

Mount Buangor State Park

Visitor Guide

Explore a variety of landscapes including eucalypt forest, creek flats, waterfalls and steep escarpments. From the peak of Mount Buangor, the highest in the area, you can experience spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.



Sugar Glider

'I go to Nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in tune once more'

- John Burroughs

Geology

The rocks of the park are mainly Devonian granite, intruded into overlying Ordovician sedimentary erosion rocks 350 million years ago. Subsequent erosion formed Mt Buangor (990m), Sugarloaf (960m) and the steep southern escarpment. The surrounding slopes have built up from outwashed granite sand.

Snow gums and tree ferns

The park contains a variety of eucalypts. Snow gums grown on the higher peaks and Red Stringybarks colour the western area of the park, while Narrow-leaf Peppermint can be found on the dry ridges.

Yarra Gums and Manna Gums grow along the creek flats, while Blue Gums and Messmates prefer the south-facing escarpment or the elevated plateau.

Magnificent tree ferns grow in wet gullies where the lush vegetation creates a cool retreat in summer.

Wildlife

More than 130 species of birds have been recorded in the park and surrounding Mt Cole State Forest. Patient visitors will enjoy bird watching in a quiet corner. Echidnas, Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Swamp Wallabies and Red-necked Wallabies are often seen from the walking tracks and roads.

There are many nocturnal animals, including possums, gliders, bats and owls, but these can be difficult to see.

Enjoying the park

Picnicking: There are picnic facilities at Bailes, Middle Creek and Ferntree (see map).

Camping: Middle Creek accommodates large groups with caravans and individual sites. There are five individual sites adjacent to the Ferntree picnic area.

Walking: A 15km network of walking tracks connect the Middle Creek and Ferntree camping areas. The Waterfalls Nature Walk, which begins at Ferntree picnic area is a short walk suited to everyone. The self-guided walk leads to the Ferntree waterfalls and the upper sections of the Middle Creek area.

The cave walking track from Middle Creek Campground is a more strenuous walk that takes you to a large rock overhang. Many of the tracks continue into the adjoining Mt Cole State Forest.

Use Parkweb to plan your visit

Just a click away - www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Caring for the environment

Help up look after your parks by following these guidelines:

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

Dogs, Cats and Firearms are not permitted in this park

Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided
No fires, (including gas or fuel stoves in tents) may be lit on days of

Total Fire Ban.
Mt Buangor State Park is in the **South Western Total Fire Ban District**

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal








Vehicles including motor cycles must not be driven off formed roads.

All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed










Remain on walking tracks to avoid damaging vegetation

Horsingriding is permitted but horses are not allowed to remain overnight in the park






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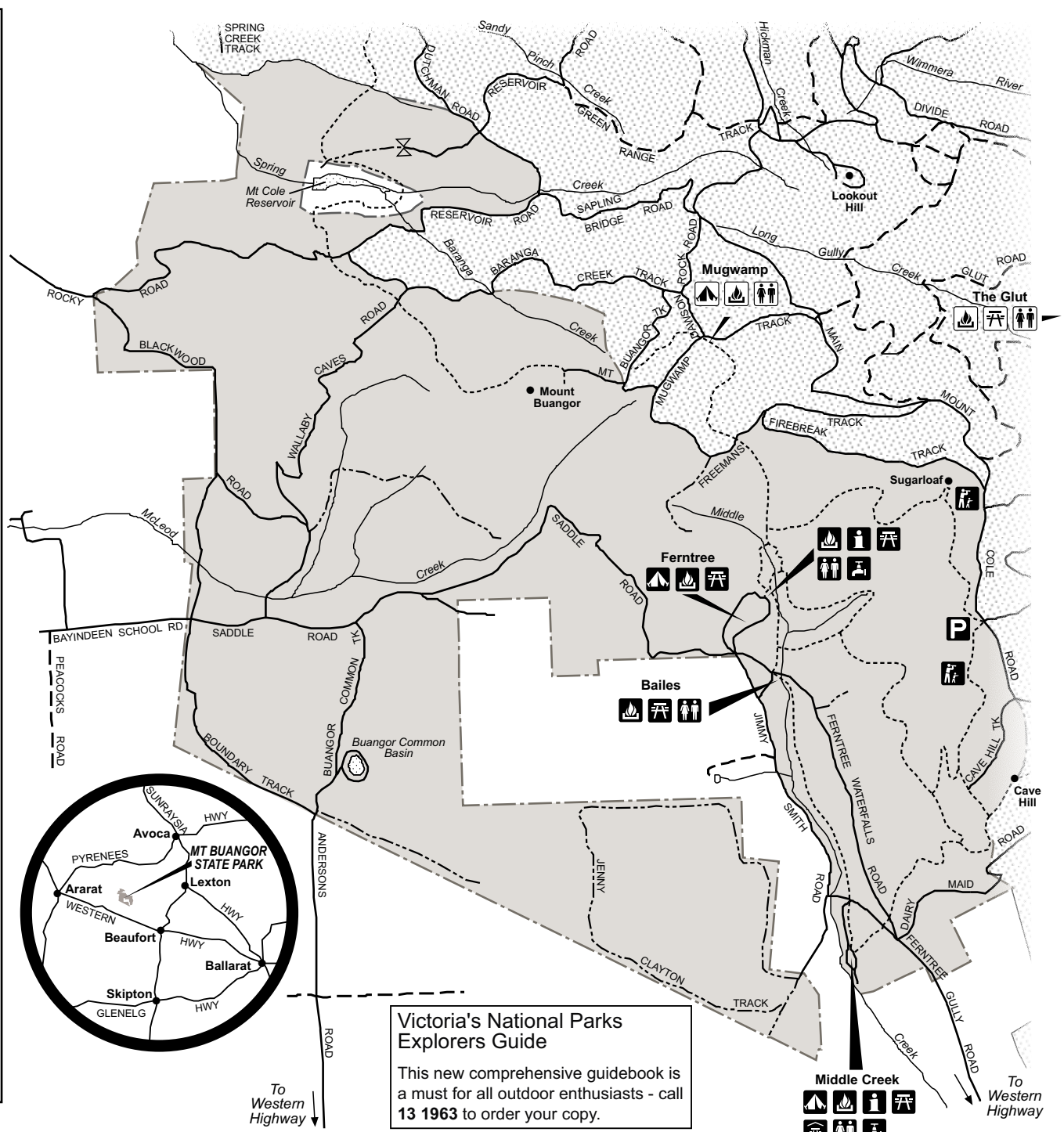
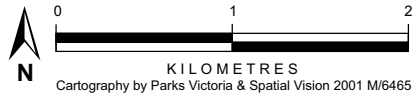
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-  4WD Track
-  Management Vehicle Track
-  Walking Track
-  State Park
-  Creek
-  Gate

Park Facilities

-  Camping area
-  Carpark
-  Fireplace
-  Lookout
-  Park information
-  Picnic area
-  Picnic shelter
-  Toilets
-  Water available

Other Areas

-  Mt Cole State Forest
-  Campground
-  Fireplace
-  Picnic area
-  Toilets



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Middle Creek

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