

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Information and Access Update

25 August 2023

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park may have closures in place due to natural events (storms, floods, and bushfires), park operations, or planned works. Before visiting the park, check for closures below or on the change of conditions page on our website. Please follow signs and notifications and do not enter closed areas.



Information Updates

Events

The WONDERLAND RUN 2023 is a weekend trail running event being held in the Halls Gap/Wonderland area of the Park on August 26-27, 2023. It is organised by Adelaide Trail Runners/Detour Sports. The timing of the trail running program is outlined below.

Saturday 26/8	Sunday 27/8
1pm - 2km	7:00am - 50km
2pm - 8km	7:30am - 20km
	8:00am - 36km

The Start/Finish at for all runs is Halls Gap.

The trail running courses will be held on a number of walking tracks, with several marshalled road crossings and event stations in place at several visitor sites.

If you are visiting the area on these dates and require more detailed information, visit Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre at 277 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap. Open 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Contact Brambuk at (03) 8427 2258 or brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au



Roads and 4WD Tracks

Multiple roads/tracks are temporarily closed due to storm damage, high creek crossings or water over roads. Please visit our website for the latest update. Visitors are asked to drive to conditions and not enter closed areas.

Seasonal Road Closures apply to areas within and tracks bordering the National Park. See [MapshareVic](#) for locations of the closures. Please visit the [seasonal road closures](#) page for more information.

The **recent reopening** of Red Rock Road and Lodge Road provides improved access to the western areas of the park.



Day Walking and Visitor Sites

Late winter weather conditions may impact on your walking experience. Stay safe and get the most out of your visit by preparing for natural hazards and other outdoor risks in Victoria's parks. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those in your care. www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/visitor-safety-tips-in-parks

Mackenzie Falls

In the interest of visitor safety, access to the rock shelf opposite the waterfalls remains closed and the rock stepping stones over the river have been removed to help to manage the risk under the falls.

Grand Canyon

The steel staircase at the south-eastern exit of the canyon is closed due to an engineering issue. The Grand Canyon remains partially open as a return walk from Wonderland Carpark. The Pinnacle Walk remains open via the Grand Canyon bypass walking track.

Silverband Falls walking track

Please note that the track has temporarily changed from a walking Grade 2 to Grade 3 in difficulty, impacting accessibility. Grade 3 includes short steep sections, rough surface areas and occasional steps. The change is temporary, and Silverband Falls track will be returned to a Grade 2 track via future flood recovery works.



Campgrounds

Kalymna Campground is temporarily closed due to minor flood damage and water over access roads.



Overnight Hiking

Fortress Overnight Hike

While Parks Victoria and Traditional Owners determine a longer-term management response to rediscoveries of

cultural heritage in Oasis and Fortress hike in camps, and out of respect for this significant cultural landscape, visitors are requested not to camp in this area. Instead, we request you set up camp 150m outside of the Fortress Hiker camp, towards Mt. Thackeray and away from the cliffs and shelter areas.



Rock Climbing

Rock climbing access has changed in Grampians National Park. The Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan was released in 2021 to ensure that rock climbing can continue in Gariwerd in a sustainable way. We know there have been significant changes to rock climbing in Gariwerd and Parks Victoria will continue to work with climbers to achieve a balance between conservation and recreation.

For updates on rock climbing in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park visit:

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/rock-climbing-in-gariwerd

▲ Grampians Peaks Trail

Upcoming changes to the GPT booking system

We are currently improving the Grampians Peaks Trail booking system to make it easier to book and provide more flexibility in how you plan your hike.

The improvements, which are expected to be complete by end-September 2023, will give hikers the ability to:

- Skip a hike-in campground to hike longer distances in a single day
- Hike in either direction - north-to-south (recommended) or south-to-north
- Start at more points along the GPT to enable more single-night hikes
- Add extra rest day(s) in Halls Gap (if hiking through)
- Book easily using an interactive map (rather than by set itineraries)

GPT Access Points

Road access (Griffin Track) to the **Griffin Trailhead** for the Grampians Peaks Trail is currently closed to vehicles due to poor road condition. Walkers can access the GPT on foot via the Griffin Track from the Grampians Tourist Road.

Redman Road Trailhead carpark is currently closed. The nearest site for parking is at Borough Huts Campground.

Securing your food storage

Food scraps and unsecured food can attract animals along the Grampians Peaks Trail, specifically at hike-in campgrounds. It is important that your food is stored securely and that you do not leave food unattended.

Water provisions on Grampians Peaks Trail

Water may be available at hike-in campground water tanks, depending on seasonal rainfall. Parks Victoria regularly services the following water tanks along the Grampians Peaks Trail:

Section	Location
N1	Mt Zero Picnic Area
N1	Coppermine Track Crossing
N2	Gar Trailhead (Roses Gap Road)
N4	Mt Difficult Road Crossing
C1	Sundial Carpark
C2	Bugiga Hike- in Campsite
C3	Redman Road Crossing
C3	Mt William Road 2
C4	Mt William Summit (Helipad)
C5	Jimmy Creek Road Crossing
S1	Yarram Gap Road Crossing
S2	Wannon Hike-Campground
S2	Griffin Trailhead
S3	Djardji- djawara Hike-in Campground
S4	Dunkeld Reservoir Road Crossing
S4	Mt Sturgeon MVO road crossing

For more information on preparing for the Grampians Peaks Trail or other overnight hiking options refer to the 'Plan and Prepare Guide' on the Grampians Peaks Trail webpage before setting off on your hike.

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/things-to-do/grampians-peaks-trail

Further Park Information

Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre

While the Aboriginal cultural centre building is closed for refurbishment, the information centre building is open along with the café and gift shop. Take a stroll around the native gardens and wetlands, or view kangaroos and emus and a range of birds in the rear boomerang paddock, Fyans Creek Loop walk.

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