

# Wilson's Promontory National Park

## Welcome



Welcome to 'The Prom'. Wilson's Promontory National Park's main facilities are located at Tidal River, 30km (30 minutes) drive from the park entrance. Please be aware of wildlife while driving through the park as their movements are unpredictable. When slowing down or stopping to observe wildlife, please find a safe area to pull over, completely off the road.

The maximum driving speed in Tidal River is 10km/h.



### Visiting for the day

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 [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au).

Day visitor entry to the park is free. There are many places to visit as you drive through the park to Tidal River. It is recommended that you exit the park prior to sunset, as wildlife are more active from dusk to dawn.

### Allocated Camping at Tidal River- Book your specific site

Fees apply, and pre-booking is essential to secure your campsite. There are 20 powered sites that fill quickly.

During the summer school holidays, Easter and most long weekends, campsites must be booked well in advance.

Permits allow the use of campground toilets, hot showers and coin-operated laundry facilities. There is a limit of six people per site. All personal property, including cars, must fit onto your campsite.

### Accommodation at Tidal River

Pre-booking is essential. If you arrive after hours without a reservation, you will be unable to book or stay in the accommodation.

### Overnight hiking

Overnight hikers need to obtain campsite permits prior to commencing a hike. If you arrive after hours and have not already obtained a permit, you will be unable to commence your hike.

If you have pre-booked camping or accommodation and arrive after hours, please read the information board outside the Visitor Centre entrance for check-in procedures.

### More information

For bookings and enquiries phone **13 1963** or visit [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au).

Tidal River Visitor Centre is open 7 days a week. Opening hours vary, please check the website for details [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au).

For other accommodation in the region, call *Visit South Gippsland* on 1800 630 704, or visit [visitsouthgippsland.com.au/](http://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/).

### Tidal River facilities

There is no fuel at Tidal River. The nearest fuel is available at Yanakie,

Tidal River services include fresh drinking water, picnic areas, free gas barbecues and mobile device charging stations.

Tidal River General Store stocks basic supermarket and convenience items as well as a range of souvenirs. Hot and cold food is available from the café. Opening hours vary, please check the website for details [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au).

### Be prepared and stay safe

#### Health

We recommend all visitors have Ambulance Services membership or insurance that covers 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 visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://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](http://parks.vic.gov.au) or call 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.

#### Emergency Information

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 campground disturbance or critical maintenance issues), visitors can contact the Tidal River Duty Officer (24 hours) on **1300 247 594** or from the blue emergency phone located at the front entrance of the Visitor Centre in Tidal River.

Mobile phone reception is unreliable in the park. Public phones are located outside Tidal River General Store.

In the event of a significant emergency threatening Tidal River, visitors may be alerted in a number of ways:

- An emergency siren may sound continuously. Please collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch and calmly make your way on foot to the Norman Beach day visitor car park.
- Once at the car park you will be advised by Police or Parks Victoria staff on any further action to take.
- Police or Parks Victoria staff will alert visitors.
- Under no circumstances should you attempt to leave Tidal River unless advised by Police or Parks Victoria staff.