nestled deep in the mountains of Gippsland, fed by snowmelt waters of the Wellington Plains. The lake is believed to have been formed about 1500 years ago when a massive rock slide collapsed into the valley damming the waters of Nigothoruk Creek above Wellington River. The water runs underground from the lake to emerge as the infant Wellington River 150m below in the Valley of Destruction.



Welcome to Country

The first occupiers of this area were the Gunaikurnai people, most likely member of the Brayakaulung clan. Aboriginal people guided many European explorers and gold miners through the mountains along well used pathways, which eventually formed some of today's road and track network.

Tali Karng is a sacred place to the Gunaikurnai and in keeping with their law, Aboriginal people are forbidden to go there.

Aboriginal people do not oppose non-indigenous people visiting Tali Karng as long as they treat the area with respect. Camping at the lake is disrespectful to Aboriginal people, so please treat the area with care as you pass by the lake and camp elsewhere.

Getting there

The nearest town is Licola. To get there, take Princes Highway to Traralgon, turn off to Heyfield and on to Licola.

Things to see and do

Walking

Tali Karng is accessible via walking tracks, each offering a different type of landscape. Choose the easier 13km (each way) walking track, or the longer, more challenging route – either way, you need to be fit and self-sufficient.



Tali Karng via Wellington Plains – Grade 4, 13km each way, 4 hours to the lake, 5 hours back.

This is the easiest route to the lake, which begins at McFarlane Saddle Carpark on the Moroka Road, 60 km from Licola. The walk follows a well-defined track across Wellington Plains for 9 km to Nyimba Camp before reaching Gillios Track branching off to the south. This track is about 4 km long, and although steep, is well graded down to the lake.



Tali Karng via Wellington River & Clive Lanigan Track – Grade 4, 17km each way, 7 hours to the lake, 6 hours back.

This route begins at the third bridge over the Wellington River, about 22 km north of Licola (sealed road). The route follows the Wellington River upstream for 17 km, crossing the river 16 times. These crossings may be hazardous if the river level is high. Continue past Riggall Spur Track to Clive Lanigan Track, which climbs steeply through the Valley of Destruction and on to the Lake. A slightly longer alternative route is via Riggall Spur Track up to Echo Point. From here it is a 1 km walk down to the lake.



Tali Karng via Mt Margaret – Grade 5, 20km each way, 10 hours to the lake, 9 hours back.

This is an unmaintained, unmarked self-sufficient walk. Sections of this walk contain thick vegetation and walkers attempting this track must be experienced in navigation and emergency first aid.

Start from the Tamboritha Road, approximately 4 km from Licola. Climb over Mt Margaret to the Dolodrook River where there is a campsite and water. From here, it is another 3.5 km to the Wellington River via Brandy Pinch Track, then on to the lake.

Camping

Camping is available at Nyimba Camp near at the southern end of the Wellington Plains walking track or below the lake in the Valley of Destruction along the Wellington River. Please do not camp at the lake. It is a day walk from Nyimba Camp to Tali Karng and return without heavy packs.

Fires are permitted in fireplaces at Nyimba camp. Tali Karng is a fuel stove only area and no fires are permitted within a 1km radius of the lake. There is a toilet at Nyimba Camp and Nigothoruk Creek nearby is a potential source of water. Be prepared with plenty of food and water before setting off on any long-distance walk.

Be prepared and stay safe

Tali Karng is in the West & South Gippsland fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

Firewood supplies are limited, so the use of camping stoves is preferred. Do not leave fires unattended. Extinguish fire with water.

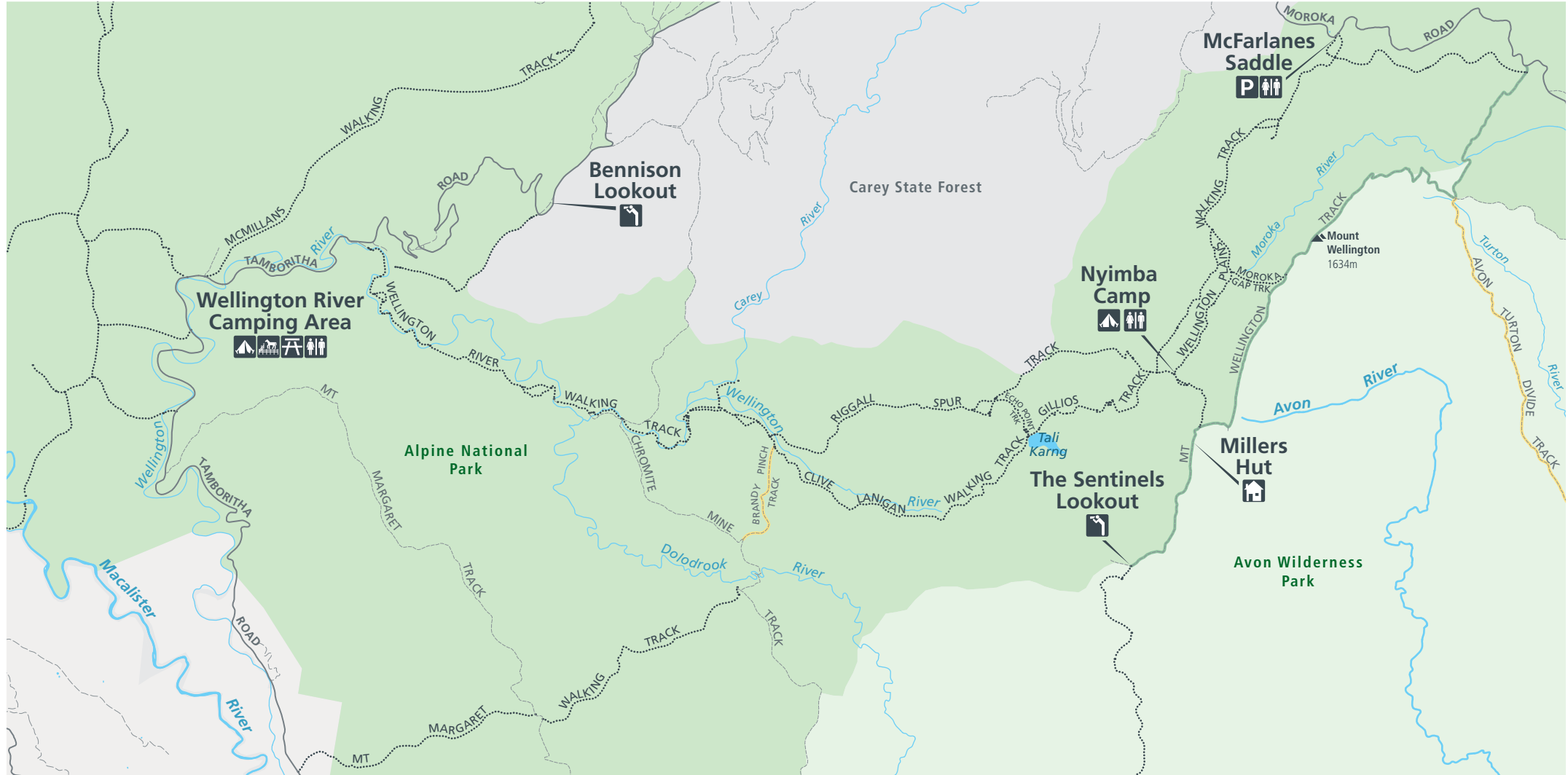
Weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas. Snowfalls can happen at any time of the year. Always be prepared with:




















- warm clothing, including wind and waterproof jacket
- gloves, hat, sunglasses and strong footwear
- first aid kit and sunscreen
- energy food and water
- compass and relevant topographical map

Before you go, let someone know where you are going, and when you expect to return. Please keep your group small (4 - 8 people).

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|  Camping area |  Lookout |  Main road |  4WD track |  Minor river |  Alpine National Park |
|  Toilets |  Stable |  Sealed road |  Vehicle management only | |  Other park |
|  Picnic table |  Historical hut |  Unsealed road |  Seasonal road closure | |  Public land |
|  Parking | |  Walking track |  Major river | | |

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