

# Wilson's Promontory National Park



## Historic Lighthouse and Residences

Perched on a small peninsula jutting out into the wild seas of Bass Strait, the Wilson's Promontory Lighthouse and its historic residences are the southern most settlement on the Australian mainland. The Lightstation is a perfect place to witness the Prom's rugged coastal environment while staying in an oasis of comfortable accommodation.

### History of the Lightstation

Wilson's Promontory Lightstation was established to improve maritime safety. The Lighthouse was completed in 1859. Built of granite from a nearby quarry, it stands 19 metres tall.

The four cottages adjacent to the Lighthouse were built to accommodate the lighthouse keepers and their families. Some buildings date back to 1859.

In 1993 the light was automated and is now solar powered, only requiring an annual service.

### A unique walk...

Part of the appeal of the Lightstation is its remoteness as visitors can only reach it on foot.

Walkers can choose between the inland route via Telegraph Saddle car park (19.1 km one way) or the partial coastal route from Tidal River via Oberon Bay (23.8 km one way).

Sections of walking track before and after Roaring Meg provide an alternative to walking on the management road. The walking track is uneven in places so is more difficult to walk than the management road.

Once the outward journey is complete, guests can experience the atmosphere and history of this magnificent Lighthouse, with its backdrop of breathtaking coastal scenery and grandeur. A two night stay allows you to soak in the surrounds while resting before the return journey.

### ...to the comfort of cottage accommodation

Wake up to a view that you may have only dreamt about. The cottages have been tastefully refurbished with a mix of original features and modern conveniences.

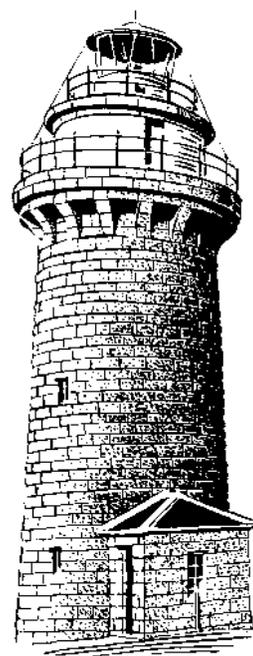
The original residence of the Chief Lighthouse Keeper has been restored to its original condition and includes many heritage features.

The cottages are available for individual and group bookings for one or two nights. All cottages have shared lounge, dining and bathroom facilities. Kitchens are fully equipped with stove/oven, microwave, fridge, cutlery and crockery. Bedrooms sleep 2 - 4 people in bunk beds. Accommodation is booked per bed, meaning that guests may find themselves sharing a bedroom with others.

### Tours for guests

A guided tour of the Lighthouse is an excellent way to learn more about the Prom's fascinating maritime history. There is a limit of 10 people per tour. Please book at the Lightstation on arrival.

Lighthouse tours are subject to staff availability and may be cancelled without notice if weather conditions are unfavourable.



Wilson's Promontory Lighthouse ©RA

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Tidal River Visitor Centre  
Call **(03) 5680 9555** or email  
[wprom@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:wprom@parks.vic.gov.au)

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All native plants, animals,  
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law. Please do not disturb  
them in any way.

Please do not feed or offer  
food to any wildlife.

For your own safety and to  
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walking tracks.

The waters surrounding  
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## Things to remember

- A maximum two night stay applies to Lightstation accommodation.
- You *must* check-in at the Visitor Centre at Tidal River prior to departure.
- Check-in time is between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm and check-out time is 10.00 am.
- The cottages must be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- Bring your own sleeping bag.
- Alternatively, you can pre-book and pay for a doona through the Visitor Centre prior to arrival but you *must* bring your own sheets.
- Pillows and pillowcases are provided.
- You must supply your own towel, food and drinks. Carry lightweight food and remove excess packaging before you depart.
- For the enjoyment of others the maximum group size is 12 people.

## Be prepared

- Start your walk at least six hours prior to sunset. It is *essential* that all hikers arrive *before* dark.
- The walk to the Lightstation is 19.1 km (one way) from Telegraph Saddle car park or 23.8 km (one way) from Tidal River via Oberon Bay.
- Think long and hard about what you are capable of doing *before* you book accommodation at the Lightstation.
- Try a practice walk of the same length along an undulating bush track whilst carrying a backpack to gauge your ability to walk this distance.
- Carry sufficient drinking water for your walk.
- Wear sturdy walking boots and carry a sun hat, sun screen and waterproof clothing.
- Check the latest weather forecast.
- If you require emergency assistance phone **000** for Police, Ambulance or Fire. Mobile Phone coverage cannot be relied upon.
- For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/injury, injured wildlife, significant disturbance and critical maintenance issues) contact the Lightstation manager or the Tidal River Duty Officer (24 hours) on **1300 247 594**.
- Wilsons Promontory National Park will close on days of declared Code Red Fire Danger for the West & South Gippsland Total Fire Ban District. Refer to the Wilsons Promontory National Park Code Red Fire Danger Closure fact sheet or call 13 1963 for more information.

## Bookings

Bookings are essential and must be made prior to departure. Full fees are required at the time of booking. To make a booking, phone 13 1963 or (03) 5680 9555.

## Camping

Camping is not permitted. The nearest overnight hike camp area is Roaring Meg.

## Cancellation fees

Cancellation fees apply to all bookings.

### Supplying and servicing the Lightstation

Due to the remote location and lack of vehicle access, the cost of supplying and servicing the Lightstation is not only considered in dollar terms but also in labour, time and resources.

A helicopter carries supplies to the Lightstation and carries out rubbish and other materials every six months. Some supplies can be taken out by boat however like the helicopter supply, this is totally weather dependent.

A diesel generator provides electricity for the Lightstation. Please help save power – turn off lights when not in use.

Gas bottles are the bulkiest and most costly resource transported to the Lightstation. Wear a jumper before using the heater. Please turn heaters off when not in use.

Hard rubbish from the Lightstation has to be removed by helicopter. Please take your rubbish away for recycling and disposal. *“Carry out what you carry in”*.

Organic waste (food scraps) can be placed in the compost bin, reducing the volume of waste to be taken away.

Carry water with you while hiking to the Lightstation. Water is available when you arrive at the Lightstation. Please use water wisely during your stay – short showers help.