



Mount Buffalo National Park

Summer Visitor Guide

The Mount Buffalo plateau towers over the Ovens and Buffalo Rivers forming spectacular granite cliffs and waterfalls. Crisp fresh air, giant tors, deep gorges, tumbling streams, snow gum woodlands and masses of summer wildflowers all combine with views of the nearby Great Dividing Range.



Welcome

Parks Victoria respects the deep and continuing connection that Taungurung Traditional Owners have to Mount Buffalo National Park, and we recognise their ongoing role in caring for Country.

Getting here

Mount Buffalo is 325 kilometres or 3.5 hours drive from Melbourne along the Hume Highway. From the Great Alpine Road (B500) take the Mount Buffalo Road (C535) exit.

Mt Buffalo Road is a winding road with tight corners and is not suitable for large caravans.

The Reservoir, Lake Catani and Horn roads are unsealed and can become dusty and corrugated. These roads are closed during winter or following periods of heavy rain. The Horn and Reservoir Roads are not suitable for caravans or trailers. Snow chains must be carried and fitted when and where directed by road signs during the declared snow season.

There is no entrance fee to visit Mt Buffalo National Park.

Things to see and do

During summer enjoy bushwalking, canoeing, swimming, picnicking, sightseeing and cycling. Rock climbing, abseiling and hang-gliding challenge the adventurous visitor.

Over winter snow blankets most of the plateau and attracts cross-country skiers to marked trails with tobogganing and snow play at Cresta Valley and Dingo Dell.

Accessibility

The viewing platforms and carparks at The Gorge and The Horn picnic area are accessible to people with limited mobility. There is an accessible toilet and picnic tables located at Eurobin Creek Picnic Area (near the park

entrance). The toilets at The Gorge, Lakeside and Lake Catani Campground are accessible, excluding winter due to snow.

Picnicking

There are several picnic areas within the park and all are accessible by car. The maps in the guide provide a summary of what is available at each picnic area. For the best views visit The Gorge or The Horn. For a short walk to waterfalls visit Ladies Bath Falls or Rollasons Falls. At Grossmans Mill you can enjoy tranquil views across the lake. On the shores of Lake Catani is Lakeside and Lakeside Point picnic areas. Lakeside has tables, toilets, shelter and free gas barbeques and offers shady relief in summer.

Walks and overnight hikes

There are over 90km of tracks traversing pristine subalpine ecosystems and unique landscapes. The tracks are generally well-defined and signposted. Maps should be carried at all times. Please keep to formed tracks.

Before you go, let someone know where you are going, and when you expect to return. Be prepared. Weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas. Phone reception is limited in many locations in the park.

The Mt Buffalo walks and overnight hikes visitor guide describes each walk in greater detail and recommends longer connecting walks.

The tracks are graded using the Australian walking track grading system and are graded from 1 to 5, where grade 1 is the easiest and grade 5 the most difficult. Due to the park's rugged natural terrain, it is not suitable for wheelchair users.

Walking times are intended as a guide only. They do not allow for rest stops. Times may vary significantly depending on fitness level and hiking experience. All trails are marked with trail head signage however track markers along some routes are limited. Hikers are advised to carry a map and always know what trail they are on.

On your way to the plateau

Locate the walks on the maps by finding the walk number.



1. The Big Walk – 10.2km, 4-5hrs one way, Grade 3

This track climbs from the park entrance to The Gorge. The walk highlights the unique biodiversity and geology of Mount Buffalo and has superb views of the Australian Alps.



2. Ladies Bath Falls & Eurobin Falls – 560m, 20min one way, Grade 3

An easy walk to Ladies Bath Falls and great for a swim on a hot day.



3. Rollasons Falls – 4km, 1.5hr return, Grade 3

Tracks lead to the upper and lower falls lookouts. There is a short steep section at the end.

The Gorge



4. The Gorge lookouts – various distances & times, Grade 3

A series of spectacular lookouts that are an easy walk from The Gorge carpark.



5. Gorge Heritage Walk – 2.0km, 40min return, Grade 3

The walk explores some of the history of the park through the eyes of Alice Manfield.



6. Underground River – 2.2km, 40min one way, Grade 3

This track leads to Billson's and Haunted Gorge lookouts and onto the Underground River. Do not enter the Underground River cave without an experienced guide and appropriate equipment.



7. View Point – 2.2km, 1hr one way, Grade 3

Views of the Buckland Valley and the entrance to the Underground River.



8. Gorge - Catani Track – 2km, 35min one way, Grade 2

This easy track links The Gorge, Lake Catani Campground and Lakeside.



9. The Monolith – approximately 1.8km, 40min, Grade 3

A stunning outcrop of granite rock that can be seen from several locations in the park.

Lake Catani and surrounds



10. Lakeside – 3.2km, 1hr circuit, Grade 3

An easy walk around Lake Catani. Enjoy the summer wildflowers.



11. Chalwell Galleries – 1.8km, 40min circuit, Grade 3

The climb through the galleries is steep, narrow and challenging at times, suitable for those comfortable with heights and confined spaces. Please keep to formed track.



12. Long Plain to Mt Dunn – 3.3km, 1hr 15 min, Grade 3

Stunning 360° views from the summit of Mt Dunn.



13. Lake View – 2km, one way, Grade 4

Great views of Lake Catani and across to the Alps.

Cathedral Saddle and surrounds



14. Old Galleries – 800m, 30min circuit, Grade 3

A great walk-through awe-inspiring rock formations.



15. Cathedral - Hump – 1km, 30min one way, Grade 3

The track passes the spectacular Cathedral and onto the Hump summit.



16. Le Souef Plateau walks – 2.5 km, 1hr return, Grade 3

The plateau accesses The Sentinel, The Castle, The Corral and Mahomets Tomb.



17. Macs Point – 3.8 km, 1hr 20min, Grade 3

From Cathedral Saddle the walk passes Stanley Rocks and Giants Causeway.

Cresta Valley

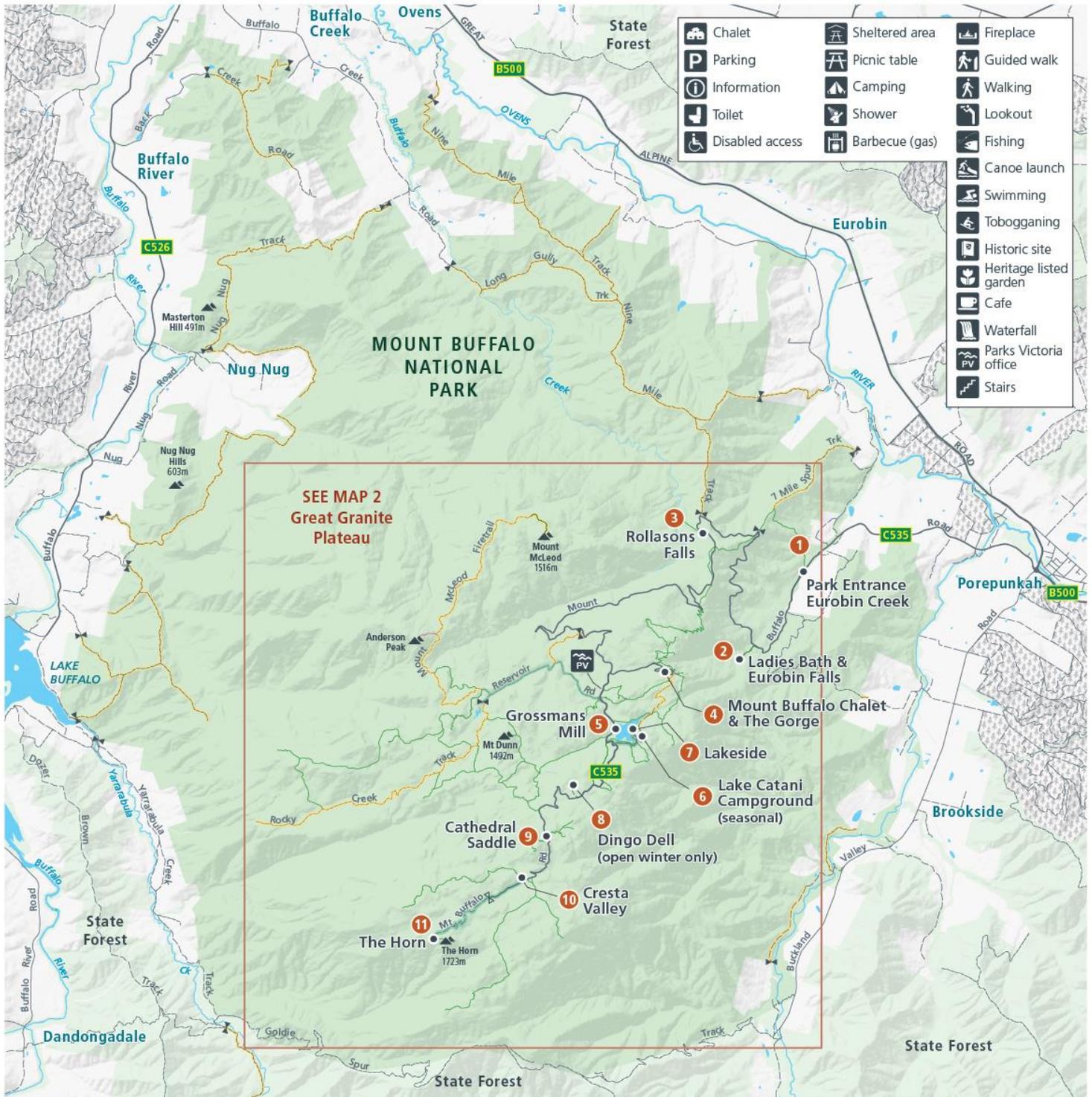


18. Dicksons Falls Nature Walk – 3.2km, 1hr return, Grade 3

Masses of wildflowers are a highlight in summer.

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Map 1 - Overview





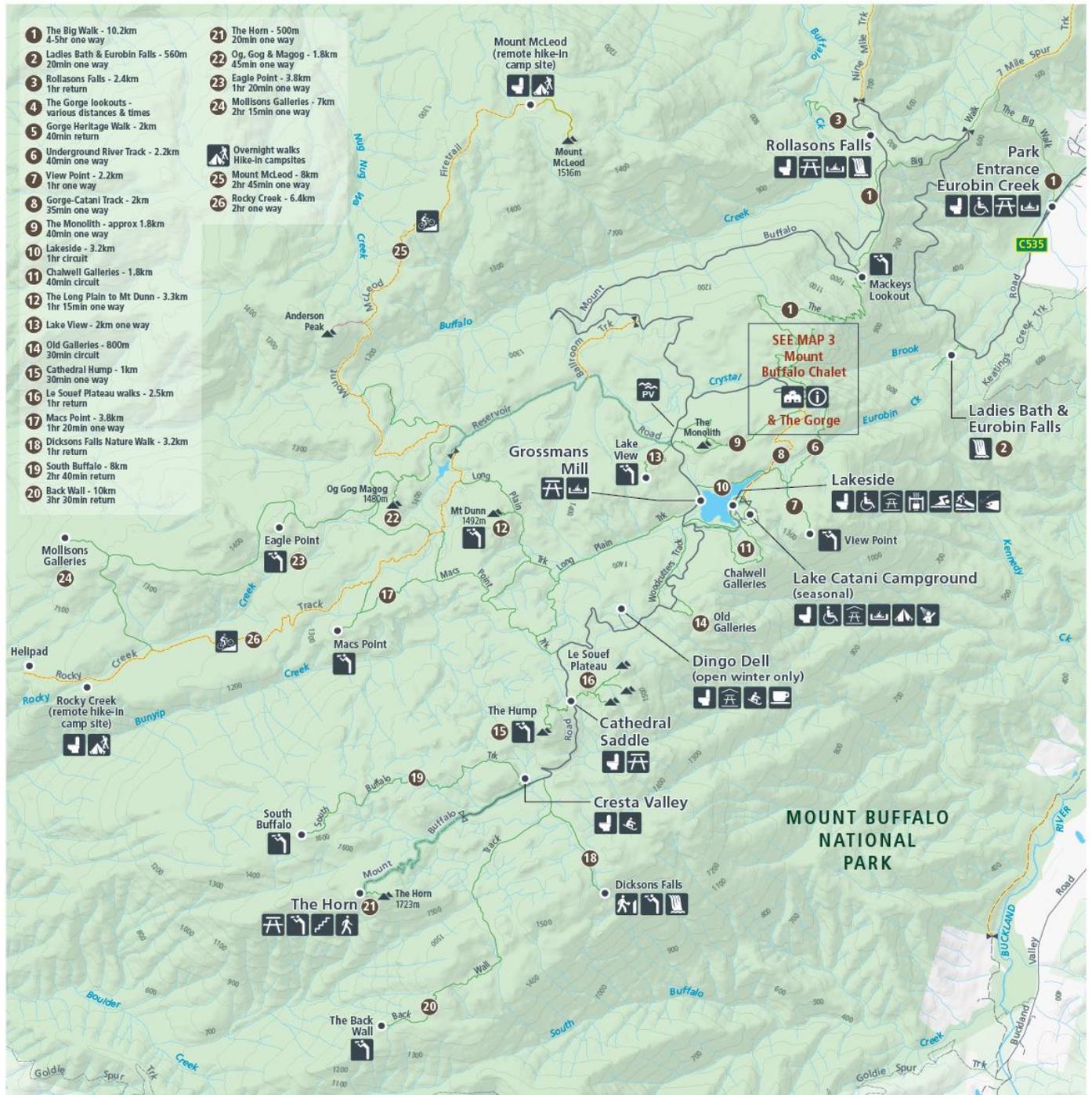
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| <p>1 Park entrance & Eurobin Creek</p> | <p>6 Lake Catani Campground (seasonal)</p> |
| <p>2 Ladies Bath & Eurobin Falls</p> | <p>7 Lakeside</p> |
| <p>3 Rollasons Falls</p> | <p>8 Dingo Dell (open winter only)</p> |
| <p>4 Mount Buffalo Chalet & The Gorge</p> | <p>9 Cathedral Saddle</p> |
| <p>5 Grossmans Mill</p> | <p>10 Cresta Valley</p> |
| | <p>11 The Horn</p> |

	Highway		Route
	Main road		Mount Buffalo National Park
	Sealed road		Other reserve
	Unsealed road		Plantation
	4WD track		Waterbody
	Management vehicles only		Watercourse
	Seasonal road closure		Gate
	Walking track		Seasonal gate



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Map 2 - Great Granite Plateau



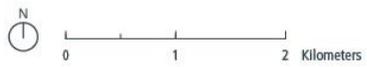
- 1 The Big Walk - 10.2km
4-5hr one way
- 2 Ladies Bath & Eurobin Falls - 560m
20min one way
- 3 Rollasons Falls - 2.4km
1hr return
- 4 The Gorge lookouts - various distances & times
- 5 Gorge Heritage Walk - 2km
40min return
- 6 Underground River Track - 2.2km
40min one way
- 7 View Point - 2.2km
1hr one way
- 8 Gorge-Catani Track - 2km
35min one way
- 9 The Monolith - approx 1.8km
40min one way
- 10 Lakeside - 3.2km
1hr circuit
- 11 Chalwell Galleries - 1.8km
40min circuit
- 12 The Long Plain to Mt Dunn - 3.3km
1hr 15min one way
- 13 Lake View - 2km one way
- 14 Old Galleries - 800m
30min circuit
- 15 Cathedral Hump - 1km
30min one way
- 16 Le Souef Plateau walks - 2.5km
1hr return
- 17 Macs Point - 3.8km
1hr 20min one way
- 18 Dicksons Falls Nature Walk - 3.2km
1hr return
- 19 South Buffalo - 8km
2hr 40min return
- 20 Back Wall - 10km
3hr 30min return
- 21 The Horn - 500m
20min one way
- 22 Og, Gog & Magog - 1.8km
45min one way
- 23 Eagle Point - 3.8km
1hr 20min one way
- 24 Mollisons Galleries - 7km
2hr 15min one way

- Overnight walks**
Hike-in campsites
- 25 Mount McLeod - 8km
2hr 45min one way
 - 26 Rocky Creek - 6.4km
2hr one way

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| Parking | Camping | Swimming | Main road | Walks |
| Toilet | Hike-in campsite | Tobogganing | Sealed road | Gate |
| Disabled access | Shower | Canoe launch | Unsealed road | Seasonal gate |
| Disabled access | Walking | Waterfall | 4WD track | Mount Buffalo National Park |
| Sheltered area | Guided walk | Cafe (winter only) | Management vehicles only | Waterbody |
| Picnic table | Lookout | Chalet | Seasonal road closure | Watercourse |
| Barbecue (gas) | Fishing | Parks Victoria office | Walking track | 100 metre contour |
| Fireplace | Mountain biking | Stairs | Route | |



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 **19. South Buffalo – 8 km, 2hr 40min return, Grade 3**

A trail through snow gums and snowgrass meadows and ends at a large granite rock slab. Views into the Buffalo River valley.

 **20. Back Wall – 10 km, 3hr 30min return, Grade 3**

Stunning views from the top of the Back Wall and across to The Horn.

The Horn

 **21. Horn – 500m, 20min one way, Grade 3**

This track takes you to the highest point on Mount Buffalo at 1723m, with 360-degree views of the plateau and the Alps.

Five Acre Plain and surrounds

 **22. Og, Gog and Magog – 1.8km, 45min, Grade 3**

Starting from the Mt McLeod Track this walk takes you into an area of massive boulders.

 **23. Eagle Point – 3.8km, 1hr 20min one way, Grade 3**

Beyond Og, Gog & Magog is Eagle Point. An alternative return route is available via Rocky Creek Track.

 **24. Mollisons Galleries – 7km, 2hr 15min, Grade 4**

Short walks to Og, Gog & Magog and Eagle Point are well worth the effort. Add another 1 km for the side trips.

Overnight walks

Remote, minimal impact bush camping is available at Rocky Creek and Mount McLeod campgrounds for a limited number of hikers. Pit toilets are available. This is a fuel stove only area. No campfires. Book a campsite online.

 **25. Mount McLeod – 8km, 2hr 45min, Grade 4**

A walk to the remote North Buffalo Plateau. Suitable for a longer day walk or overnight.

 **26. Rocky Creek – 6.4km, 2hr, Grade 3**

From the Reservoir this management vehicle track links in with Long Plain, Macs Point and Mollison's Galleries Tracks, terminating at remote Rocky Creek Campground. This is a beautiful walk to a remote foothill forest.

Camping facilities

There are unpowered car-based camping sites at Lake Catani Campground open from November to April. In the warmer months, the amenities include the stone hut, hot showers, flushing toilets, and sink areas for dishwashing and laundry. In winter, campers only have access to a pit toilet and the stone hut and need to walk or ski 1km from the closed gate on Mount Buffalo Road.

Bookings are required for summer and remote camping. Book online at www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay or by contacting the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

Camping area facilities	Picnic Tables	Toilets	Barbecues	Fire Pits	Dogs allowed
Lake Catani Campground					
Mount McLeod Campground					
Rocky Creek Campground					

Caring for the park



Help us look after your park by following these regulations:

- Dogs, cats and other domestic animals are not permitted. Penalties apply.
- Collection of firewood is illegal in a national park.
- Fire may only be lit in designated fireplaces when:
 - a three-metre area is cleared of anything flammable
 - at least 10 litres of water is available for immediate use
 - an adult is in attendance (awake, within 50m and with a clear line of sight) at all times
 - put your fire out with water, not soil. When it is cool to touch it is safe to leave.
- No fires may be lit on a day of Total Fire Ban, including campfires, solid and fuel barbecues and ovens. Built in and portable gas or electric barbecues may be used, provided they meet the first three criteria above.
- All native plants, animals, cultural and historic features are protected by law. Leave the park as you found it.

- Please take rubbish home with you for recycling and disposal.
- No drones – for the protection of birdlife and visitor amenity.
- Bicycles are not permitted on walking tracks.

Be prepared and stay safe



Mobile phone reception is poor in most areas of the park. Snakes are more active in spring, summer and autumn. If you see a snake, stand still and don't panic. Snakes nearly always move away when they feel footstep vibrations.

Emergencies

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). Mount Buffalo National Park is in the North East 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. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au or the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this 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. Warning signs may be erected but do not expect a personal warning. Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

All visitors, and especially walkers, should realise that weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas.

Check for park, facility and road closures and the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

Walkers

Before you go, let someone know where you are going, and when you expect to return. Be prepared. Weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas.

Snowfalls can be experienced at any time of the year, always be prepared with:

- Warm clothes
- Wind and waterproof jacket
- Gloves, hat sunglasses and stong sturdy footwear
- First aid kit and sunscreen
- Carry adequate drinking water and food. No drinking water is available anywhere in the park.
- Compass and relevant topographic map.

Phone reception is limited in many locations in the park.

Keep to defined, marked walking tracks.

Please carry out all rubbish, including food scraps.

Further Information

Call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit.parks.vic.gov.au

Download free geo-referenced parks maps from Avenza Maps

For tourist information, including local accommodation, contact:

Alpine Visitor Information Centre, Bright

119 Gavan Street, Bright

Phone: 03 5755 0584 or 1800 111 885

Email: alpinevic@alpineshire.vic.gov.au

Website: visitbright.com.au

Other visitor guides

- [Lake Catani Campground Map](#)
- [Lake Catani Campground accessibility guide](#)



- Download the free park map/s to your phone from Avenza Maps. If you don't have the app installed, you will be prompted to download it (Phone reception is required).