

Step into an ancient landscape

Welcome to the first section of a world class, multi day walk that is currently being constructed to showcase the Grampians National Park. Once complete, the Grampians Peaks Trail will be 160 km that can be experienced in sections, or as one 13-day journey. It will provide an intimate and unforgettable experience of dramatic peaks, panoramic views and the majesty of this ancient and rugged landscape. The journey rich in Aboriginal culture, will provide an insight into the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung people who have walked and lived in these ranges they have called Gariwerd for thousands of years.



Section One: Halls Gap to Borough Huts (3 days/2 nights)

The first stage of this walk has been completed and welcomes hikers to step on and take an unforgettable Grampians journey through some of its most popular features. Revel in the adventure and natural beauty of the ancient rock features of the Grand Canyon, views from the Pinnacle Lookout and the spectacular outlook of rugged mountain peaks from the top of Mt Rosea. This is a one-way three day/two night loop walk from Halls Gap to Borough Huts and returning to Halls Gap, covering a total of 33 kilometres.

The next stage of the project will be planning to extend the track through the central area from Borough Huts to the south. The planning for the development of additional hiker camps will also be part of the next stage.



The Grampians Peaks Trail story

When completed, the 160km Grampians Peaks Trail will connect some of the Grampians' most spectacular peaks, from the massive sandstone outcrops around Mt Zero in the north to Mount Abrupt overlooking the Dunkeld township and the surrounding volcanic plains in the south. The trail will wind through vegetation varying from low lying heathlands to high elevation woodlands. Hikers will experience natural beauty on a truly grand scale. On completion, the Grampians Peaks Trail will become a drawcard for local and international visitors, in a similar way to the renowned Overland Track in Tasmania and the Milford Track in New Zealand.

The Grampians Peaks Trail is recognised by the Victorian Government as a priority opportunity for the region, with substantial funding being committed in 2014. The trail will be constructed in a staged process. The trail and hiker campsites form the basis of the core infrastructure necessary for the trail to operate. The creation of the Grampians Peaks Trail will require the development of approximately 100km of new trail and the upgrade of 60km of existing trails.

The Grampians Peaks Trail is one of four long-distance walks being developed under the Walk Victoria's Icons brand which will position Victoria and the Grampians as a key nature-based tourism destination. Other walks within the portfolio are the Great Ocean Walk, the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing and the Coastal Wilderness Walk in East Gippsland.

Minimising impacts on the environment

The trail is being developed in accordance with the Grampians National Park Management Plan. Existing trails will be used where possible and any trail and associated infrastructure development will be planned in a sustainable manner with every step being taken to avoid and minimise disturbance of sensitive ecosystems, vegetation and fauna.

Walk information

This first section of the Grampians Peaks Trail has been a popular walking area for many years. Parks Victoria has identified the highlights and realigned or improved the track to provide a distinctive identity and experience for overnight hikers. This map and walk description will provide you with the information that you require for this walk. Grampians Peaks Trail (GPT) markers and directional signs along the way will also provide navigation assistance during the walk. It is important that hikers prepare themselves for this walk by familiarising themselves with the information in this brochure.

Camping

Both individual and small group camping areas available.

Night One — at Bugiga

Walkers are able to spend their first night in the southern end of the Wonderland Range, at an exclusive camp for the Grampians Peaks Trail. The hikers camp at Bugiga provides an introduction to a distinctive, high-quality and sustainable camping experience. This site accommodates up to 24 people on 12 camping pads. There is a maximum of two people for each camp pad and group sizes must not exceed 16 people.

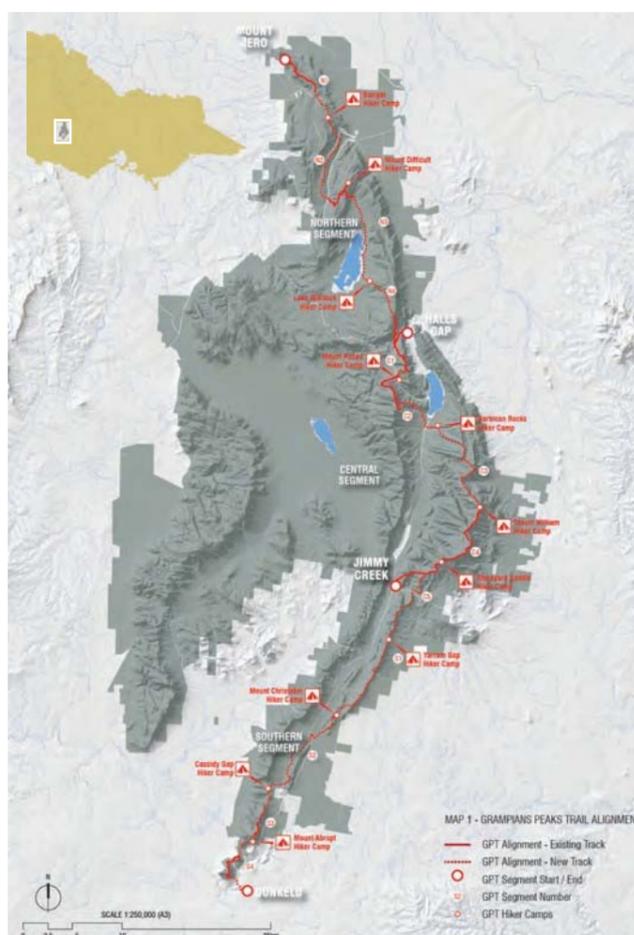
For group camping, more suitable hikers camps are available further along Stony Creek Road nestled under Mt Rosea. This hikers camp is best for groups of up to 15 people, with future plans for a larger group hikers camp near this location. For further information on these campgrounds visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.

Night Two — at Borough Huts

The second night can be spent at Borough Huts Campground. This site is a larger campground and accommodates all, from the independent camper to larger groups with a maximum of six people per campsite.

Booking your campsite

Prepare and plan for your trip by booking your hike and campsite before you arrive. For more information on the sites, camp fees and how to book, visit www.parks.vic.gov.au, call into Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap or phone Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



For further information

If you are interested in the Grampians Peaks Trail project, and would like to be kept informed about progress of the walk, please visit www.grampianspeakstrail.com.au or www.parks.vic.gov.au



Overnight campsites

- Please use fuel stoves in all hiker campsites, campfires are not permitted.
- Always check for Total Fire Bans and fire conditions prior to your walk and carry a small radio or mobile phone.
- Please take your rubbish with you.

Be Safe, Be Prepared

- Each member of the party should carry a topographic map and compass, or an appropriate navigation device.
- Check clothing, tents and other equipment prior to departure to ensure you are properly equipped.
- Ensure all group members carry at least 3-4 litres of water per person per day.
- All members should carry good quality, waterproof, outer shell protective layers.
- Hikers should have knowledge of first aid.
- At higher altitudes weather conditions can change rapidly at any time of year.
- Temperatures exceeding 40°C may be experienced during Summer and Autumn.
- Strong winds, low temperatures and heavy rain-squalls can be common and may reduce visibility.
- Register your hike at Brambuk in Halls Gap and remember that mobile coverage is limited.
- Always check current conditions when you register your hike as storm events and bushfires can cause changes to conditions or cause temporary closures.
- Walking tracks may involve rock steps, uneven and slippery track surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping.
- There are steep cliffs throughout the Grampians, please supervise children at all times.





Grampians Peaks Trail — Central Grampians

Day One

Halls Gap to Bugiga
(8.6km — 5 hours)

Starting from the carpark in Halls Gap, walk past the swimming pool, cross the road and follow signs to the walking track near Stony Creek. Follow the creek along the formed track to Venus Baths. Just before the rock pools at Venus Baths, take the track towards Splitters Falls. Once on the track you will come to a track junction where you can take a small detour to view the falls. Return to the main track and climb up through a rocky gully to the Grand Canyon. At the top of the steps turn left, and follow the signs up the rocky platforms. The steady steep ascent winds past rocky woodland and through the rocky corridor of Silent Street then on

to the famous Pinnacle lookout. From this lookout views of Mt William, Halls Gap and Fyans Valley are astounding.

Follow the GPT signs south to Lakeside Lookout and then to Sundial Carpark. Much of this track is near the ridge that provides hikers with views along the way. At Sundial Carpark take the track towards Sundial Lookout for 250m. Turn right and take the track towards Rosea Carpark. After 1.1km turn left onto the Bugiga Link track to your camp at Bugiga for your first night's stay. Alternatively, keep following the track down further to the Stony Creek group Hikers Camp.



Day Two

Bugiga to Borough Huts Campground
(13.8km — 5 to 6 hours)

Take the track to Rosea Carpark, cross Stony Creek Road to start an ascent through tall Messmate forest. On the ridge, carefully follow track markers through a maze of sandstone outcrops, to cross a bridge over the Gate of the East Wind. Continue the climb up windswept terraces to a sign posted intersection, turning left to the summit of Mt Rosea. Enjoy amazing 360-degree views over the Serra and Mt William Ranges. Follow the markers down and veer left, through a sheltered forest. Track markers will guide you through rocky outcrop and forested gullies before reaching Borough Huts Campground for your second night's stay.

Congratulations, you have just completed the first section of the Grampians Peaks Trail. Day Three provides the opportunity to return to Halls Gap.



Day Three

Borough Huts to Halls Gap
(14km — 5 to 6 hours)

From the campground, carefully cross the Grampians Tourist Road and follow the track to Bellfield Track, then continue along the Terraces Fireline. Follow this track to the Tandara Road intersection, turn left and walk to Tandara Road. Continue to the end of the road and cross over to the sealed walking track that will take you back to Halls Gap.

Enrich your experience

Parks Victoria approved licensed tour operators can help you make the most of your trip. You can choose from guided services, pick up/drop off services and accommodation. For further information visit www.parks.vic.gov.au.



Be fire ready— stay safe

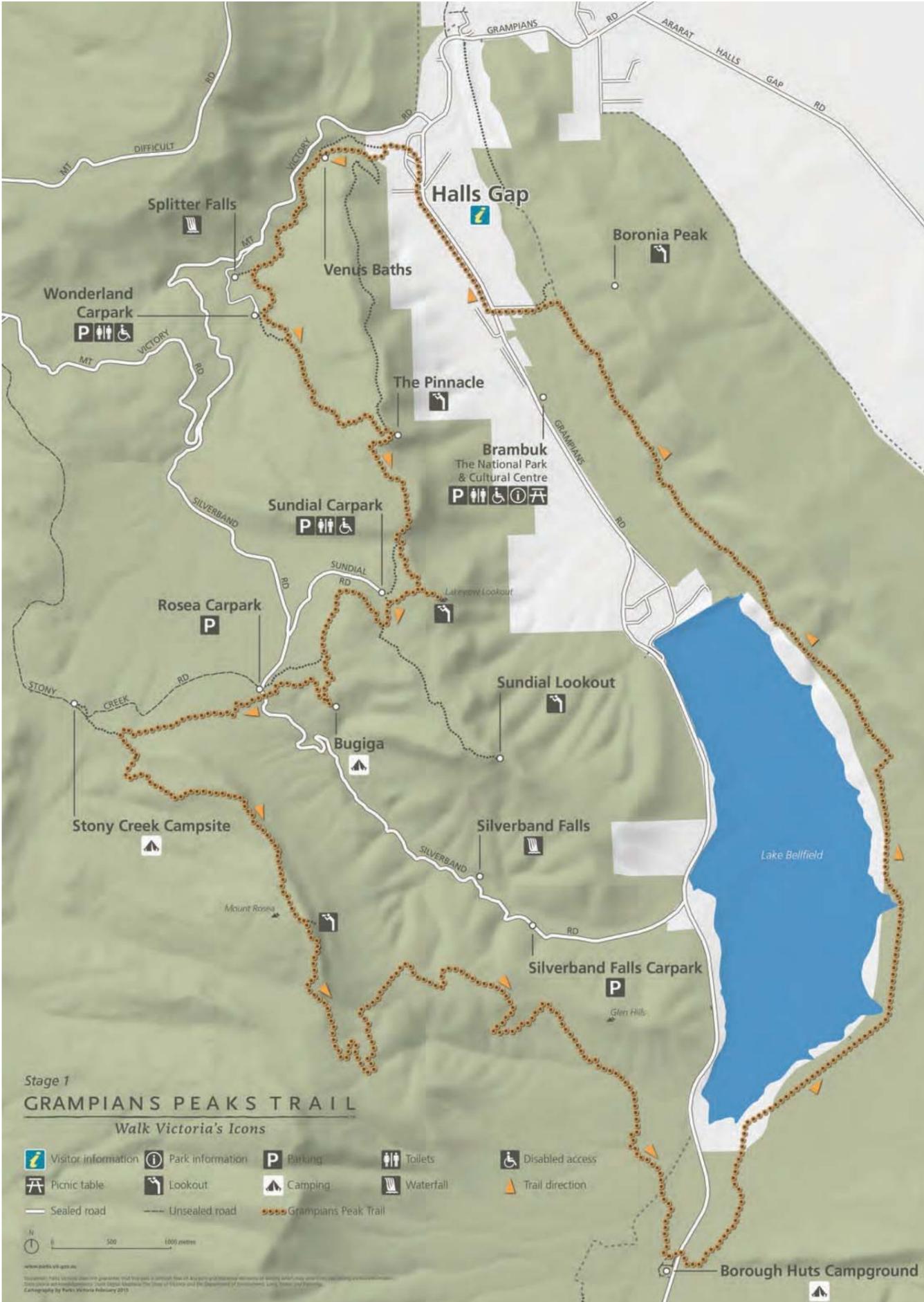
On days of Total Fire Ban no fires can be lit, including campfires, solid and liquid fuel stoves.

Be aware of forecast Fire Danger Ratings for the Grampians National Park. The park is located in a high risk area. Code Red is the highest fire danger rating and the park will close for public safety. Plan not to walk and leave the park early on hot, dry and windy days as conditions

may change quickly.

For updated information on fires in Victoria or general safety advice please call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667, listen to a local ABC / ACE radio station or visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au.

Fire Danger Rating and Total Fire Ban information is available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au. For all emergencies: Dial 000 for Police, Fire and Ambulance.



Elevation profile

