

Triplet Falls

Great Otway National Park



Walk Guide

Triplet Falls is one of the most spectacular and enchanting waterfalls in the Great Otway National Park. Nestled amongst the ancient forests of Mountain Ash and Myrtle Beech, you will discover three distinct and impressive cascades flowing through shady rainforests and glades of mossy tree ferns.



Listen for the soft, musical song of the scrub-wren busy hunting around the forest floor.



Triplet Falls Walk

Distance: 2km Time: 1hr loop

Steep steps – unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

Enjoy the history and story of this rainforest, as told by the signs that lead you around the walk.

Look for the giant Mountain Ash trees along the way. Some of these trees are estimated to be over 200 years old and have generated from a seed the size of a grain of sand.

Listen for the falls as you walk through the ancient forest on a series of elevated walkways. Platforms provide you with spectacular views of Triplet Falls' lower and upper cascades.

Youngs Creek flows to the falls from Weeapoinah, which has the state's highest average annual rainfall of almost two metres. The falls are even more spectacular after rain.

Stay on the path while looking for the different mosses and fungi growing on the forest floor. They play an important role in maintaining this rainforest.



Little Aire Walk

Distance: 4.5km Time: 2hr return

This walk leads off the Triplet Falls track and passes through spectacular rainforest along an old logging winch line. View the falls from an eight metre platform.

Rich in history

The completion of the Colac-Beech Forest-Crowes railway opened up the rugged and remote west Otways to logging operations in 1902. The surrounding area was once home to Knott's No 1 sawmill. Relics of this era are evident along the walk.

Built in 1908 by Melbourne timber merchant, G.W. Knott, this mill was one of the most productive in the area. He later sold the mill to the War Service Homes Commission in 1920.

The mill processed over 3,600 tons of centuries old Mountain Ash per year, producing timber for the homes of servicemen returning from World War One.

As you stand amongst the forest and sawmill relics, it is hard to imagine the industry that was sustained in this area for more than 20 years.

Caring for Country

Through their rich culture, Aboriginal people have been intrinsically connected to Country for tens of thousand of years. Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas.

All historical and cultural remains in parks are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.



Old Beechy Rail Trail

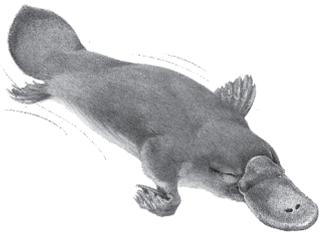
Early last century a narrow gauge railway was constructed from Colac to Beech Forest and later extended to Crowes (2.5km west of Lavers Hill).

You can enjoy the heritage of this mountain railway, as it is now a trail for walkers and cyclists on the section linking Colac and Beech Forest.

How to get there

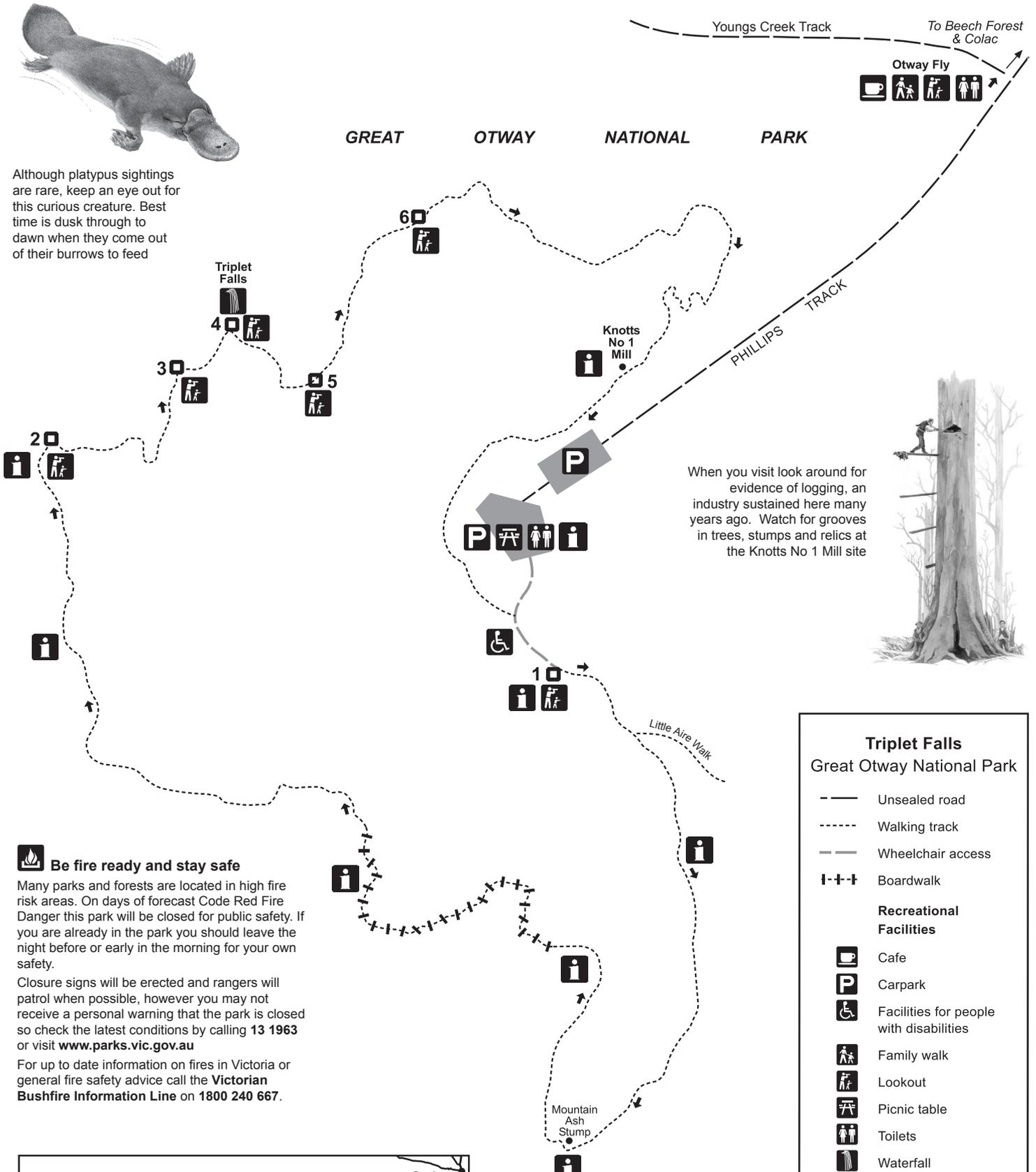
Triplet Falls is 200km from Melbourne via Colac and Gellibrand, or 70km from Apollo Bay. Follow the signs from the Beech Forest - Lavers Hill Road, the falls are 3km past the Otway Fly.





Although platypus sightings are rare, keep an eye out for this curious creature. Best time is dusk through to dawn when they come out of their burrows to feed

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When you visit look around for evidence of logging, an industry sustained here many years ago. Watch for grooves in trees, stumps and relics at the Knotts No 1 Mill site

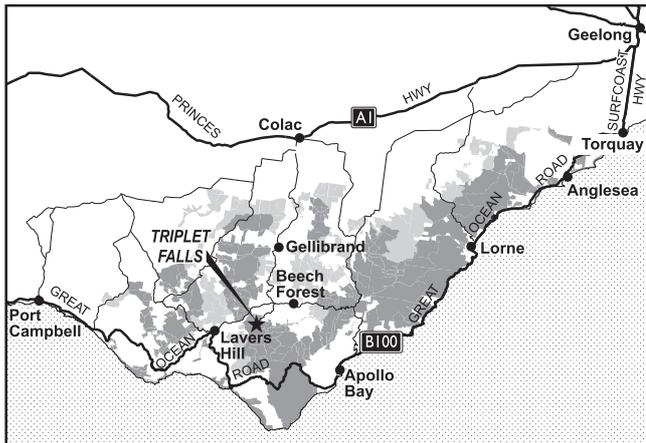


Be fire ready and stay safe

Many parks and forests are located in high fire risk areas. On days of forecast Code Red Fire Danger this park will be closed for public safety. If you are already in the park you should leave the night before or early in the morning for your own safety.

Closure signs will be erected and rangers will patrol when possible, however you may not receive a personal warning that the park is closed so check the latest conditions by calling **13 1963** or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667**.



Be Safe Be Prepared

- Wear sturdy footwear with good tread, hat and sunscreen
- Always carry drinking water
- Keep to defined walking tracks and resist temptation to take short cuts
- Photo opportunities exist along the walk, please do not leave the track as this causes damage to vegetation
- Avoid bushwalking on days of high fire danger or Total Fire Ban
- Disabled access is to first viewing platform only

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- Unsealed road
- - - - - Walking track
- - - - - Wheelchair access
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Recreational Facilities

- Cafe
- Carpark
- Facilities for people with disabilities
- Family walk
- Lookout
- Picnic table
- Toilets
- Waterfall
- Park Information

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