

Wilson's Promontory National Park

Overnight hikes – Northern Wilderness



A challenging walk, even for experienced hikers, the Prom's remote northern wilderness rewards hikers with secluded beaches, spectacular views and abundant wildlife.



Getting there

From the park entrance, the turn-off to Five Mile Road is 10 minutes drive south. Tidal River is a further 20 minutes drive. Please drive carefully and look out for wildlife. Avoid driving between dusk and dawn. There is no fuel at Tidal River. The closest fuel outlet is found at Yanakie.

Wilson's Promontory National Park is open every day, including weekends and public holidays. Please check the website for any changed park conditions before visiting at www.parks.vic.gov.au.

Bookings and permits

Advance booking is required. All overnight hikers must obtain a permit before commencing their walk. The permit must be carried at all times, while completing the hike.

Hikers walking between Lower Barry Creek and Five Mile Beach must fill out a *Hiker Self Assessment Form* before a hiking permit is issued.

A maximum of two consecutive nights at each of the camp areas in the Northern Wilderness is permitted with a maximum group size of six people.

Boat users require a permit if camping at Tin Mine Cove overnight.

To book and for further information, call 03 8427 2122.

When hiking the northern wilderness

- Northern hikes are Graded Level 5 under the Australian Walking Track Grading System, based on the most difficult sections.
- The northern section of Wilson's Promontory National Park is a remote wilderness zone with few facilities. Some track sections are marked with flagging tape only. Other sections are undefined.
- Hikers must have significant experience in off-track navigation.
- Know first aid and carry a first aid kit. Ensure you are equipped for all weather conditions and pack additional supplies in case of an emergency.
- Carry sufficient drinking water and know how to treat water safe for drinking. Untreated creek water may be available at some campsites in the Northern Wilderness. Supply is not guaranteed.
- Please carry out all food scraps and rubbish.
- Toilets are not provided at any of the camp areas in the Northern Wilderness. Bury all waste and toilet paper at least 15cm deep and at least 100 metres from campsites and watercourses. Mix waste with soil to aid decomposition and discourage animals.
- Walk completion times may vary significantly depending on weather, fitness and experience.

Be prepared and stay safe

Health

We recommend all visitors have Ambulance Services membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport.

Park visitors are responsible for their own hygiene. Bring your own hand sanitiser and soap.

Fire

Wilson's Promontory National Park is 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. To check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au, the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

On **Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating** days, the 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. Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

For further information refer to the *Wilson's Promontory National Park Catastrophic Fire Danger Closure fact sheet*.

Fires (including campfires and solid fuel BBQs) are not permitted in Wilson's Promontory National Park at any time. On days of Total Fire Ban, liquid fuel and gas camp stoves are also not permitted, though built-in gas cookers in caravans and built accommodation may be used.

In an emergency

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.

For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/injury, injured wildlife, significant disturbance and critical maintenance issues), contact the Tidal River Duty Officer (24 hours) on **1300 247 594**. Mobile phone coverage is unreliable within the national park.

You may become aware of an emergency or be notified of an emergency by Police or Parks Victoria staff.

If immediately accessible, collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch. Calmly make your way to the nearest Emergency Assembly Area marked on the map. Wait at the Assembly Area for further instructions from Parks Victoria staff or Police.

Help us look after the Prom

- All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Where possible, stay on walking tracks to avoid getting lost or spreading Cinnamon Fungus. This waterborn disease kills native flora and can be carried to new areas on the soles of your shoes.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.
- Fishing and taking shellfish or crustaceans is not permitted from the shore or waters within Corner Inlet Marine National Park. Bait collection is not permitted anywhere in the park.

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- Camping
- Fuel
- Picnic area
- Cafe
- Emergency assembly area
- No fishing
- No spearfishing
- No shell/crab collecting
- Sealed road
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