

# Wilson's Promontory National Park



## Overnight Hikes - distances, times and permit conditions for hikers and boaters

The following information will assist you in planning an overnight hike and staying at remote campsites in the Prom. Distances and times are intended as a guide only and may vary depending on an individual's or group's overall fitness and hiking experience.

### 2011 flood recovery advice

- Parts of the Prom remain closed due to extensive damage from the March 2011 flood event. For your safety and to help the Prom recover, please abide by these closures.
- Parks Victoria are taking a staged approach to reopening flood affected areas of the Park. We anticipate reopening closed facilities as soon as it is safe to do so.

### Overnight camping permit

Hikers must obtain a permit before commencing their walk and carry it with them at all times. After completing your hike, please return your permit to the Tidal River Visitor Centre. Permits may also be deposited in the permit boxes located at the Five Mile car park, outside the Park Entrance Station or outside the Tidal River Visitor Centre. This system informs rangers of your safe return.

### Boat users

- Boat users only require a permit if camping on land overnight. A ranger may be present at Refuge Cove and Sealers Cove
- Overnight camping for boat visitors is permitted for two nights in designated areas.
- Generators are not permitted on shore. Use of compressors to fill scuba cylinders is only permitted on North Refuge Beach.
- Tying stern lines to vegetation is prohibited.
- Fishing is not permitted in Marine National Parks. Fishing is permitted in Marine Parks.
- Seasonal restrictions apply to watercraft around Kanowna Island. Check with Parks staff.

### Remote facilities

- Carry in water and/or know how to make untreated water safe for drinking at any remote location within Wilson's Promontory.
- Please carry out all your food scraps and rubbish. Do not place in toilets or bury.
- Campfires are not permitted at any time. On Total Fire Ban days camp stoves - solid, liquid or gas - are not permitted, even in tents.

### Emergency information

- In an emergency, dial **000** (112 on your mobile phone if out of network range) or phone the Tidal River Emergency Number **(03) 5680 9525**. A blue emergency phone is located at the front entrance of the Tidal River Visitor Centre.
- If you become aware of an emergency, collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch. Make your way to the nearest **Emergency Assembly Area** marked on the map inside. Wait until you receive further instructions from Police or Parks Victoria staff.
- Carry a first aid kit and be capable of providing basic first aid. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. This contact must alert Parks staff if your group is overdue. *Do not extend or alter your hike.*
- If a member of your party becomes lost or badly injured, somebody should stay at the location where the person was last seen or with the injured person whilst another member of the party goes to get help, preferably during daylight hours.

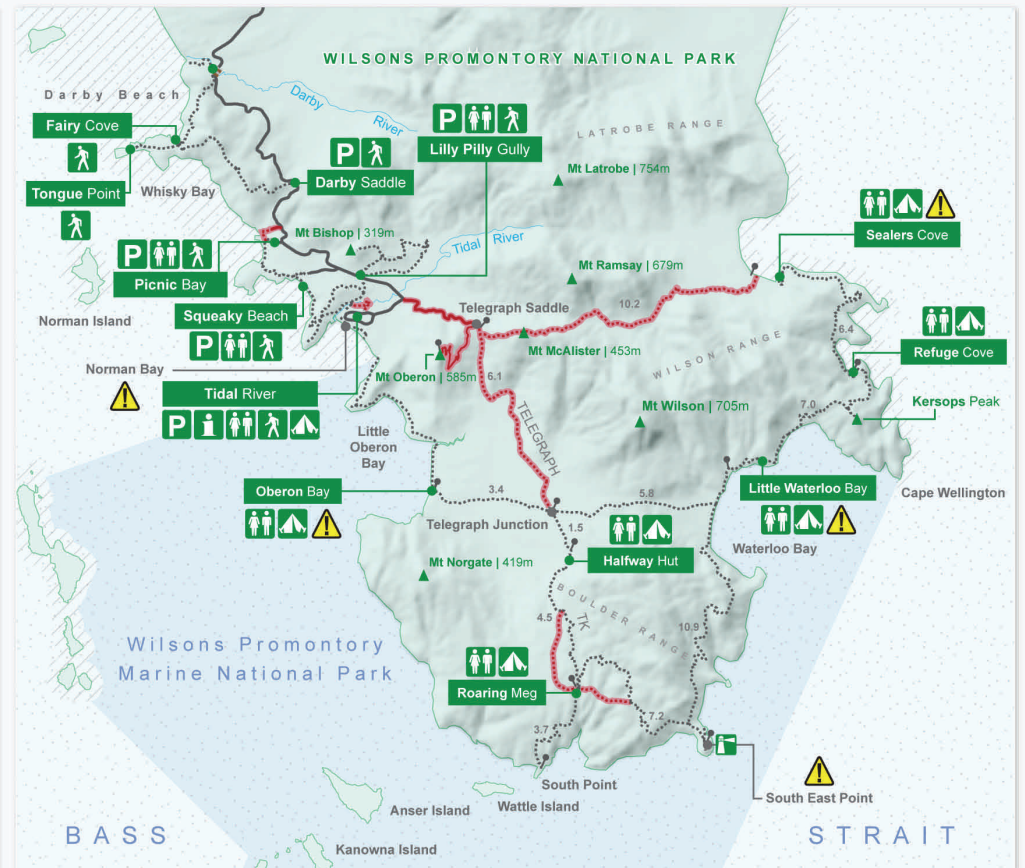
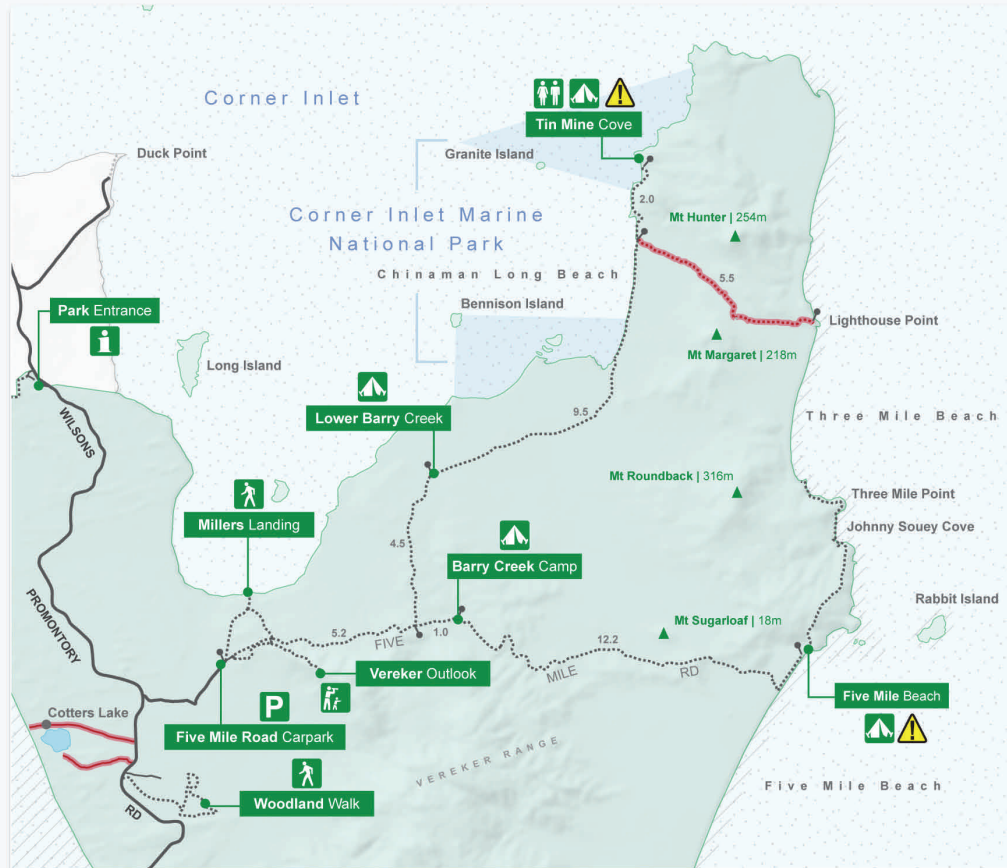
### Code Red Fire Danger days

Wilson's Promontory National Park will close on declared Code Red Fire Danger days for the West & South Gippsland Total Fire Ban District. For more information refer to the Wilson's Promontory National Park Code Red Fire Danger Closure fact sheet or call 13 1963.

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## NORTHERN SECTION




## SOUTHERN SECTION



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### Open Roads/Tracks

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-  Walking Track

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### Wilson's Promontory National Park

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## Southern section

Access to all Southern Prom walks and campsites is via Oberon Bay only. For further information, please refer to adjacent map and table overleaf. *All times and distances given are for one way at a moderate pace.*

The following conditions apply to the Oberon Bay, Halfway Hut, Roaring Meg, Little Waterloo Bay, Refuge Cove and Sealers Cove overnight hike camp areas.

- Overnight camping is permitted for two consecutive nights only at each of the camp areas throughout the year
- Maximum group size at any one campsite is twelve
- All overnight hike camp areas in the southern area of the Prom have a water supply and self composting toilets. Toilet paper is not supplied

### Tidal River to Oberon Bay

(7.6 km, 2.5 hours)

From the southern end of Norman Bay follow the walking track around the headlands to Oberon Bay, walking south along the beach to the campsite.

### Oberon Bay to Telegraph Junction

(3.4 km, 1 hour)

This gently undulating management track traverses sand dunes to Telegraph Junction.

### Telegraph Junction to Light Station via Halfway Hut and Roaring Meg

(13 km, 3.5 - 4.5 hours)

(Telegraph Junction to Roaring Meg 6.1 km, 2 hrs)

From Telegraph Junction follow the management track through the Prom's undulating interior. The final 3 kilometres to the Light Station are on a walking track.

### Roaring Meg to South Point (3.7 km, 1 hour)

Starting at Roaring Meg this track leads to the most southerly point on the Australian mainland.

### Light Station to Little Waterloo Bay camp

(10.9 km, 3.5 hours)

This track winds through the foothills of the Boulder Range providing stunning coastal views through diverse plant communities before descending to Waterloo Bay.

### Telegraph Track Junction to Little Waterloo Bay camp

(5.8 km, 2 hours)

From Telegraph Junction follow the Waterloo Track over sand dunes, swamps and shoreline to Little Waterloo Bay Camp.

### Little Waterloo Bay camp to Refuge Cove camp

(7 km, 2.5 hours)

Stunning views across the east coast of the Prom are offered from the saddle near Kersop Peak before the track descends steeply over a large open rock face and through eucalypt woodland to Refuge Cove.

### Refuge Cove camp to Sealers Cove camp

(6.4 km, 2 hours)

This section of track along the coast offers many great views and is currently the only access to Sealers Cove.

## Northern section

The Barry Creek, Five Mile Beach, Tin Mine Cove and Lower Barry Creek camp sites and walking tracks have reopened for use. The Lighthouse Point to Tin Mine Cove track and Johnny Souey Camp remain closed. For further information, please refer to adjacent map and table overleaf. *All times and distances given are for one way at a moderate pace.*

Much of the northern section of the park is a remote wilderness zone with few facilities.

The following conditions apply to the Barry Creek, Lower Barry Creek, Tin Mine Cove and Five Mile Beach overnight hike camp areas.

- Hikers must fill out a 'Hiker Self Assessment Form' before a hiking permit is issued. Call 13 1963 for further information
- Some track sections are marked with flagging tape however hikers should be self sufficient and proficient in navigation with a map and compass
- Overnight camping is permitted for two consecutive nights only at each of the camp areas throughout the year
- Maximum group size at any one campsite is six
- Toilets are generally not provided. Bury all faecal waste and paper at least 15cm deep and at least 100 metres from campsites and watercourses. Mix waste with soil to aid decomposition and discourage animals

### Five Mile Road car park to Barry Creek camp

(6.2 km, 2 hours)

Start at the Five Mile Road car park. Just past the Barry Creek Bridge a track leads off to the left and down to the overnight hike camp area (200 metres).

### Barry Creek camp to Five Mile Beach camp

(12.2 km, 3.5 hours)

Follow the management track through heathland and coast banksia woodland to Five Mile beach. Turn left and walk 1.3 km to the camp at the north end of the beach. The water in the main creek is brackish but upstream on the opposite side, a fresh water spring flows for most of the year.

*Only experienced, well equipped and physically fit hikers should attempt the following hikes.*

### Five Mile Road car park to Lower Barry Creek camp

(9.7 km, 3-4 hours)

Start at the Five Mile Road car park and follow the management track for 5.2km. After turning left, spectacular views of Corner Inlet and the Toora Hills are offered at the start of the undulating track which passes through dense scrub and swampy terrain.

### Lower Barry Creek camp to Tin Mine Cove camp

(11.5 km, 4-6 hours)

From Lower Barry Creek camp continue to Tin Mine Cove camp. The track is poorly defined, passes through dense, prickly heath and has multiple creek crossings that can be up to 1.5 metres deep.

## For further information

Parks Victoria  
Information Centre  
Call **13 1963**  
or visit the  
Parks Victoria website  
[www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://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](http://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, offer food or leave food out for wildlife. Feeding wildlife not only encourage aggressive behaviour in animals and is bad for their health – it could also be bad for your pocket, as a penalty applies.

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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## Overnight hike times - track section details

The following track completion times are intended as a guide for hikers. Completion times may vary significantly depending on an individual's or group's overall fitness and hiking experience. The difficulty level is based upon a number of factors including gradient, track length and track surface conditions. This list should be used in conjunction with a suitable map and track description.

Southern Prom hikes	Difficulty	Time	Distance
Tidal River to Oberon Bay camp	Moderate	2.5 hours	7.6 km
Oberon Bay camp to Telegraph Junction	Easy	1 hour	3.4 km
Telegraph Junction to Halfway Hut	Easy	0.5 hour	1.3 km
Halfway Hut to Roaring Meg via Telegraph Track	Moderate	1.5 hours	4.5 km
Roaring Meg to South Point	Moderate	1 hour	3.7 km
Roaring Meg to Light Station via Telegraph Track	Easy to Mod	2 hours	7.2 km
Light Station to Little Waterloo Bay camp via South East Track	Moderate to hard	3.5 hours	10.9 km
Telegraph Junction to Little Waterloo Bay camp	Easy	2 hours	5.8 km
Little Waterloo Bay Camp to Refuge Cove camp	Moderate to hard	2.5 hours	7.0 km
Refuge Cove Camp to Sealers Cove camp	Easy to moderate	2 hours	6.4 km
Overall return hike Light Station via Oberon Bay	Easy to moderate	15.5 hours (3 or 4 nights)	48 km return
Overall return hike Light Station hike via Oberon Bay and Little Waterloo Bay camp, return via Telegraph Track	Easy to Hard	17 hours (3 or 4 nights)	51.7 km return
Overall Tidal River to Sealers Cove via Oberon Bay, Little Waterloo camp and Refuge Cove	Easy to Hard	20 hours (4 to 5 nights)	60.4 km return
Overall Tidal River to Sealers Cove via Light Station, Little Waterloo camp and Refuge Cove, return via Waterloo Track	Easy to Hard	26 hours (5 or 6 nights)	78.5 km return
<b>Southern Prom Track Closures</b>			
Telegraph Saddle car park to Sealers Cove camp	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Telegraph Saddle car park to Telegraph Junction	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Oberon Bay circuit hike	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Halfway Hut to Roaring Meg (via walking track)	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Roaring Meg to Light Station (via walking track)	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Northern Prom hikes	Difficulty	Time	Distance
Five Mile Road car park to Barry Creek camp	Easy	2 hours	6.2 km
Barry Creek camp to Five Mile Beach camp	Easy to Moderate	3.5 hours	12.2 km
Five Mile Road car park to Lower Barry Creek camp	Moderate	3 - 4 hours	9.7 km
Lower Barry Creek camp to Tin Mine Cove camp	Hard	4 - 6 hours	11.5 km
<b>Northern Prom Track Closures</b>			
Five Mile Beach camp to Tin Mine Cove camp	Closed due to flood recovery works		
Overall Northern Prom Circuit (return)	Closed due to flood recovery works		

## Park notes available:

- *Walking at Wilsons Prom*
- *Tidal River Camping and Accommodation Guide*
- *Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park – Victoria's Blue Wilderness*
- *Wilsons Promontory Visitor Guide*

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