

Wilsons Promontory National Park



Tidal River Accommodation and Camping Guide

Wilsons Promontory National Park offers a wide range of roofed accommodation including Cabins, Huts, Group Lodges and the award winning Wilderness Retreats. Tidal River is also the main camping location in Wilsons Promontory National Park. All camping and accommodation facilities at Tidal River are within walking distance of Norman Beach.

2011 flood recovery advice

- Wilsons Promontory National Park sustained extensive flood damage following major storms on 22 March 2011.
- Some parts of the Prom remain closed due to flood damage. Closed tracks and facilities will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so. For your safety and to help the Prom recover, please abide by these closures.

Accommodation options

Wilderness Retreats

Located in a tranquil corner of Tidal River, these contemporary safari-style tents with built-in ensembles cater for couples, but can accommodate up to four people.

Features

- Queen sized bed, single futon chair/bed, single trundle bed
- Small fridge
- Deck and outdoor chairs
- Linen and towels are provided
- Communal kitchen with gas hotplate, fridge, microwave, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils
- Gas heating

Cabins

Cabins accommodate up to six people. They feature natural light and a timber deck area for outdoor relaxation. Facilities in two cabins are suitable for people with disabilities.

Features

- Spacious living area and fully equipped kitchen with microwave and two small fridges
- One bedroom with queen sized bed and one bedroom with two bunk beds
- Linen and towels are provided
- Bathroom, most with a bath tub
- Gas heating

Lorikeet Units

Due to major flood damage, the Lorikeet units are unavailable for accommodation bookings.

Huts

These one room huts can accommodate either four or six people in bunk beds. Guests provide their own linen, blankets, pillow and towels and make use of the nearby campground amenities.

Features

- 4 burner stove with oven/grill
- Small fridge
- Sink with cold water
- Crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils
- Linen and towel hire is available on request
- Gas heating

Group Lodges

- Perfect for schools, family groups, clubs and tour groups. Lodges can accommodate groups of 12, 24 or 30 people. Blankets and pillows are supplied however guests provide their own linen and towels.

Features

- Central dining/living area
- Fully equipped kitchen, with microwave
- Linen and towel hire is available on request
- Bathrooms (some with facilities for people with disabilities)
- Gas heating and BBQ.

Tidal River facilities

- The Tidal River Visitor Centre is open daily from 8.30am - 4.30pm.
- Campground facilities include amenity blocks, a playground and picnic areas with tables and free gas barbecues. Fresh drinking water is available
- Tidal River General Store stocks milk, bread, ice, gas refills and souvenirs, along with a basic range of supermarket and emergency items. Hot and cold food is available from the takeaway at the Store.

For further information

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call **13 1963**
or visit the
Parks Victoria website
www.parks.vic.gov.au

Regional Visitor Information Centres

To find out about other attractions in South Gippsland or to book accommodation outside the Prom, visit www.visitpromcountry.com.au or contact the Prom Country Information Centre 1800 630 704 or (03) 5655 2233 7 days, 9am - 5pm

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Firearms, dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited within the park.

It is an offence to feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife encourage aggressive behaviour in animals and birds and is bad for their health.

All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites in the park are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.

Stay on formed walking tracks at all times.

Off road vehicle use (including motorcycles) is not permitted.

Please take all your rubbish with you.

Please do not throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use, or recycle it

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Accommodation bookings and information

- Bookings can be made up to 12 months in advance from the date of arrival, excluding the Christmas/January ballot period.
- Check-in time for Wilderness Retreats, Cabins and Huts is 2.00 pm. Check-out is by 10.00 am.
- Check-in time for Group Lodges is 4.00 pm. Check-out is by 12 noon.
- Full fees are required at the time of booking.
- All bookings and payments are non transferable.
- Group bookings can be made and paid for by one person, provided that at the time the booking is made, each retreat/cabin/hut/ lodge/ unit has the contact details of a person who is staying in the accommodation.
- Parks Victoria does not accept any responsibility for damage or loss of property during your stay.
- Guests are advised to make their own travel insurance arrangements.

Camping

There are currently 484 campsites available at Tidal River campground, all beautifully situated near the beach. Twenty of these sites are powered and pre-booking is advisable. The maximum number of people per site, including children, is eight.

All camping equipment, vehicles, trailers and boats must be parked on your site and must not block road access or damage vegetation.

Generators and fires, including solid fuel heating compounds, are not permitted. A dump point is available. Maps are available at the Tidal River Visitor Centre.

Campground facilities include modern amenity blocks with toilets and hot showers, laundry facilities, dishwashing stations, a playground and picnic areas equipped with free gas barbecues.

Unallocated campsites can be pre-booked throughout the year with the exception of long weekends and the Christmas ballot. For further information please call 13 1963 or 03 5680 9555.

Long weekends (camping only)

Campsites for the following long weekends can only be obtained by application.

- Melbourne Cup weekend
- Labour Day weekend
- Easter

For further information please check the Parks Victoria website: www.parks.vic.gov.au

For customers without internet access, please call **13 1963** for further information.

Pre-booking campsites for the remainder of the year is recommended.

Christmas ballot

Accommodation and camping at Tidal River is allocated using a ballot system for the peak Christmas holiday season.

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Cancellation fees

Cancellation fees apply to all bookings. For further information please refer to *Booking and Permit Conditions*.

Wildlife

It is an offence to feed, offer food or leave food out for wildlife. Feeding wildlife is not only bad for their health – it could also be bad for your pocket, as a penalty applies.

Visitors feeding wildlife, especially wombats and rosellas in Tidal River, have created serious park management issues.

Campers have had their tents *destroyed* by wombats searching for 'people food'. Campers are encouraged to store all food in vehicles or strong boxes. Do not leave food scraps around campsites.

Be prepared

- There is no fuel at Tidal River. The nearest fuel supply is at Yanakie, Fish Creek and Foster townships (approx 30-45 minutes drive)
- Camp fires are not permitted. Use a gas or fuel stove for cooking.
- We recommend all visitors have Ambulance Services membership or insurance that covers the cost of ambulance transport.

In an emergency

If you require emergency assistance phone **000** for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services.



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