

Wilson's Promontory National Park

Overnight Hikes – Southern Circuit



The Southern Circuit weaves from the slopes of Mount Oberon to the park's eastern shores and the southern-most point of Australia's mainland. It passes through diverse plant communities and spectacular coastlines. Hikers can spend anywhere between two and seven days exploring this part of the park.



Getting there

Wilson's Promontory National Park is approximately three hours' drive from Melbourne. Follow Monash Freeway (M1) to join South Gippsland Freeway (M420/A440) to Meeniyah. Take Meeniyah-Promontory Road (C444) to Wilson's Promontory entrance.

Tidal River is further 30 minutes drive from the entrance. Drive carefully and look out for wildlife. Avoid driving between dusk and dawn. There is no fuel at Tidal River. The closest fuel outlet is at Yanakie.

Shuttle bus

During the summer ballot and on weekends from Melbourne Cup to Easter long weekend, a free shuttle bus takes visitors to Telegraph Saddle from Tidal River and the Overnight Hikers car park. Telegraph Saddle car park is closed to all other vehicles during these times.

Bookings and permits

Advance booking is recommended for camping and accommodation. Go to www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay or call 13 1963.

Overnight hikers must obtain a permit at Tidal River Visitor Centre before commencing their walk and carry it with them at all times. Please ensure that you have an emergency contact who has been notified of your trip itinerary.

Boat users require a permit to camp at Refuge Cove overnight.

A maximum of two consecutive nights at each of the camp areas and the Light Station is permitted. Maximum group size is 12.

The Light Station offers self-catering accommodation. Refer to *Wilson's Promontory Accommodation & Camping Visitor Guide*. Camping is not allowed at the Light Station.

When hiking the Southern Circuit:

- Wear sturdy walking shoes and be equipped for all weather conditions. Know basic first aid and carry a first aid kit.
- Carry sufficient drinking water and know how to treat water safe for drinking. Untreated creek or tank water is available at some campsites on the Southern Circuit. Supply is not guaranteed.
- Store all food securely and carry out all rubbish, including food scraps.
- Walk completion times may vary significantly depending on weather, fitness and experience.
- Southern Hikes are graded Level 4 under the Australian Walking Track Grading system, based on the most difficult sections.
- Check tide times to avoid deep water crossings at creeks at Sealers Cove and Oberon Bay.

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- All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Stay on walking tracks to avoid getting lost or spreading Cinnamon Fungus. This waterborne disease kills native flora and can be carried to new areas on the soles of your shoes.
- Fishing and the taking of shellfish or crustaceans is not permitted from the shore or waters within Wilson's Promontory Marine National Park. Bait collection is not allowed anywhere in the park.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.

Be prepared and stay safe

We recommend all visitors to the park have Ambulance Services membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport.

Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Wilson's Promontory National Park is in the West and South Gippsland fire district. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Fires (including campfires and solid fuel barbecues) are not permitted in Wilson's Promontory National Park at any time. On days of Total Fire Ban, gas or liquid fuel camp stoves are not permitted at overnight hiking campsites, even in tents.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days the park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. For further information refer to the *Wilson's Promontory Code Red Fire Danger Closure* fact sheet.

In an emergency

If you require emergency assistance phone **000** for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services.

For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/injury, injured wildlife, significant disturbance and critical maintenance issues), contact the Park Duty Officer (24 hours) on **1300 247 594**.

Mobile phone coverage is unreliable within the national park.

You may become aware of an emergency or be notified of an emergency situation by Police or Parks Victoria staff. If immediately accessible, collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch.

Calmly make your way to the nearest Emergency Assembly Area.

Wait at the Assembly Area for further instructions from Parks Victoria staff or Police.

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Toilets	Cabins	Marine Park and Coastal Reserve
Walking track	Picnic area	
Lookout	Lighthouse	
	Emergency assembly area	
	No fishing	
	No spearfishing	
	No shell/crab collecting	
	Sealed road	
	Unsealed road	
	Walking track	
	Distance marker	



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