Mt Buangor State Park

Visitor Guide



A virtual island of mountains and forests rising abruptly with granite boulders with peaks rising to nearly 1000 metres. The highest peak in the area Mount Buangor (Beereep) offers spectacular views of the surrounding country. Each new season brings changing smells sounds, colours and sights to walk, camp, cycle, drive or picnic.

































Getting there

Mt Buangor State Park is located between Ararat and Beaufort and is accessed from the Western Highway (Route A8).

Things to see and do

Drive and cycle

The lower reaches of the park are suitable for cycling and the parks road and track system is suitable for 4WDriving and scenic tours.

Picnicking and camping

Shady forests, ferny gullies and wildlife make this a popular park for vehicle-based camping is at Bailes and Middle Creek visitor areas. The smaller Ferntree Visitor Area is tent only.

Explore a range of walking tracks in the park the grade varies from easy to hard. More detailed information about walks is posted on site at visitor areas.

Three easier walks

Waterfalls Nature Walk - 1km, 45 minutes return

Features manna gums, blue gums, bridges, boardwalks and viewpoints.

This easy/moderate walk has uneven surfaces, some steps and handrail provided in steep sections, starts from Ferntree Visitor Area. Cascade Falls is a five-minute walk past the waterfall.

Two Mile Circuit Walk

- start from Bailes 2.9km, 1hour return
- start from Ferntree 2.2km, 45minutes return

This easy undulating walking track crossed Middle Creek twice passing through tree fern lined banks and tall forest.

Middle Creek Walk – 6.2km, 1hour, 30 minutes return

Begin from either Middle Creek or Ferntree visitor areas. Linking three visitor areas the walk passes through several distinct forest types ranging from cool fern gullies to tall mountain forest.

Shared walk and cycle

Jenny Clayton Circuit - 8.5km, 2hours return

This easy grade trail can be walked or cycled as it passes through a diverse array of vegetation communities of forests, shrubland and rocky outcrops.

Longer walks

These longer walks require detailed maps and planning and preparation before undertaking them. Hiking boots, wet weather gear, water, hats and first aid should all be part of your preparation.

Bukkertillible Walk

- start Middle Creek 3.2km, 1hour, 30 minutes return
- start Bailes 6.3km, 2hours return

Bukkertillible means 'cave' and the steep rocky walk reaches a giant granite arch resembling a cave – almost 100m wide and 15m high.

Mount Buangor Walk - 10km, 3hours return

This difficult, steep rocky begins at Ferntree Visitor Area. It passes up through damp forest into regionally rare snow gums with a dramatic panorama unfolding at the areas highest peak lookout.

Mount Sugarloaf Circuit - 11km, 4.5hours return

This walk can be undertaken from three locations, i.e. Middle Creek, Bailes and Ferntree visitor areas. The Circuit crosses the Mt Cole plateau with good views and takes in the Cave Hill cave.

Raglan Falls - 11km, 3hours, 30minutes return

Begins from Middle Creek Visitor Area and climbs steeply to Cave Hill (Bukkertillible). Spectacular views reward your efforts.

Beeripmo Walk - 24km, 12hours return

This difficult overnight walk passes between Mt Cole State Forest and the park utilising a hike-in campground. Prepare and plan for our safety. Further information visit www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Be prepared and stay safe

Mount Buangor State Park is in the South West fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility and anyone entering during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions.

No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. However, gas stoves may be used under certain conditions for food preparation.

Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban on the VicEmergency smartphone <u>app</u> or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 or visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. Mobile phone service may not exist in many areas. Seek high elevations when trying for emergency phone May 2020 coverage.