

Mount Donna Buang



Yarra Ranges National Park

At an elevation of 1245 metres, Mt Donna Buang offers panoramic views over Melbourne, the Yarra Valley, Dandenong and Cathedral Ranges, Mount Baw Baw and the Alps. While on the mountain you can take in a rainforest experience and even walk through the tree tops at the spectacular Rainforest Gallery. In winter the mountain offers the closest and most accessible snow to Melbourne for family snow-play and tobogganing.



Eastern Yellow Robin

Rainforest Gallery

This beautiful site features a 40 metre long observation platform (one of only three of its type in Australia) which takes you into the rainforest canopy 15 metres above the ground. A 350 metre long elevated walkway takes you through the Rainforest Gallery where you will see magnificent 65 metre tall old growth Mountain Ash trees, ancient Myrtle Beech trees (many of which are 300 to 400 years old), ferns, mosses and other plants that make up this damp and diverse rainforest environment. There are several viewing spots along the walkway where you can pause and enjoy the sounds of Cement Creek flowing past on its journey to the Yarra River.

Mountain Drive

As you drive towards the summit, watch out for Superb Lyrebirds which can often be seen foraging on the roadside, particularly in the cooler months. Take time to admire views of Warburton and the Yarra Valley from the vantage points located along the way.

Walks

(Times are estimates only. Allow more time if starting from the bottom or in inclement weather)

1. *Mt Donna Buang to 10 Mile Picnic Area*
1.2km, 30 minutes - Moderate
2. *Mt Donna Buang to the Rainforest Gallery*
3km, 1.5 hours - Moderate/Hard
3. *Mt Donna Buang to Mt Boobyalla*
2.5km, 1.5 hours - Moderate
4. *Mt Donna Buang return via Mt Victoria and 10 Mile*
6km, 3 hours - Moderate

Mt Donna Buang summit

The summit features a lookout tower which is 21 metres high and gives panoramic views across the park and way beyond. It is also a popular picnic area and starting point for walks on the mountain.

In winter the summit area turns to snow play and three toboggan runs are opened. Toboggan hire and hot food available at the summit gate during the snow season.

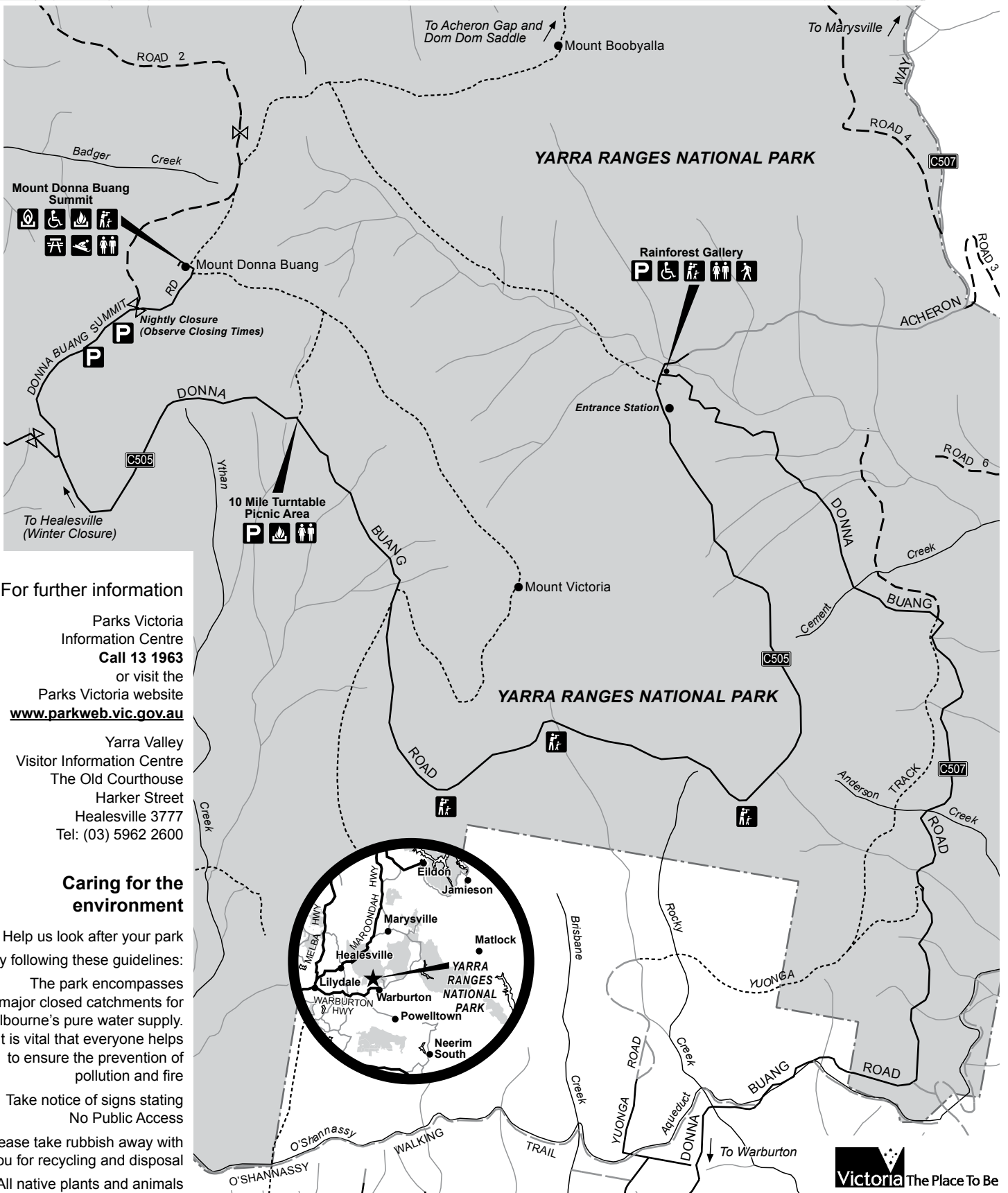
Car parking is available at the summit through the day, however the summit gate is locked in the evening and when there is snow. At these times car parking is available at the gate and the summit can be accessed by a 300 metre walk along the road.

How to get there

From Melbourne follow the Maroondah Highway through Lilydale turning right onto the Warburton Highway. After the Warburton township follow the signs left up Mount Donna Buang to the Rainforest Gallery, 10 Mile Picnic Area and the Mt Donna Buang summit.

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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

The park encompasses major closed catchments for Melbourne's pure water supply. It is vital that everyone helps to ensure the prevention of pollution and fire

Take notice of signs stating No Public Access

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal

All native plants and animals are protected by law. Please do not disturb them in any way

Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the Park

Light fires only in fireplaces provided

Portable barbecues must be in portable barbecue areas

Feeding of birds and other wildlife is not permitted

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited

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	Sealed road		BBQ-Gas		Picnic table
	Unsealed road		Carpark		Tobogganing
	Vehicle track		Facilities for people with disabilities		Toilets
	Walking track		Fireplace		Walking
	Seasonally Closed Gate		Lookout		
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Recreational Facilities

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