



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 here

Southern Circuit hikes commence from Tidal River or Telegraph Saddle. Tidal River is a 30-minute drive from the entrance of the national park. The nearest fuel and electric vehicle charging is at Yanakie.

Shuttle Bus

During summer, autumn, and spring school holidays, on weekends from Melbourne Cup to Easter and on Anzac long weekend, a free shuttle bus takes visitors to Telegraph Saddle from Tidal River or the Overnight Hikers car park. Telegraph Saddle car park is closed to all other vehicles during shuttle bus operating times (9am – 6pm).

Bookings and permits

Advance booking is required for overnight hiking and accommodation. Boat users also need to book a permit in advance to camp at Refuge Cove overnight.

You can book a maximum of two consecutive nights at each of the camp areas and the Lightstation. The maximum group size is twelve. Call 13 1963 or visit parks.vic.gov.au/stay.

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

Overnight hikers must obtain and display a permit on their vehicle before commencing their walk. Ensure you have an emergency contact who is informed of your trip itinerary.

Be prepared and stay safe

Health

Before visiting, check the website parks.vic.gov.au for any changed park conditions or call 13 1963. We recommend hikers have membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport.

Fire

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. To check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban visit emergency.vic.gov.au, the

VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

On **Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating** days, the park will be closed for public safety. Do not enter the park. If you are already in the park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963.

For further information refer to the *Wilson's Promontory National Park Catastrophic Fire Danger Closure fact sheet*.

Fires (including campfires and solid fuel BBQs) are not permitted in Wilson's Promontory National Park at any time. On days of Total Fire Ban, liquid fuel and gas camp stoves are also not permitted, though built-in gas cookers in caravans and built accommodation may be used.

In an emergency

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/ injury, injured wildlife, significant campground disturbance or critical maintenance issues), visitors can contact the Tidal River Duty Officer (24 hours) on **1300 247 594**.

Mobile phone reception is unreliable on the Southern Circuit.

You may be notified of an emergency by Police or Parks Victoria staff. If immediately accessible, collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing, and a torch. Calmly make your way to the closest Emergency Assembly Area marked on the map. Wait there for instructions from Police or Parks Victoria staff.

Help us look after this magnificent park

- All plants, animals, natural features, and cultural sites are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Store all food securely. Carry out all rubbish, including food scraps. Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.
- Stay on walking tracks to avoid getting lost or spreading waterborne diseases on the soles of your shoes like Cinnamon fungus, which kills native flora, and Chytrid fungus, which kills native frogs.
- Download the free FrogID app on IOS or Android devices and help identify frog species at the Prom.

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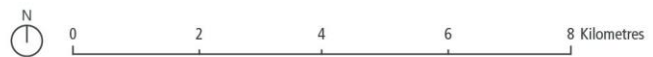
Hiking the Southern Circuit

- Southern Hikes are Level 4 under the Australian Walking Track Grading system, based on the most difficult sections.
- Walk completion times may vary significantly depending on weather, fitness, and experience.
- Check tide times to avoid deep water creek crossings at Sealers Cove and Oberon Bay.
- Wear sturdy walking shoes and prepare 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 Southern Circuit campsites. Supply is not guaranteed.
- Fishing or taking shellfish or crustaceans is not permitted from the shore or waters within Wilson's Promontory Marine National Park. Bait collection is not permitted anywhere in the park.



Parking	Camping	Emergency assembly area	Sealed road	Wilson's Promontory National Park
Information	Trailer camping	No fishing	Unsealed road	Marine National Park
Toilets	Cabins	No spearfishing	Walking track	Marine Park and Coastal Reserve
Walking track	Picnic area	No shell/crab collecting	Distance marker	
Lookout	Lighthouse			

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Storm Recovery

Wilson's Promontory National Park experienced widespread damage to walking tracks from several flood and storm events in 2021. Due to the extent of the damage to Sealers Cove Boardwalk and the complexity of repair work required, Sealers Cove Walking Track will be closed until further notice. Access to Sealers Cove is still achievable via Refuge Cove. For more information visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au