

Little Desert National Park

Park Update

Friday 19 Sept 2025

Little Desert National Park Update – What's Open, What's Closed

In January 2025, a large bushfire burnt through most of the Little Desert National Park. The eastern (near Dimboola) and central areas were impacted by the fire, including significant damage to campgrounds, roads and walking tracks. The remote western area known as the Western Block was not affected and is open for visitors. Recovery works have commenced and visitor areas in the Horseshoe and Ackle Bend area have re-opened to visitors on Friday 19 September.

What is Open?

Day Visitor Sites and Walking Tracks

Horseshoe and Ackle Bend

Day visitor and picnic areas as well as the nature trail that links the two visitor nodes have re-opened. Allowing visitors to access the Wimmera River and walk the 3km loop nature trail to view nature recovering after fire.

Kiata Sanctuary Picnic Ground

Located 19km southeast from Nhill, a gravel road suitable for 2WD, leads you to a visitor area to enjoy wildflowers and birdlife.

Western Block (West of Kaniva-Edenhope Road to the South Australian border).

This remote area is open for four wheel driving driving and dispersed camping.

Campgrounds

Horseshoe Bend and Ackle Bend

Two campgrounds south of Dimboola offer camping near the Wimmera River. Access is via a gravel road suitable for two wheel-drive vehicles. Some camping sites remain closed due to fire damage, however there are 15 unpowered sites available for booking via Parks Victoria's website.

Roads and 4WD tracks

All Roads in the Western Block are open
Horseshoe Bend Road and River Track (access to Horseshoe Bend and Ackle Bend Campgrounds from Dimboola)

What is closed?

Walking Tracks, Roads, Day Visitor Sites and Campgrounds

Eastern & Central Blocks

All other areas in the Eastern and Central areas of the park remain closed until further notice. This includes Kiata Campground, which was significantly impacted by the fires and will remain closed for some time. Further visitor areas will re-open in later Spring.

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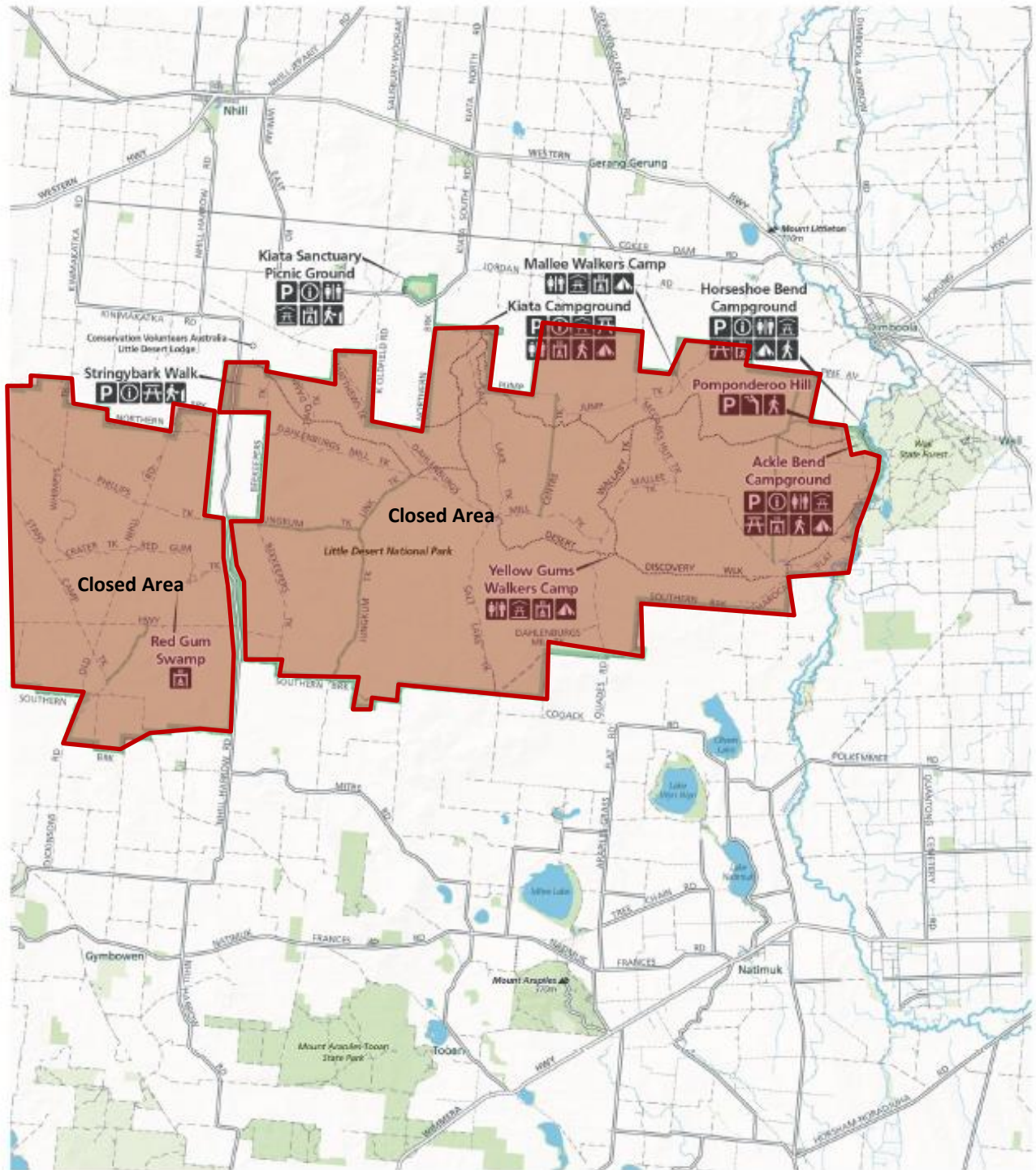
Many roads within the park will remain closed to the public for some time. There will be longer term closures required for most tracks where significant damage has occurred and further essential works are required such as directional signage and stabilisation works.

Stay safe and prepared

Do not enter closed fire affected areas, they are fragile and unstable with significant hazards such as falling trees and damaged tracks and roads.

For further park information, visit a local Visitor Information Centre or go to the Little Desert National Park website <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/little-desert-national-park>

Little Desert National Park Map 2



Parking	Wood BBQ	Freeway/Highway	Walking track	Little Desert National Park
Information	Lookout	Main road	Management vehicles / walking track only	Other park/reserve
Toilets	Walking track	Sealed road	Major river	Public land
Sheltered area	Camping area	Unsealed road	Minor river	Waterbody
Picnic table	Self guided walk	4wd track	Stream/creek	

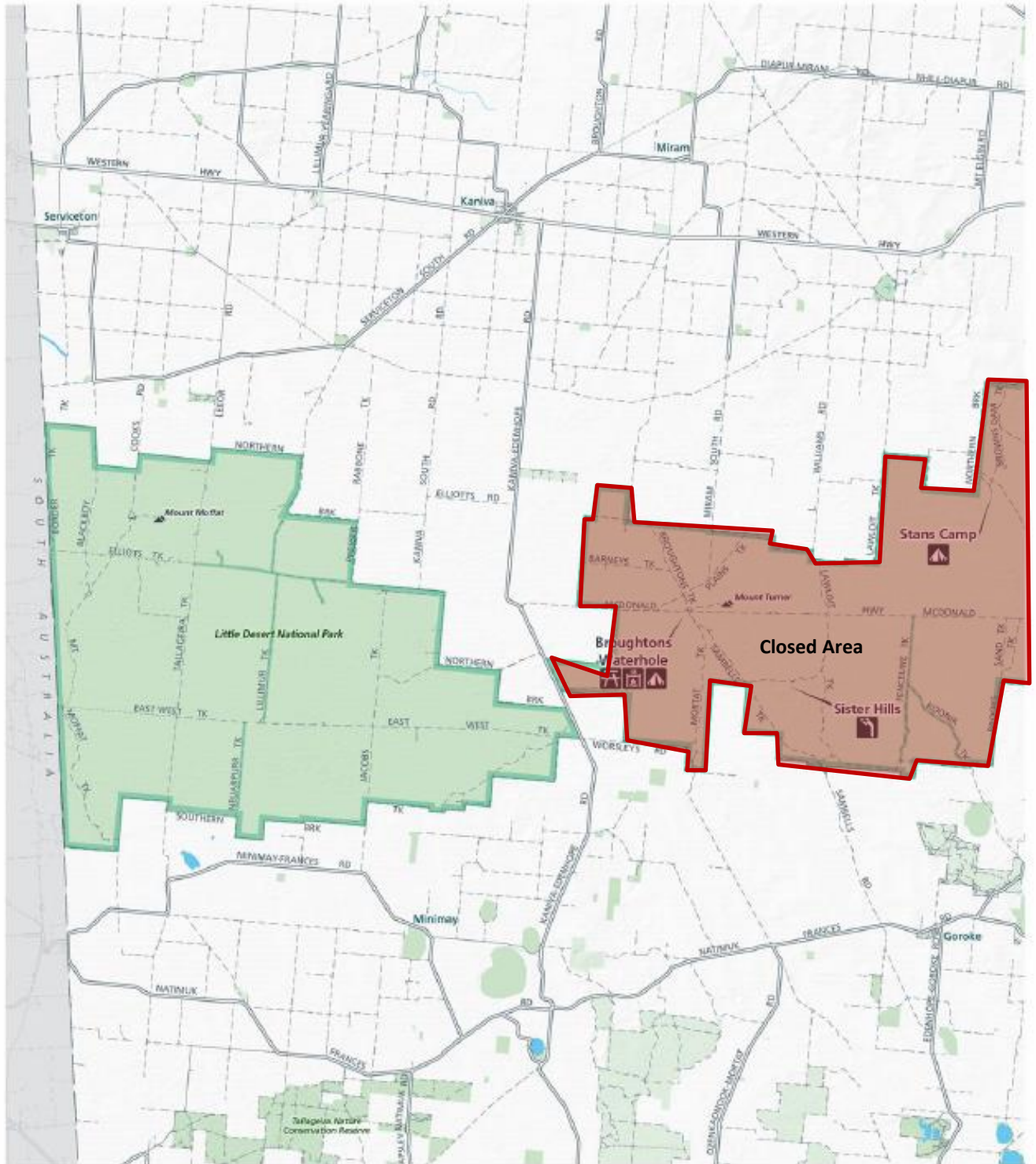
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Little Desert National Park Map 1



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