

Cape Liptrap Coastal Park

Visitor Guide



Stretching along the coast from the sand barrier of Point Smythe, to the sheltered waters of Waratah Bay - Cape Liptrap Coastal Park has strikingly beautiful scenery. The coastal park transforms from being a peaceful coastal area to wild, windy and awe-inspiring in stormy weather. With Cambrian rocks and Recent sands, the occurrence of about 270 species of flowering plants including 27 orchids, as well as supporting threatened flora and fauna species – Cape Liptrap Coastal Park is a highly valuable area in Victoria's parks and reserves network.



Getting there

Cape Liptrap Coastal Park is 4,175 ha in size and is situated 160 kilometres south east of Melbourne.

Things to see and do

Walking



Point Smythe Walk – 6km, 1 hour one way
Grade 3

This circuit takes you through thick coastal vegetation leading to the beach at Point Smythe. The track is particularly sheltered on windy days.



Bald Hills Wetland Walk – 750 metres, 15 minutes one way
Grade 3

A meandering track leads you through a series of sand ridges and thickets of Paperbark to a sheltered bird hide where you can sit quietly and observe birds feeding within the wetland.



Cape Liptrap Lighthouse Walk – 300 metres, 5 minutes one way
Grade 2

Take a short walk with breath-taking ocean views to the Cape Liptrap Lighthouse. Established in 1913, the light remains in operation today and has a range of 18 nautical miles (over 34 kilometres).



Lime Burners Walk – 750 metres, 15 minutes one way
Grade 3

This track links the north and south settlements of Walkerville through stands of drooping She-oak, past cliffs and the ruins of lime kilns. A short side track leads to the Walkerville Historic Cemetery.



Overlook Track Walk – 1.2km, 45 minutes one way
Grade 3

This track links the Prom Views Estate with the Walkerville North Caravan Park. A side track of 700 metres, leads to a viewing platform overlooking Waratah Bay and the peaks of Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted in the following areas of Cape Liptrap Coastal Park:

- between Walkerville North and Walkerville South
- between Venus Bay Number 1 and Number 5 Beaches
- between Waratah Bay township and Cooks Creek

Dogs in the above areas are required to be on a lead at all times and are prohibited from these areas between 9am – 6pm from 1st December until 31st March. These measures protect the Hooded Plovers; a ground nesting bird listed as Vulnerable. Dogs are prohibited in all other areas of Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.

Horse Riding

Horse riding is permitted within the park on the intertidal area of beach below the high-water mark, between the ocean outfall pipeline of Venus Bay and Arch Rock. Riding is only permitted below the high-water mark to protect Hooded Plover habitat. Access to the beach is via the Five Mile Track, however, this track is not open for vehicular access due to its unmaintained condition.

Camping

Bush camping is provided at Bear Gully on the shore of Waratah Bay. Advanced bookings and payment are required – please visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au or call 13 19 63. Dispersed camping is also permitted within Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.

Swimming

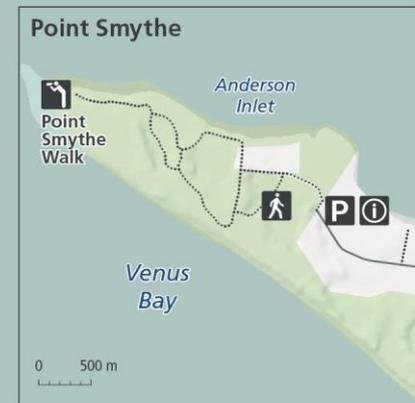
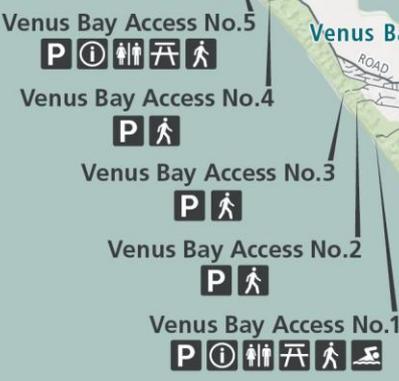
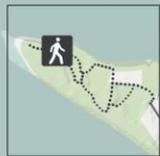
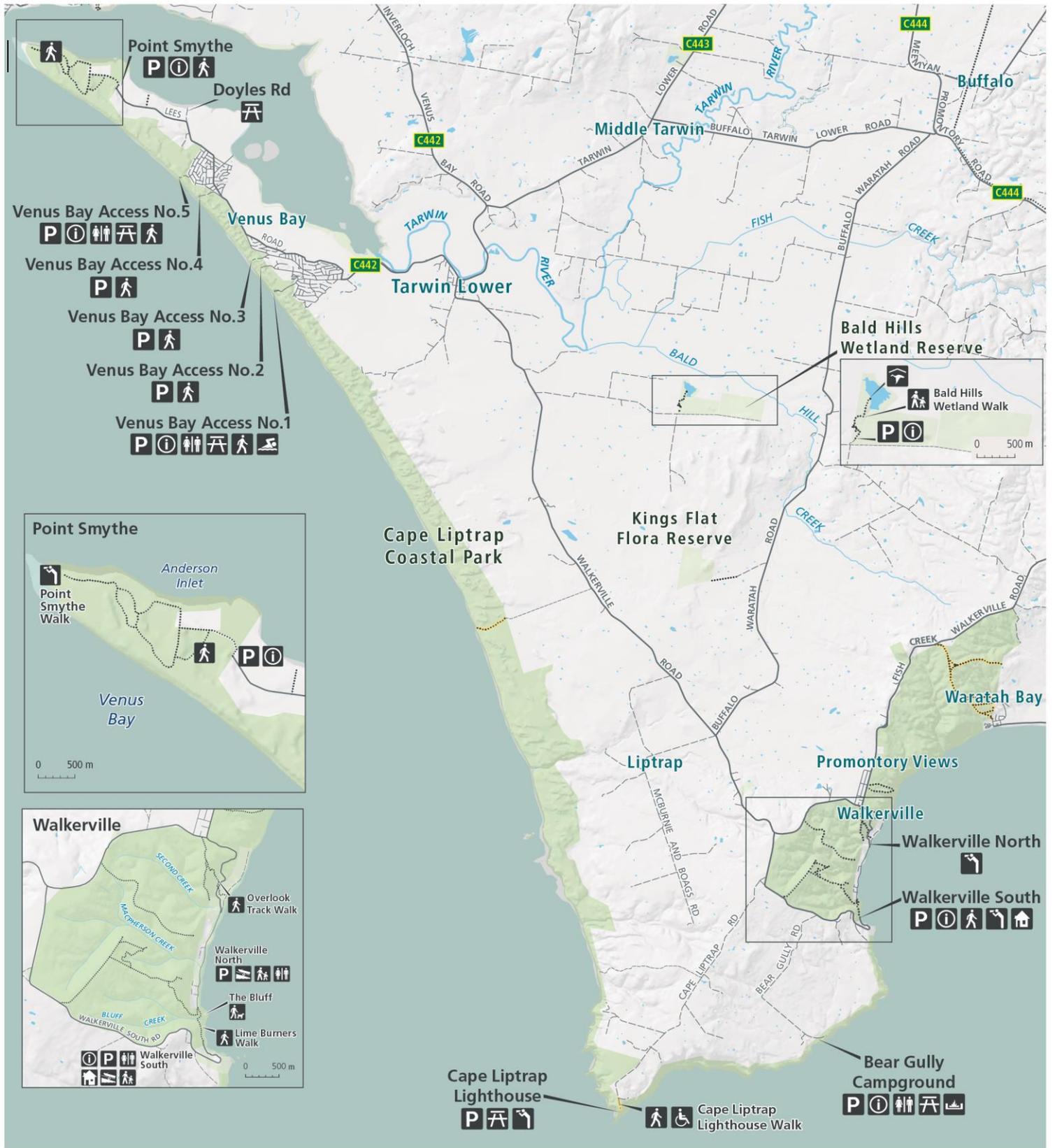
Venus Bay Number 1 Beach is patrolled by surf life savers during selective dates in summer months, which are subject to change. Swimmers must be cautious as strong currents and rips occur along this section coastline.

Fishing and Boating

Recreational line fishing is popular throughout the park, both from the shore and by boat. A Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) is required to take fish (including bait and shellfish) in all Victorian marine, estuary and freshwaters. Please visit the Victorian Fisheries Authority website – www.vfa.vic.gov.au for more details and information on RFL exemptions and licence requirements.

PIPS: Fisheries regulations apply to pipi collection between Point Smythe and Arch Rock, including collection techniques and daily

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| Parking | Boat ramp | All Abilities | Highway | Cape Liptrap Coastal Park |
| Information | Camping | Walking | Main road | Other park/reserve |
| Toilets | Caravanning | Family walk | Sealed road | Ocean |
| Picnic Table | Bird Hide | Swimming | Unsealed road | |
| Fireplace | Lookout | Dogs permitted | Walking track | |
| Lime Kiln | | | Management vehicles only | |



Bear Gully Campground

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 Campsite (tent only)  Campsite (tent or caravan)

 Parking  Picnic table
 Information  Fireplace
 Toilets  Beach access

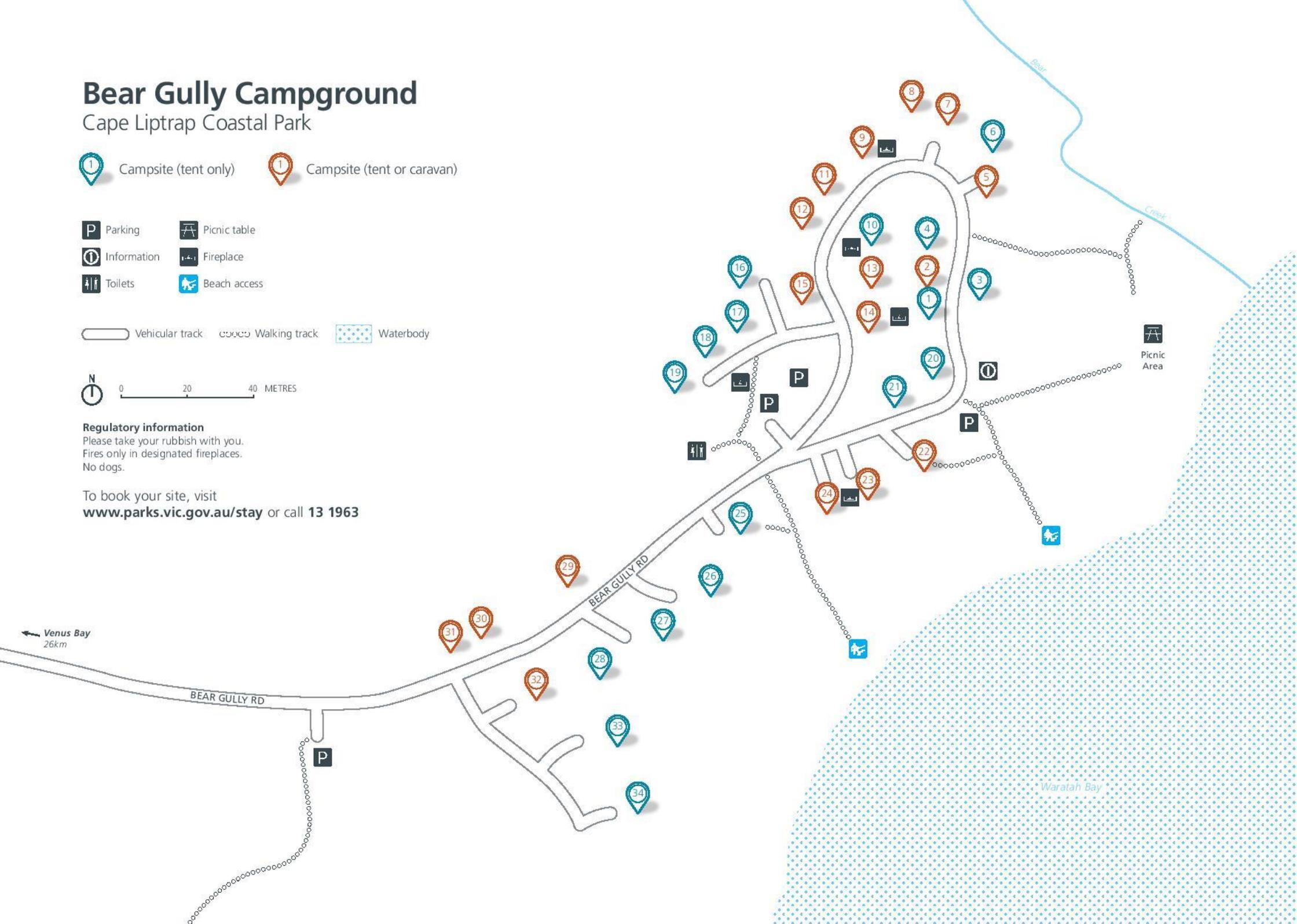
 Vehicular track  Walking track  Waterbody

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Regulatory information

Please take your rubbish with you.
Fires only in designated fireplaces.
No dogs.

To book your site, visit
www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay or call 13 1963



← Venus Bay
26km

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Waratah Bay

Be prepared and stay safe

- Familiarise yourself with tide height and times to safely walk along the ocean beaches.
- Always pack appropriate clothing and equipment and plan your trip accordingly.

Emergency Information

- Dial 000 for Police, Fire and Ambulance.
- Cape Liptrap Coastal Park is located in the West and South Gippsland Fire District.
- Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions.
- Be aware of the Forecast Fire Danger Rating, as areas of Cape Liptrap Coastal Park are in a high bushfire risk area. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency App or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected at Bear Gully Campground but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.
- Information regarding weather forecasts and wave warnings, including swell, tides and wind forecasts is available from the Bureau of Meteorology.