

# Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Information and Access Update

12 April 2024

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



### Autumn 2024 Planned Burn Program

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will commence the Autumn Planned Burning Program in Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and surrounding reserves as soon as conditions are suitable.

These planned burns have been nominated and approved as part of the FFMVic three-year Joint Fuel Management Program for the Wimmera Fire District. Each burn has been designated to a year and season, though this may change depending on burn objectives and seasonal conditions. You can view the three-year plan at <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program>

Detailing the exact date and time of ignition can be difficult and the final decision to proceed may only be made on the day of the burn - once resources, weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels are deemed suitable. Once a burn is scheduled for ignition, FFMVIC will send out regular notifications.

Some of the planned burns this Autumn may involve the temporary closure of visitor sites, roads, and campgrounds within Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and other reserves. This may include detours or closures of hike in campgrounds along the Grampians Peaks Trail, and other vehicle-based campgrounds.

Closures will be enforced for the duration of ignition and may remain in place for some days. Visitor sites will re-open once the burn is declared safe.

We recommend that you seek information and stay informed about the status of the planned burns scheduled near you.

### Stay informed about the Autumn 2024 Planned Burns schedule:

#### Visit & Sign Up:

Sign up to Planned Burns Victoria to set up automated notifications about upcoming planned burns on public land near you. There is no charge to sign up to receive text messages.

Sign up via Planned Burns Victoria at

[www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns](http://www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns)

#### Download: the VicEmergency App

Set up a watch zone and choose to be notified about planned burns in the 'alerts' settings

Call: the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 and request an interpreter or assistance for hearing difficulties via the National Relay Service

Email: For specialist advice about planned burns in the Wimmera District you can contact Horsham FFMVic Office at [wimmera.fuelmanagement@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:wimmera.fuelmanagement@delwp.vic.gov.au) or phone the office on (03) 8508 1222.

For Information about park closures and campground bookings within Grampians National Park:

Visit the Parks Victoria website:

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park#change-of-conditions>

Visit Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre –  
277 Grampians Road Halls Gap, Ph 8427 2058  
or for bookings and cancellations advice contact the  
Parks Victoria Information Centre Ph 13 1963 or email  
[info@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@parks.vic.gov.au)

### Autumn Firewood Collection

Autumn firewood collection season is open from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the link below to find where you will be able to find the nearest collection area.  
<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/find-a-firewood-collection-area>

There are very limited collection areas within the Gariwerd landscape due to the impact of bushfire. As a result, any available collection areas will be gradually opened throughout the autumn period. At present (14/03/2024) the nearest area is the east side of Brynterion Plantation (4WD access only) close to Lubeck.



### Roads and 4WD Tracks

**The Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park has several roads temporarily closed for repair works and upgrades.** Please be aware the movement of visitors in these parts of the National Park is restricted.

### Road Closures

Mitchell Road is closed between Redman Rd and Mt William Picnic Ground Road.

Old Mill Road (from Smiths Mill Campground to Mt Difficult Road) and Rose Creek Road (from Mt Victory Road to Old Mill Road) will be closed for Planned Burn Prep from March 28 to April 15.

### Seasonal Closures

Launders Track, Sanders Track are closed.  
The southern end of Moora Moora Track is closed from the Homestead Track intersection to Glenelg River Road.

Please visit the link below to access the Road Report Update. <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park#change-of-conditions>



### Day Walking and Visitor Sites

### Visitor Safety Tips in Parks

Stay safe and get the most out of your park 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.

Make sure you have an enjoyable experience by visiting the following link to discover simple visitor safety tips.  
<https://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.

### 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.

### 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.



### Campgrounds

**Kalymna Campground** is now open. This is a free campground with no booking required temporarily.



### Overnight Hiking

### Fortress Overnight Hike

Due to rediscoveries of cultural heritage at Oasis (Deep Creek) Hike-in camp, the site is permanently closed and will be rehabilitated to protect those cultural values.



### 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:

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

### Mountain Lion (Designated rock-climbing and bouldering area) – Temporary exclusion

Significant Aboriginal cultural values have recently been rediscovered at the Mountain Lion designated rock-climbing and bouldering area. While Parks Victoria and Gariwerd Traditional Owners determine a longer-term management response, and out of respect for this significant cultural landscape, visitors are requested to not access this area. The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* protects Aboriginal cultural heritage and significant financial penalties apply for harm caused by individuals or corporate bodies. For more information, please visit the FAQ Update at Rock Climbing in Gariwerd link below.

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

## ▲ Grampians Peaks Trail



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### Mt Stapylton Bushfire Update 28th March 2024

Please note Grampians Peaks Trail (N1 Mt Zero – N2 Barigar) is now open. A walk ‘with caution’ notice applies where the GPT trail and Stapylton Loop Track passes through the burnt area. Stay on track to avoid hazards such as burnt trees, falling limbs and soft hidden holes.

### GPT Access Points

Road access (Griffin Track) to the **Griffin Trailhead** for the Grampians Peaks Trail is open to 4WD only. Walkers can also 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.

### 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](https://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 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.

Park Information services are available to visitors at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. Open 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Contact Brambuk at (03) 8427 2258 or [brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au), or contact Parks Victoria by calling 13 1963 or visiting [www.parks.vic.gov.au](https://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

