

# Rock climbing in the Grampians National Park

## Information and maps

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### Background

Heritage listed for its biodiversity and significant cultural heritage, the Grampians National Park was established in 1984 to protect environmental and cultural values of national importance.

The park has more than 800 indigenous plant species and is home to one third of Victoria's flora, a range of wildlife, and the majority of surviving Aboriginal rock art places in south-east Australia.

### Changes to rock climbing in the Grampians National Park

In recent years, rock climbing in the national park has increased and contemporary rock climbing activities, such as bouldering and the use of fixed protection (bolts and chain anchors), have emerged, creating risk to irreplaceable environmental and cultural values.

To ensure the protection of these values, in February 2019 [Parks Victoria announced](#) it would be strictly enforcing the existing restrictions that were established to protect the park's highly sensitive places called Special Protection Areas. This decision meant that the existing restrictions prohibiting rock climbing and abseiling within Special Protection Areas would be enforced.

No-impact climbing remains permitted in locations across the 100,000 hectares of the national park that are outside of Special Protection Areas, which are clearly shown in the maps below.

### Special Protection Areas

A Special Protection Area is a place that is particularly special or at significant risk. This could be because it is a protected Aboriginal place, or

has a threatened species of plant or animal that is vulnerable to human activity.

To protect these areas, bushwalking and picnicking are the only permitted activities within a Special Protection Area.

### Climbing at Summerday Valley

In June 2019, [Parks Victoria announced](#) that tour operators offering rock climbing and abseiling at Summerday Valley (which is within a Special Protection Area) in the Grampians National Park had been issued a variation to their existing licences for three months.

The variation provides strictly conditional authorisation for existing Licensed Tour Operators to continue undertaking rock climbing and abseiling in three designated areas – Barc Cliff, Back Wall, and a section of Wall of Fools – within Summerday Valley until 30 September 2019.

Climbers wishing to climb in this area will need to register with [tour operators](#).

### Grampians Landscape Management Plan

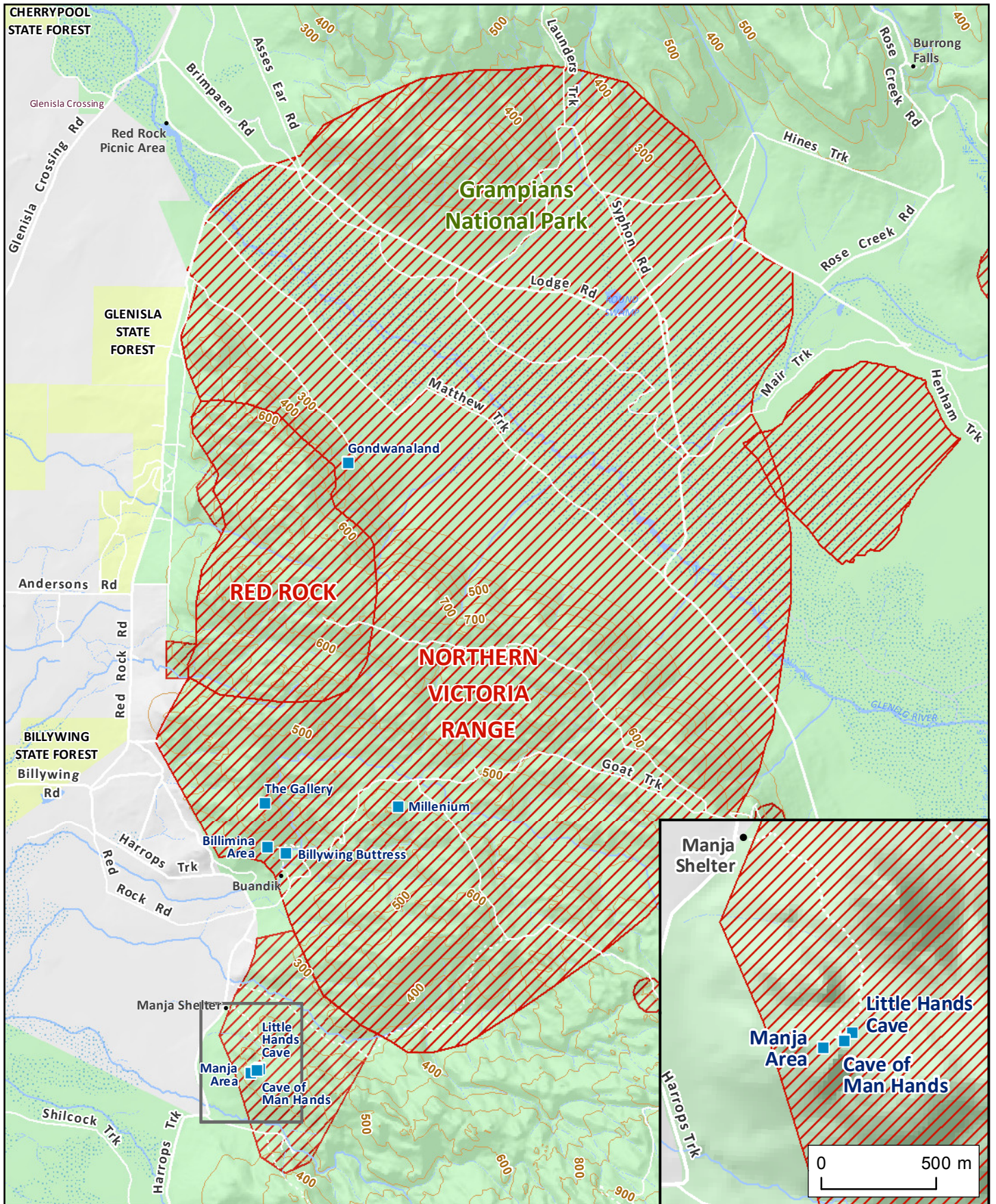
In partnership with Traditional Owner groups, Parks Victoria is preparing a new management plan for the Grampians landscape, an area that covers the Grampians National Park and some adjacent parks and reserves.

While this plan is not being developed in response to changes to rock climbing in the Grampians National Park, it will provide longer-term direction on matters such as access and usage of the park.

Have your say at:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/grampians-management-plan>

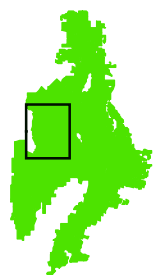




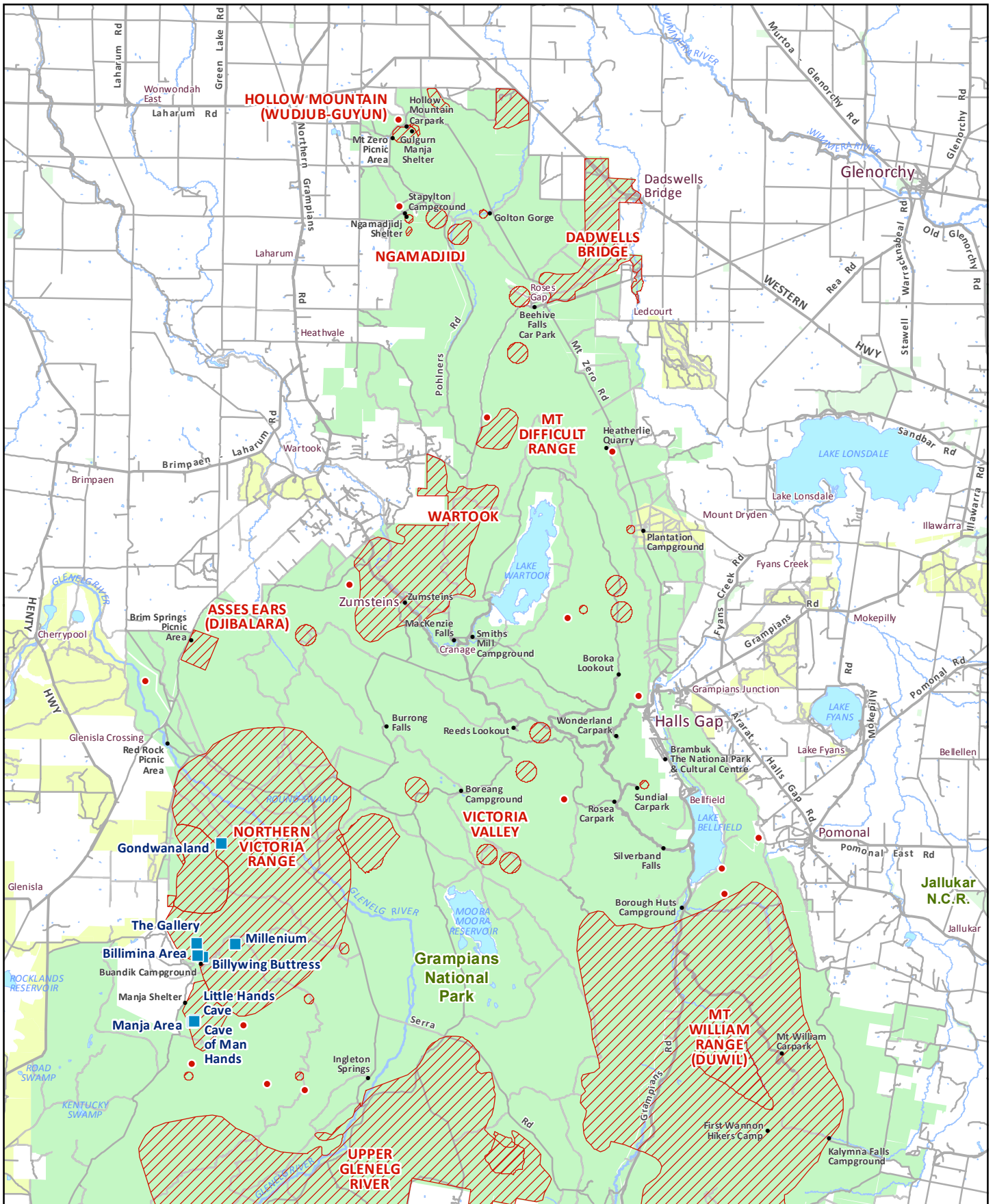
## Eight Focus Areas

- Location of compliance signage
- Protected areas - restrictions apply
- Parks Victoria Visitor Sites
- Grampians National Park
- State Forest

## LOCALITY REGIONS

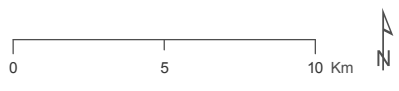






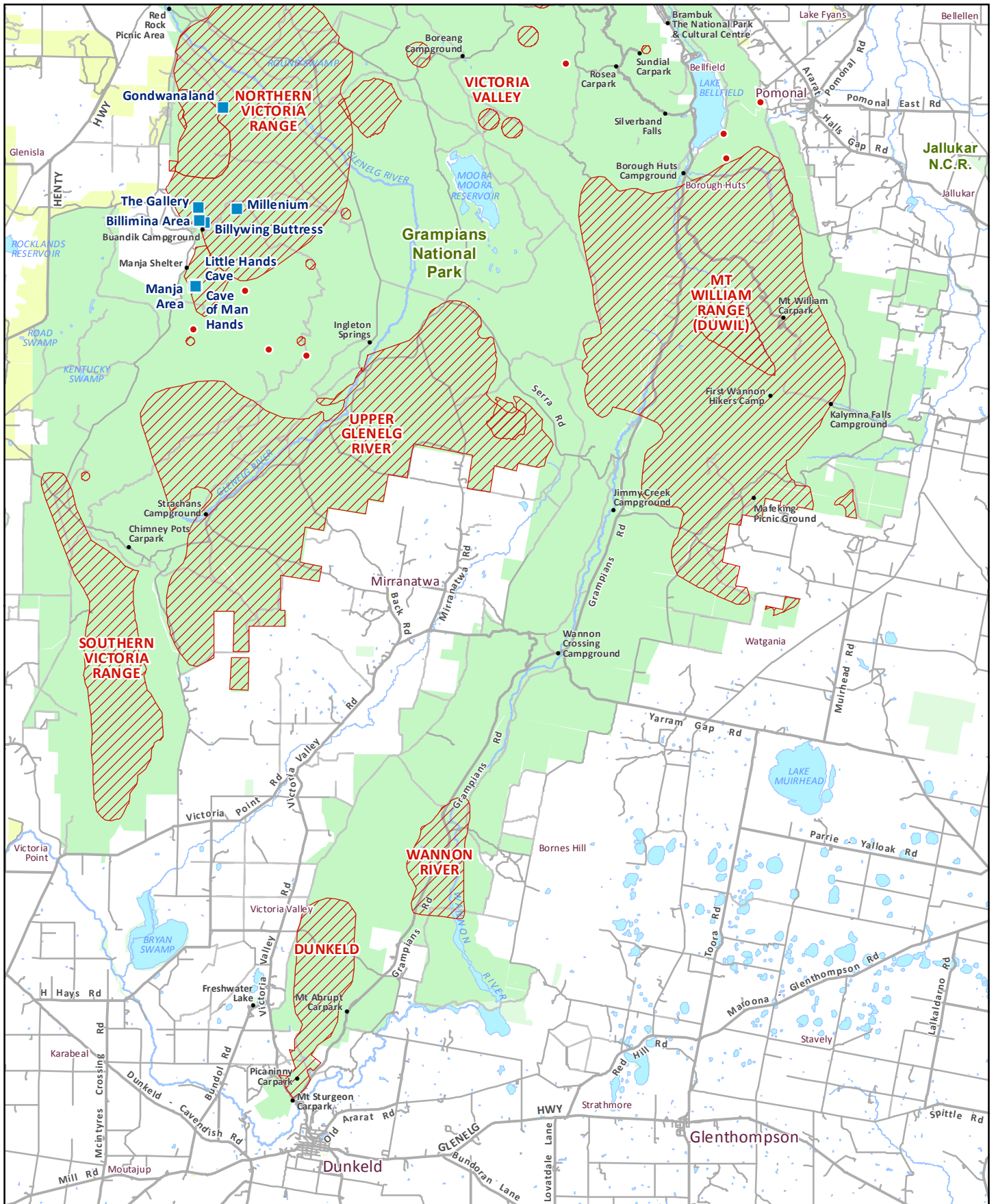
## Grampians National Park - Rock Climbing Exclusion Zones (North)

- Protected Areas - restrictions apply
- Location of compliance signage
- Parks and Reserves
- LOCALITY REGIONS
- State Forest
- National Parks
- Protected Areas - restrictions apply
- Parks Victoria Visitor Sites



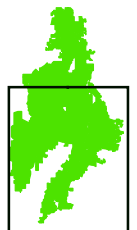
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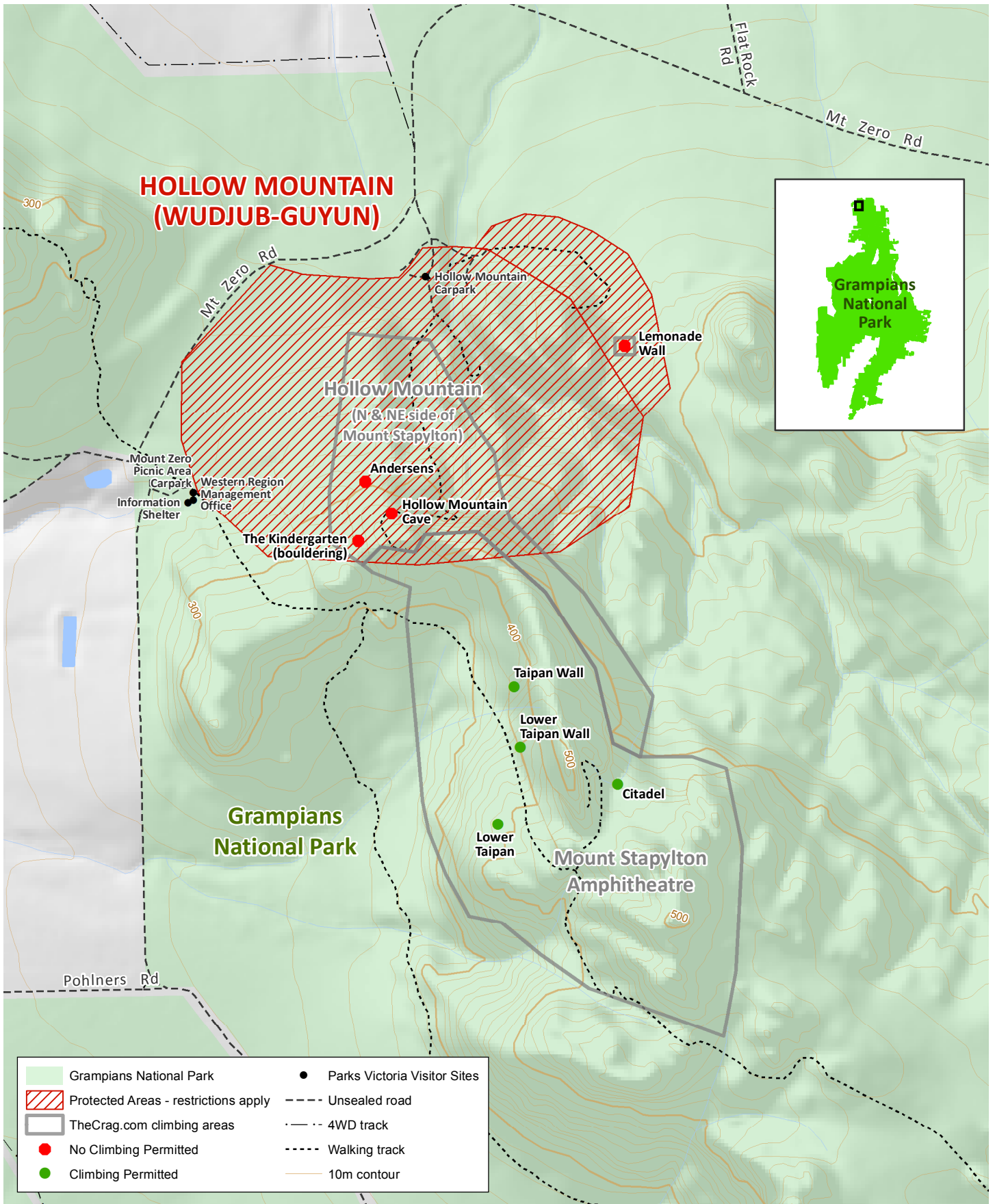
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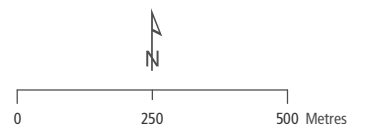
## Grampians National Park - Rock Climbing Exclusion Zones (South)

- Protected Areas - restrictions apply
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- Location of compliance signage
- Parks Victoria Visitor Sites
- National Parks
- Parks and Reserves
- State Forest
- LOCALITY REGIONS**





# Hollow Mountain (Wudjub-Guyun) and Mount Stapylton Rock Climbing Exclusion Zones



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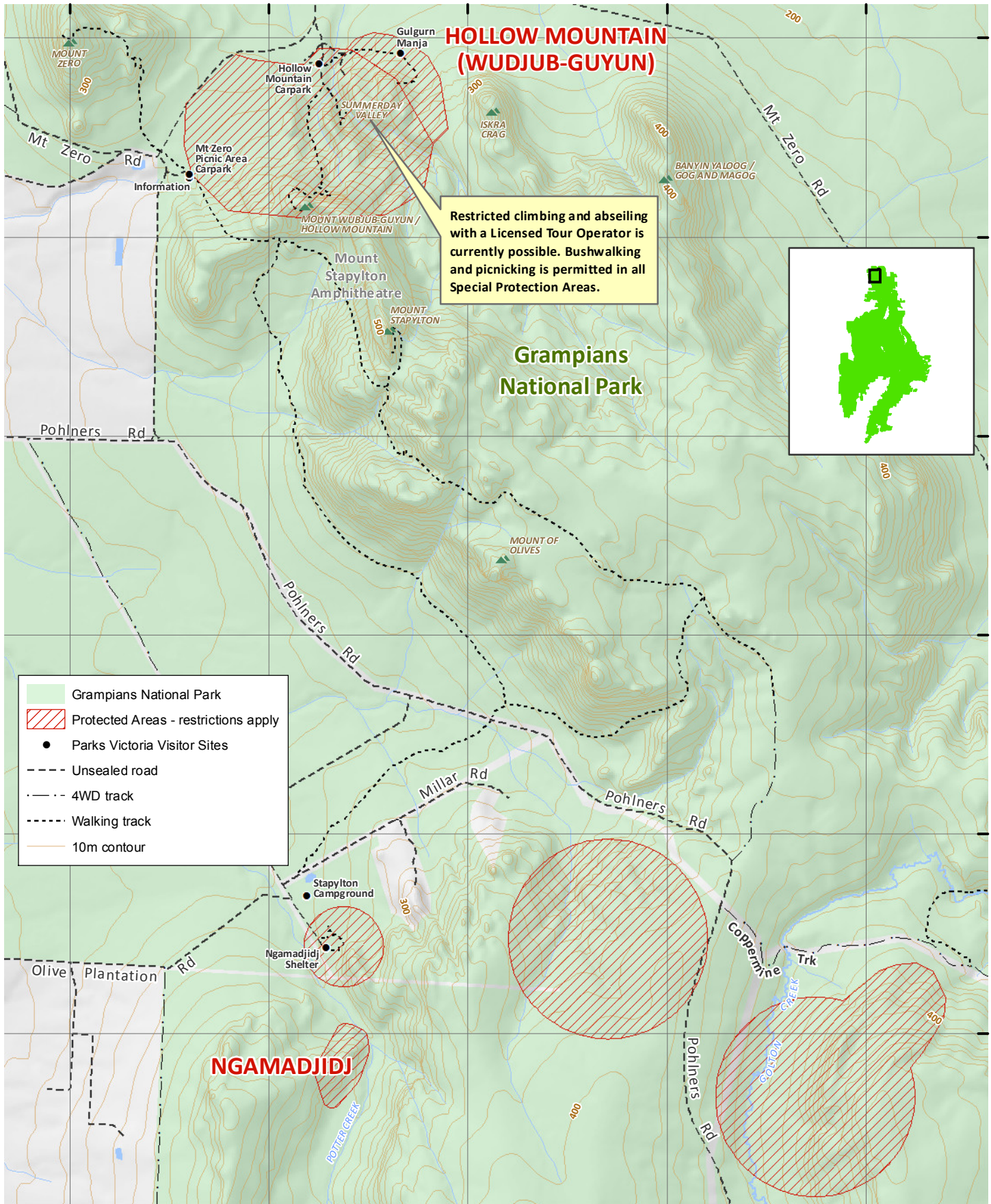
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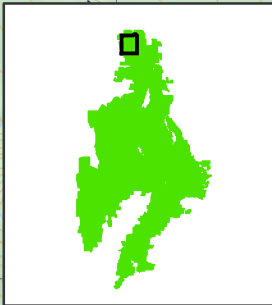
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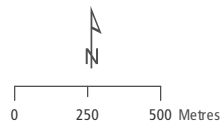
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# Hollow Mountain (Wudjub-Guyun) and Ngamadjidj Special Protection Areas



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