

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

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Walk Victoria's Icons

Plan and Prepare

This information is to be used alongside the Grampians Peaks Trail brochure and map to help you prepare for your journey and make the most of your Grampians Peaks Trail experience.

Pre walk

Weather

- At higher altitudes, weather conditions can change rapidly at any time of year.
- Temperatures exceeding forty degrees may be experienced during summer.
- Strong winds, low temperatures and heavy rain-squalls can occur throughout the year.
- Snowfall and blizzards are common in winter and low cloud may seriously reduce visibility with little warning.

For more information about the latest weather conditions visit the Bureau of Meteorology- www.bom.gov.au

Change of conditions

Seasonal storms, bushfire or ongoing track maintenance can alter track conditions or cause temporary closures. Before you plan your walk, please check for the latest information at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Walking fitness

The Grampians Peaks Trail has been designed to cater for different fitness levels, from the beginner to the experienced walker. In most circumstances, the trail is a Grade 4 rating (Australian Walking Track Grading System) and does include some rocky and steep terrain. There are several sections at a more technically difficult Grade 5 and will require a greater level of fitness. See the Grampians Peaks Trail brochure for the walk elevation profile.

Booking your campsite

Prepare and plan for your trip by booking your campsite before you arrive. Visit www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay to book your campsite, or call Parks Victoria on 13 1963. Bookings can also be completed by staff at Brambuk the National Park Centre in Halls Gap. Fees apply for telephone bookings.

Register your hike

Hikers must register their trip at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap to aid emergency support. This also provides hikers the opportunity to check the weather conditions and latest information to ensure a safe and enjoyable walk. Download the [Grampians National Park Overnight Hiking park note and Trip Intention Form](#) or phone 03 5361 4000

In an emergency

All mobile telephone users, including international, can connect to the Police, Ambulance or Country Fire Authority (CFA) by dialling 000 or 112. It is important that hikers do not rely on mobile phones for communication while walking in the Grampians. Internet and mobile telephone coverage is intermittent along the Grampians Peaks Trail, and your reception can also depend on your mobile phone carrier.

Enrich your experience

Parks Victoria approved licensed tour operators can help you make the most of your trip. You can choose from guiding services, pickup/drop off services and accommodation. For further information on these services visit www.parks.vic.gov.au. A variety of accommodation options are also available in Halls Gap, Dunkeld, Wartook and surrounding towns. For more information, go to www.visitgrampians.com.au or visit a local Visitor Information Centre.

What to take

Whether you are planning a multi-day hike or an afternoon walk, it is important to plan in advance. Always check and prepare for extreme weather conditions which may include strong winds, heavy rain; as well as hot or cold conditions throughout the year. Make sure you take:

- A Grampians Peaks Trail brochure (with map).
- Protective clothing including a jumper, weatherproof jacket, hat and sunscreen. All members should carry good quality, waterproof, protective outer shell protective layers.
- Hiking boots or shoes with a good tread.
- Food and water, for up to 14 kilometres per day if you are walking unsupported. Three to four litres of water per person per day should be carried. Drinking water at campgrounds is untreated rainwater and cannot be guaranteed.
- Drinking water treatment equipment.
- A wilderness first aid kit.
- Radio: A portable radio will give you immediate access to Emergency broadcasting and updates (e.g. fire, fire ratings and storm warnings and updates) including ABC Local Radio (including 774 on the AM band).

If you do not wish to carry all of your supplies, you may consider linking your walk to nearby accommodation and service providers. Go to www.visitgrampians.com.au for more information.

Getting to the trail

Private vehicle

The first section of the Grampians Peaks Trail currently starts in Halls Gap, a small township surrounded by the Grampians National Park. Halls Gap is located approximately three hours or 250 kilometres north-west of Melbourne via the Western Highway and Ballarat.

Public transport

Halls Gap is 20 minutes from Stawell (off the Western Highway), where you can access a daily local bus service to Halls Gap. Halls Gap is also within 40 minutes of Ararat which has bus and train linkages from Melbourne and Adelaide.

On the walk

The Grampians Peaks Trail is currently a one-way three day/two night loop walk starting from Halls Gap to Borough Huts and return to Halls Gap.

Distances

Depending on fitness levels, each day will take between five and six hours to complete.

Day	From	To	Distance (km)	Time (hours)
1	Halls Gap	Bugiga Hiker Camp	8.6	5 to 6
2	Bugiga Hiker Camp	Borough Huts Campground	13.8	5 to 6
3	Borough Huts Campground	Halls Gap	14.2	5 to 6

Campsites

Night One for individuals and very small groups - Bugiga Hiker Camp



Bugiga is located at the southern end of the Wonderland Range nestled amongst Brown Stringybark and Mountain Grey Gum. This Hiker camp and offers superb views of Mount Rosea to the south and Mount William to the south-east.

Camping platforms

- Bugiga has 12 individual wooden camping platforms, with each accommodating up to 2 people.
- Each of the 12 platforms are circular and are 4 metre's in diameter.
- The platform has been designed to position the tent directly on the platform and have a wire attachment that runs around the circumference of each platform to which guy ropes and peg loops can be fastened.
- Each platform has a storage locker that is accessed from the surface of the pad; with the capacity to store a 30 litre drum.

Facilities - All camping platforms and facilities are connected by series of boardwalks to help facilitate access around the site and help protect the surrounding environment. There is a central shelter featuring bench seating. A toilet block is situated towards the entrance of the site and contains two non-flush toilets. No drinking water is provided, however a limited amount is available for dishwashing and sanitary requirements.

Campfires - Campfires are NOT permitted at the Bugiga Hiker Camp, fuel stoves only.

Night One for Groups – Stony Creek Campsite



This hiker camp is a small informal campsite nestled along Stony Creek Road, and is best for groups of up to 16 people. There are future plans for a larger group hikers camp near this location.

Facilities - The campsite is near Stony Creek Road and has non flush toilets and a shared fireplace. No water is provided at this site.

Campfires – A fire may only be lit in the fireplace provided. No fires and flames are permitted anywhere on days declared a Total Fire Ban.

Night Two - Borough Huts Campground



Borough Huts Campground is set in a tranquil, forested area adjacent to Fyans Creek. This site is a larger campground and accommodates both the independent camper and larger groups with a maximum of six people per campsite.

Facilities - The campground has non flush toilets, shared fireplaces and picnic tables. No drinking water is provided but a limited amount is available for dishwashing and sanitary requirements.

Campfires - There are shared fireplaces and fire may only be lit in the facilities provided. No fires and flames are permitted anywhere on days declared a Total Fire Ban.

Be Fire Ready – Stay Safe

The Grampians National Park is in a high bushfire area and is located in the South West and Wimmera Weather Districts and is in a high bushfire risk area.

Total Fire Ban

Over the warmer months of the year, a Total Fire Ban day may be declared. On these days, **no fires can be lit**, including campfires, solid and fuel stoves. In the events that a Total Fire Ban is declared, hikers should carry some food that does not need to be cooked.

Fire Danger Ratings

Your safety is your responsibility and you need to be aware of current Fire Danger Ratings for the Grampians National Park. Code Red is the highest fire danger rating and the park will close for public safety. Before beginning your trip, be aware of the weather forecast over the days of your hike. Plan not to walk and leave the park early on hot, dry and windy days as conditions may change quickly.

For updated information on fires in Victoria or general safety advice please call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667, listen to a local ABC/ACE radio station or visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au.

Fire Danger Rating and Total Fire Ban information is available on the Country Fire Authority (CFA) website www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

Further information

Grampians Peaks Trail	www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au
Grampians Peaks Trail campsite bookings	www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/grampians-peaks-trail
Parks Victoria	www.parks.vic.gov.au
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	info@brambuk.com.au
Grampians accommodation	www.visitgrampians.com.au

Emergency contacts

Police, Ambulance, Fire	000
CFA Total Fire Ban Information	www.cfa.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Information Line	1800 240 667 (Free call)
Emergency updates for bushfire/floods etc	www.emergency.vic.gov.au
Roadside assistance- (RACV)	13 1111