

# Mornington Peninsula National Park



## Horse Riding

Horse riding is a popular activity in the rural areas of the Mornington Peninsula. As a way of catering for horse riding in the Mornington Peninsula National Park, a small area of the park has been set aside under the provisions of the National Parks Act. This area is also available to other park users and special regulations apply so all users can enjoy the area equally. These regulations help to preserve the environmental and landscape values of the area.

### How to get there

The national park is 90 kilometres south of Melbourne. It includes all of the ocean coast between London Bridge and Bushrangers Bay, plus a stretch from Stockyard Creek to Flinders, and also an area north of Cape Schanck called Greens Bush.

### Access

Horse riding is permitted in the Mornington Peninsula National Park only between Boag Rocks and the beach access track at Paradise Drive, St Andrews (see map overleaf). This area links to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Equestrian Trail Network.

Horse access to the beach is ONLY provided from Truemans Road, opposite the national park entrance station (Melway 252 D11). Parking and access are available near the locked gate opposite the entrance station.

Follow the horse access track along the management vehicle road for 1 km before reaching the beach at Boag Rocks.

NO horse access is available from St Andrews or Gunnamatta Beach car parks.

All horse riders must follow these commonsense regulations as penalties apply to those who do not adhere to the regulations.



### Horse riding groups

Commercially based horse tour groups are regulated by a permit system. These tours are led by experienced leaders who take special care with safety and environmental issues. A maximum of 20 horses on the beach at any one time applies to groups. A permit system is in place for equestrian clubs to assist in regulating numbers of horses and possible conflicts.

### Independent horse riders

Riders should be experienced with their horses. Some horses which are not familiar with waves crashing on a beach may be difficult to control. It is recommended that riders wear an approved riding helmet at all times and do not ride alone. The beach is remote with no public phone and limited mobile phone coverage.

### Conditions of Use

- No horses between sunset and the following sunrise.
- No horse riding above the high tide mark except for on the horse access track.
- Horses must be ridden in single file along the access track from Truemans Road.
- Horses must not be galloped at any time.
- Right of way must be given to all other beach users including walkers.
- Horses must be walked when approaching other park users.
- Horses must not be left unattended.
- Riders must observe signage and markers that may indicate a change in riding area due to sand movement or special wildlife protection requirements.
- Dogs are prohibited at all times.



**For further information**

Call Parks Victoria on 13 1963  
or visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

Park Office  
2 Hinton Street  
P.O. Box 400, Rosebud

Point Nepean Visitor Centre  
Point Nepean Rd, Portsea

**Caring for the environment**

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

Please take rubbish home with you for recycling and disposal.

Keep to the formed walking tracks.

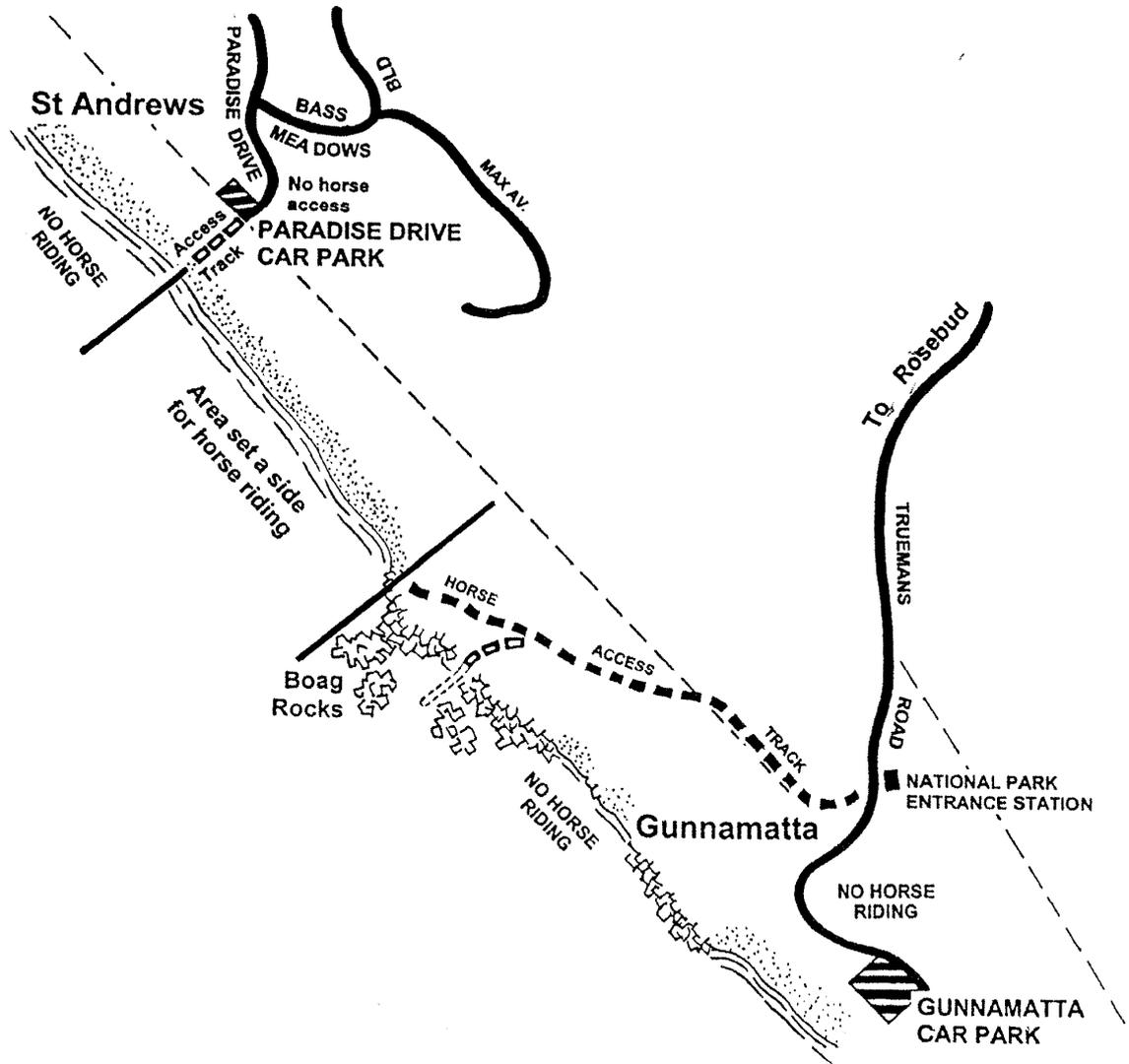
Bicycles are not permitted on walking tracks.

Dogs and other pets are not permitted within the park.

Firearms are not permitted in the park.

Fires are not permitted in the park.

All native plants and animals are protected. Leave the park as you found it.



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