

Grampians National Park



Visitor Guide

Renowned for rugged mountain ranges, rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenic views, the 168,000 hectare park is ideal for a wide range of outdoor activities. The many walking tracks will take you on a journey to waterfall vistas, ancient geological displays and wildflower filled forests. There are plenty of guided tours, and with a large network of roads available, car touring is a great way to explore. In the villages and surrounding towns, a host of activities and attractions await your discovery.



*"Nga Keenat – Welcome!
Gariwerd is special to us...
It speaks to our ancestors...
it carries the story of our
dreaming to us here today"*

Things to see and do

It's a great place for outdoor activities including bushwalking, picnicking, camping, rock climbing, fishing, photography, canoeing, nature study, car touring and cycling.



Walking

This park is famous for its variety of walks, from a leisurely waterfall stroll to a challenging hike revealing grand views from mountain peaks.



Picnics

The map shows the locations of the numerous lakeside, forest and waterfall picnic areas in and close to the park. All are accessible by car. Fireplaces and tables are provided and most have toilets.



Driving

Most parts of Grampians National Park are accessible by car.

As shown on the accompanying map:

- *main roads* are sealed and in good condition
- *secondary roads* are unsealed and may be slippery after rain; drive to suit the conditions
- *vehicular tracks* are generally rough and may become impassable, especially after rain. Some tracks are permanently or seasonally closed; others may be temporarily closed due to storm or fire damage.



Camping – see map centre page

There are many fantastic places to camp in the park so be sure to plan and check the information over the page before heading out.

Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre

Brimming with informative displays, the centre is a must to visit before venturing out to explore the park. Staff will help you have a memorable visit.

This centre highlights Indigenous culture, heritage and the natural environment of the park through impressive displays and activities.

Visit the spectacular Gariwerd Dreaming Theatre, taste bush foods in the cafe, explore the many displays, take a Rock Art Tour, join a cultural ranger for a guided walk or partake in a cultural activity.

Located on the southern edge of Halls Gap, the centre is *open every day (except Christmas day) from 9.00am to 5.00pm.*

How to get there

Grampians National Park is in western Victoria, 260km from Melbourne and 460km from Adelaide. Call V/Line on 136 196 for current public transport details.

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 may 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

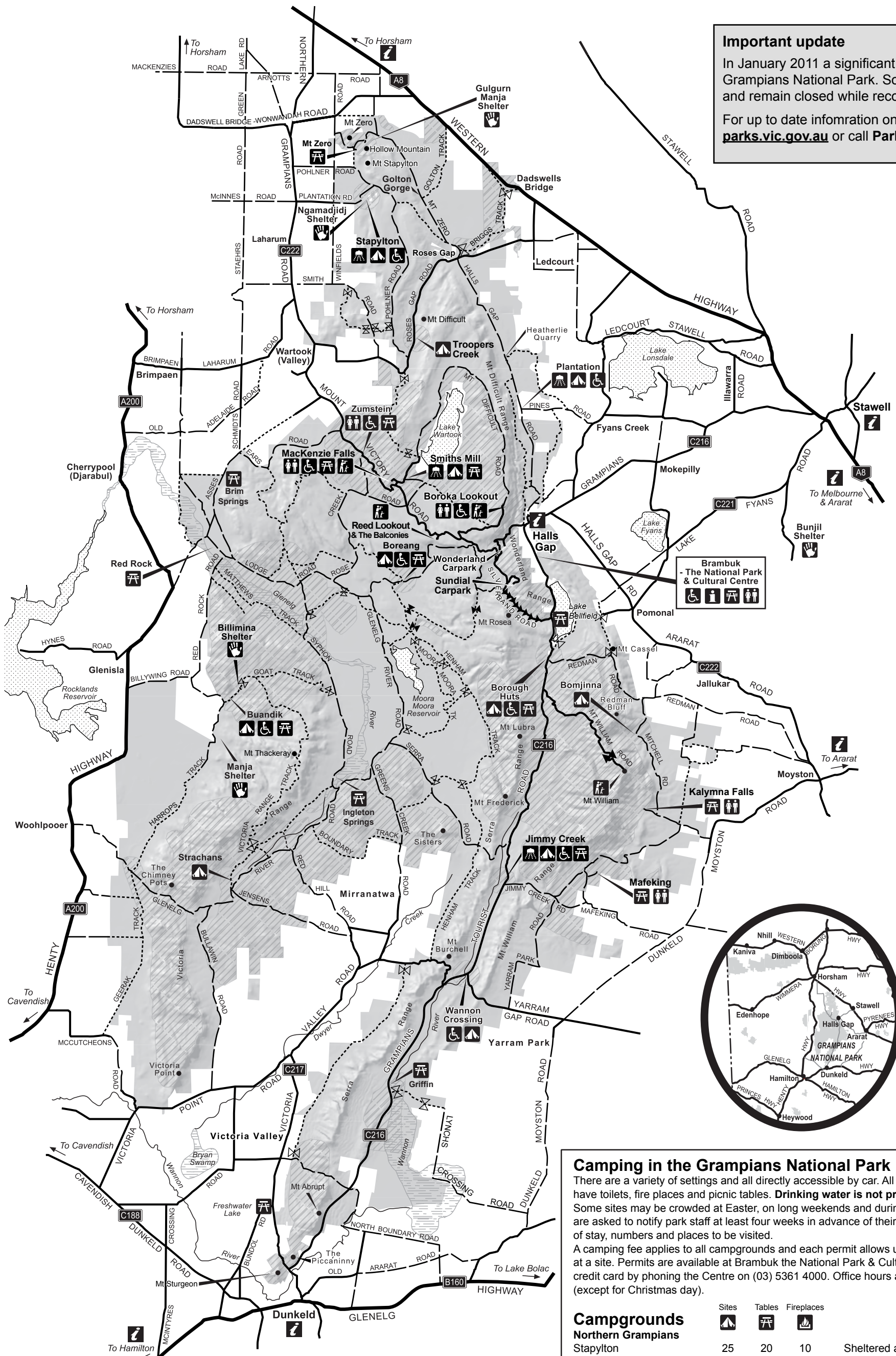
For up to date information on fires in Victoria or general fire safety advice call the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line** on 1800 240 667.



Important update

In January 2011 a significant storm event swept through the Grampians National Park. Some areas were badly damaged and remain closed while recovery works continue.

For up to date information on what is open and closed visit parks.vic.gov.au or call Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



Grampians National Park

- Highway
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Vehicle track
- One way road only
- Gate - Management Vehicles only
- Gate - Seasonally closed
- National Park
- Dispersed Camping Not Permitted
- Water body
- Swamp

Recreational Facilities

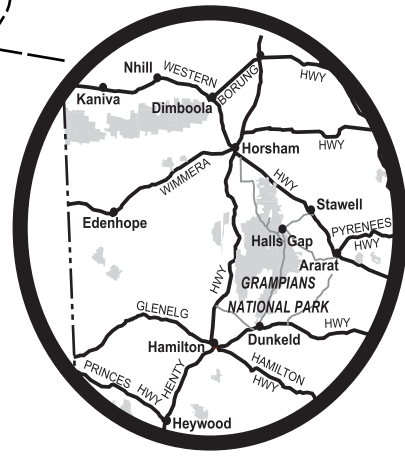
- Aboriginal art site
- Camping & picnic area
- Disabled access
- Lookout
- Park information
- Tourism Information
- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Basic bush shower

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Dispersed camping (camping away from designated campgrounds)

Dispersed camping is permitted in some areas of the park and not in hatched areas of the accompanying map. Please follow these guidelines and regulations to minimise your impact on the environment:

Ensure that you:

- do not have a campfire - fuel stoves only (campfires are only permitted in fireplaces provided)
- camp in a natural clearing and avoid camping under trees - tree limbs drop without warning
- use a chemical toilet or bury human waste at least 100 metres from any stream - or take it with you
- take your rubbish home with you

Camp at least:

- 20 metres from any stream
- 50 metres from sealed road
- 1 km from any campground

Do not camp at:

- Helipads
- Apiary/Bee sites
- Fire Dams
- Picnic Areas

Camping in the Grampians National Park

There are a variety of settings and all directly accessible by car. All campgrounds have toilets, fire places and picnic tables. **Drinking water is not provided**, please bring your own. Some sites may be crowded at Easter, on long weekends and during school holidays. Large groups are asked to notify park staff at least four weeks in advance of their visit, giving details of the length of stay, numbers and places to be visited. A camping fee applies to all campgrounds and each permit allows up to six people and one vehicle at a site. Permits are available at Brambuk the National Park & Cultural Centre in Halls Gap or by credit card by phoning the Centre on (03) 5361 4000. Office hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm daily (except for Christmas day).

Campgrounds	Sites	Tables	Fireplaces	
Northern Grampians				
Stapylton	25	20	10	Sheltered and open sites
Troopers Creek	8	5	6	Forested area in valley
Plantation	30	16	13	Clearing in old pine forest just outside of park
Smiths Mill	25	11	10	Old mill site, among pines
Central Grampians				
Borough Huts	12	16	13	Open area by Fyans Creek (Barri yalug)
Boreang	15	8	8	Sheltered and open sites
South-east Grampians				
Wannon Crossing	4	4	4	In forest by Wannon River
Jimmy Creek	10	10	8	Tranquil setting near creek
Bomjinna	3	2	2	Quiet site eastern edge
South-west Grampians				
Strachans	4	4	4	Former timber mill site beside creek
Buandik	8	6	6	Forested area on Billimina Creek near Aboriginal art sites.

Parks Victoria does not guarantee that this data is without flaw and therefore disclaims all liability which may arise from you relying on this information.

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

You can also visit
Brambuk - The National
Park & Cultural Centre
Halls Gap
(03) 5361 4000
www.brambuk.com.au

Caring for the
environment

Dogs, cats and firearms
are not permitted in the
national park

Do not feed kangaroos or
any other wildlife

Drive carefully on roads as
wildlife cross without
warning

Please take your rubbish
home with you

Generators are not
permitted in the
national park

FIRE

Fires may only be lit in
fireplaces provided at
designated campgrounds
(please see map)

No fires/flames, (including
gas or fuel stoves/lanterns
in tents) may be lit on
days of **Total Fire Ban**

Grampians National Park
is in the **Wimmera** and
**South West Total Fire
Ban Districts**

**It is your responsibility
to know if it is a day of
Total Fire Ban**

If in doubt call the
**Victorian Bushfire
Information Line:
1800 240 667**

Park closures

Be prepared to leave early
as **extreme weather may
cause the closure of some
park areas** for public safety

Mobile Phones

You may not be in network
range in some areas of
the park. To be connected
to Police, Ambulance or
CFA, key in **112** then
press the YES key

Healthy Parks Healthy People

Visiting a park can improve
your health, mind, body and
soul. So, with over four million
hectares of parkland available
to Victorians, why not escape
to a park today!



Walking: be safe be prepared

More than 160km of walking tracks offer everything from short easy strolls to challenging overnight expeditions for experienced bushwalkers.

- Always check park conditions before your trip
- Check weather conditions
- Always carry a good quality map
- Drinking water and food should always be carried
- Walking tracks may involve rock steps, uneven and slippery track surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping
- Keep to the walking tracks, mind your footing and supervise children at all times
- Wear sturdy footwear with a good tread
- On longer walks, carry protective clothing
- A hat, drinking water and sunscreen are essential in summer
- Visit the Grampians site on www.parks.vic.gov.au for more information on remote walking opportunities.

Enjoy the park, but be aware

- Ongoing track maintenance, fire or seasonal storm damage can alter road and track conditions or cause temporary closures
- Tree limbs may drop without warning



Camp fires may only be lit at designated campgrounds and **in fireplaces provided**. Ensure fires are never left unattended and are completely out before you leave. **NO fires are to be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban.**

Rich in nature and cultural history

The park has a diverse and rich human history. Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung Aboriginal people sustained indigenous lifestyles in and around the Gariwerd (Grampians) mountains and valleys for thousands of years. Aboriginal society, economy and lifestyle have a long association with Gariwerd.

Great changes have occurred since Major Thomas Mitchell passed through the area in 1836, opening the way for European settlement, grazing, gold mining, quarrying, timber production, water catchments and tourism.

Close to 970 native plant species occur in the Grampians, including 20 species found nowhere else in the world. Colourful spring wildflowers are outstanding and the subtle variations among the species are equally fascinating. Plant communities range from high altitude montane stunted heaths to Stringybark Forests, Red Gum Woodland and luxuriant fern gullies.

Animals abound in the Grampians. Over 200 species of bird have been recorded in the park along with 35 species of mammal, 28 types of reptile, six native fish and eleven species of frogs.

Look for these publications

Available at Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre and surrounding Visitor Information Centres.

- *Walking Guides - Wonderland, Northern and Southern Grampians* - comprehensive guides covering a large range of walks, from short walks to overnight expeditions.
- *Discovering Grampians Gariwerd* - The Paton Brothers will help you discover the best walk opportunities and the many special places within the Grampians National Park.
- *Road Map, Grampians National Park* - this map is a road guide to many areas of the park.

Kangaroos, possums, gliders and echidnas are common, although not always easily seen.



Echidna © MT

Exploring the region

Other parks not to be missed in the Grampians region include:

Little Desert National Park is alive with spring wildflowers and the tranquil Wimmera River. Keep an eye out for the endangered, shy, mound-building Malleefowl.

Mt Arapiles-Tooon State Park is internationally famous as a rock climbing venue. Enjoy panoramic views of the Wimmera lakes and plains.

Mt Eccles National Park is centred on an old volcano. Its crater holds Lake Surprise, and along the rim are walking tracks to explore.

Langi Ghiran State Park (Aboriginal name for 'home of the black cockatoo') features granite outcrops, eucalypt woodlands and a unique Aboriginal rock art site.

Black Range State Park offers a remote experience. Adjoining Rocklands Reservoir which provides camping facilities and a range of water-based activities including boating and fishing, with Redfin predominating - subject to water levels.



Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation available in surrounding towns and villages. For further information call into a local Visitor Information Centre or visit www.visitgrampians.com.au

Ararat	1800 657 158	or	03 5352 2096
Halls Gap	1800 065 599	or	03 5361 4444
Hamilton	1800 807 056	or	03 5572 3746
Horsham	1800 633 218	or	03 5382 3778
Stawell	1800 330 080	or	03 5355 0281
Dunkeld			03 5577 2558

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