

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

Wilson's Promontory National Park is approximately three hours drive from Melbourne. Follow Monash Freeway (M1) to join South Gippsland Freeway (M420/A440) to Meeniyah. Take Meeniyah-Promontory Road (C444) to Wilson's Promontory entrance.

From the 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 at Yanakie.

Bookings and permits

Advance booking is required. Hikers walking between Lower Barry Creek and Five Mile Beach must fill out a *Hiker Self Assessment Form* before a hiking permit is issued. To book and for further information, call 03 8427 2122.

Overnight hikers must undertake a hiker self-assessment and obtain a permit at Tidal River Visitor Centre before commencing their walk. The permit must be carried at all times, while completing the hike. Upon your return, permits must be deposited in the permit boxes located at Five Mile car park or outside the Park Entrance Station. This system informs rangers of your safe return.

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

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

When hiking the northern wilderness:

- 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.
- Northern hikes are Graded Level 5 under the Australian Walking Track Grading System, based on the most difficult sections.

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- 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 the taking of 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.

Be prepared and stay safe

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

Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Wilson's Promontory National Park is in the West and South Gippsland fire district. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Fires (including campfires and solid fuel barbecues) are not permitted in Wilson's Promontory National Park at any time. On days of Total Fire Ban, gas or liquid fuel camp stoves are not permitted at overnight hiking campsites, even in tents.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days the 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. For further information refer to the Wilson's Promontory National Park Code Red Fire Danger Closure fact sheet.

In an emergency

If you require emergency assistance phone **000** for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services.

For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/injury, injured wildlife, significant disturbance and critical maintenance issues), contact the Park 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 situation 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.

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| Parking | Camping | Emergency assembly area | Sealed road | Wilson's Promontory National Park |
| Information | Trailer camping | No fishing | Unsealed road | Marine National Park |
| Toilets | Fuel | No spearfishing | Walking track | Marine Park and Coastal Reserve |
| Walking track | Picnic area | No shell/crab collecting | Distance marker | |
| Lookout | Cafe | | | |

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