

Community Update - Park Closure

Bunyip State Park Fire Recovery

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Lightning strikes on 1 March started several fires in Bunyip State Park. These fires combined and spread outside the park, impacting private property in the surrounding area.

Nearly 60% of the park has been burned by fire. The risk to people from falling trees and damaged roads and tracks will remain for some time.

To protect people from unsafe conditions, and give the environment the best chance to recover, a large part of Bunyip State Park will remain closed for several months.

How long will the park be closed?

The length of the closure will depend on many things, such as the weather and the way the environment responds to the combined impacts of multiple bushfires over the past decade.

The closure will be assessed regularly to determine if any areas can be opened. Gembrook-Tonimbuk Road will remain open for local resident access.

What is happening now?

Emergency stabilisation works are currently underway. This involves the treatment of hazardous trees and ensuring that roads and tracks can cope with future heavy rain and potential erosion. A recovery plan for the park is being developed as part of the broader recovery effort for the communities impacted by bushfires during summer and autumn.

Where else can I go?

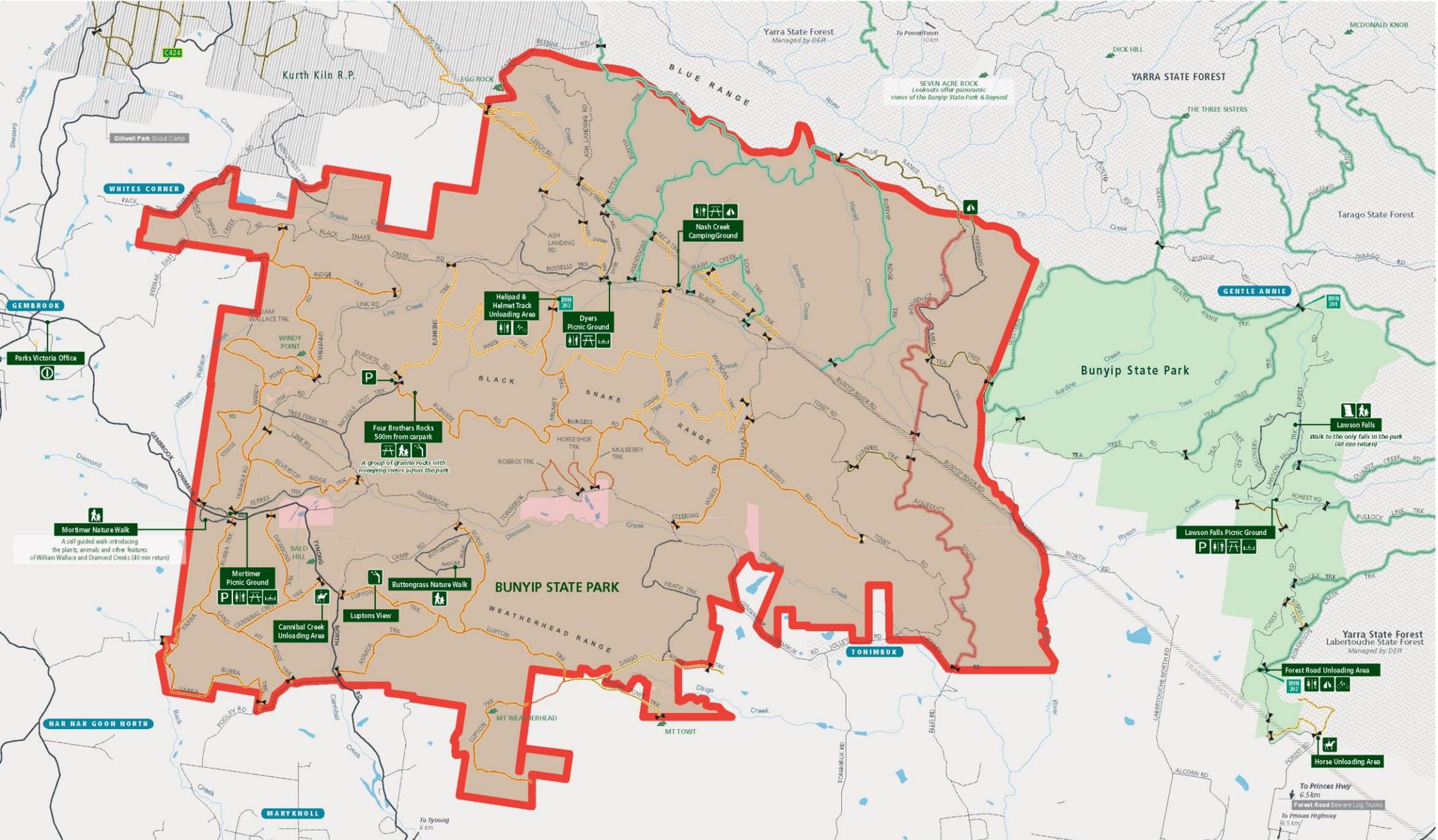
The eastern section of the park is still open to park users (see the map on the next page). This area includes Lawson Falls and the Lawson Falls Picnic Area, and the Forest Road Unloading area.

During the closure, four-wheel drivers and trailbike riders are encouraged to use Yarra State Forest and Labertouche State Forest to the north and east of Bunyip State Park as an alternative.

For horse riders, walkers and campers, Kurth Kiln Regional Park is another option. Please note that four-wheel drives and trailbikes are only permitted to use the public roads in Kurth Kiln. It is illegal to drive or ride off-road in these areas.

Updates on the recovery of the park and any changes to access will be issued through these newsletters. You can also call 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.





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| Parking | Picnic table | Trail bike unloading area | Sealed road | Walking track | Other Park/Reserve |
| Park information | Fireplace | ESTA emergency marker | Unsealed road | Authorised vehicles only | State Forest |
| Toilets | Horse unloading area | Gate | 4WD walking, cycling | Management vehicles only | Waterbody |
| Family walk | Camping | | Shared path (walking, horse riding, cycling) | 4WD subject to Seasonal Closure | Bunyip State Park (Area open) |
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