



Grampians National Park



Overnight Hiking

Bushwalkers looking for the excitement and challenge of overnight hikes will find plenty of scope in the Wonderland, Southern and Northern areas of the Grampians. Only fit and experienced groups should undertake these strenuous walks.

Let someone know before you go

- A compulsory registration system applies for all overnight walking in the Grampians National Park (See **trip intention form** for details).
- Details of your party, proposed route and emergency contact numbers need to be lodged at Brambuk the National Park & Cultural Centre Halls Gap, well in advance of departure.
- All walkers are to report back in at the conclusion of their trip to prevent emergency response procedures being activated.

Walking track conditions

- Track conditions may change from time to time.
- ALWAYS check current conditions when registering your walk with Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre.
- All walking tracks in the Grampians are marked with coloured track markers. Please remain on marked tracks only.
- Walking tracks may involve rock steps, uneven and slippery track surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping - so mind your footing.
- There are steep cliffs throughout the Grampians, please supervise children at all times.

Be safe, be prepared

- Plan your route according to your group ability and ensure all members understand emergency evacuation procedures.
- At least one member of the party should have previously completed the proposed route at the same time of the year.
- Each member of the party should carry a topographic map and a compass, and know how to navigate with them.
- If you are using a GPS, ensure the GPS datum is set up relevant to the map you are using.
- Check clothing, tents and other equipment prior to departure to ensure you are properly equipped.
- All members should carry good quality, waterproof, outer shell protective layers.
- Walkers should have knowledge of first aid, particularly for conditions such as sprains and strains, hypothermia and heat exhaustion.

Water

- Water is usually not available in Summer and Autumn.
- Ensure all group members carry at least 3-4 litres per person per day.

Weather

- At higher altitudes weather conditions can change rapidly at any time of year.
- Temperatures exceeding forty degrees may be experienced during Summer and Autumn.
- Strong winds, low temperatures and heavy rain-squalls are common at any time of the year.
- Snowfall and blizzards are common in Winter. Low cloud may seriously reduce visibility with little warning.

Campfires

- Please use fuel stoves only in all hiker campsites areas.
- During Summer and Autumn Total Fire Bans are common; this means no fires are to be lit including portable cooking appliances.
- Always check for Total Fire Bans and fire conditions prior to your walk and carry a small radio or mobile phone.
- Being aware of a Total Fire Ban is your responsibility. Contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or listen to local radio ABC 594.

Respect Environment and Culture

Please follow minimal impact guidelines:

- Keep groups to less than TWELVE people
- Stay on track - prevent trampling
- Use a fuel stove - it's better for the bush
- Carry it in, carry it out; don't bury or burn it
- Leave campsites as you find them
- Use toilets where available, otherwise dig a hole 15 cm deep, 100 paces from water, campsites and walking tracks. Cover well.
- Leave no trace - respect Aboriginal heritage by not camping in caves or rock shelters.
- Leave all artefacts undisturbed.

Hiker Campsites & Grid References

Mt Difficult (Gar) & Briggs Bluff	
Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite	294 055 GDA94 Zone 54
Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite	284 030 GDA94 Zone 54
Longpoint West Hiker Campsite	293 024 GDA94 Zone 54
Longpoint East Hiker Campsite	306 026 GDA94 Zone 54
Fortress	
Deep Creek Hiker Campsite	147 704 GDA94 Zone 54
Fortress Hiker Campsite	157 698 GDA94 Zone 54
Mt Thackeray Hiker Campsite	184 715 GDA94 Zone 54
Major Mitchell Plateau	
First Wannon Hiker Campsite	407 683 GDA94 Zone 54
Wonderland	
Borough Huts Campground	366 791 GDA94 Zone 54

For Further Information

Parks Victoria
Information Centre
Call 13 1963
Or visit the
Parks Victoria Website
www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

You can also visit
Brambuk the National Park
and Cultural Centre
Halls Gap
(03)5361 4000

Caring for the environment

Stay on track - impacts now
may have long term effects.

Vehicles and motorbikes must
be road registered.
Drive on open, formed roads
and tracks only.

Drive carefully as wildlife
cross roads without warning.

Dogs, cats and firearms are
not permitted in the
National Park.

Generators are not
permitted in the National Park.

Please do not feed wildlife.
Remember that all plants,
Animals and artefacts are
protected.

Please take all rubbish
home with you.

Use Gas stoves if possible
If necessary; a campfire may
only be used in a constructed
fireplace located in
designated campgrounds.
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No fire/flame
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and **South West**
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Mobile Phones

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range in some areas of the park.
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Recommended Overnight Hikes Grampians National Park

WONDERLAND OVERNIGHT WALK

Distance: 32km total
Time: 2 days / 1 night
Start: Halls Gap Tennis Courts
Elevation change: Day 1: 770m, Day 2: 160m
Grade: Hard

Day One

Halls Gap to Rosea Carpark (8.5km - 4 Hours)

Follow the well formed track to Venus Baths. The rocky track continues to Splitters Falls then to the Wonderland Carpark.

Cross the footbridge over Stony Creek and enter the majestic Grand Canyon. A steady climb past magnificent rock formations and through Silent Street brings you to awe inspiring views at the Pinnacle Lookout. From here turn left, and take the track through to the Sundial Carpark. Follow the walking track towards the Sundial Lookout for 120m and turn right onto the steep walking track that will lead you to the Rosea carpark.

Day One Continued

Rosea Carpark to Borough Huts Campground (9.5km - 4 Hours)

Cross Stony Creek road to start a strenuous ascent through tall Messmate forests. On the plateau, carefully follow track markers through a maze of sandstone outcrops, past Eagle Rock, to cross a bridge over the Gate of the East Wind. Continue the ascent up windswept terraces to a signposted intersection, turning left to the summit of Mount Rosea. Enjoy a remarkable 360-degree view before returning to the last intersection and veer left, down into a shady forest.

Track markers will guide you through rocky outcrops. The track steepens through forested gullies before reaching the overnight stop a Borough Huts Campground. (A camping fee applies)

Day Two

Borough Huts Campground to Halls Gap (14km - 5-6 Hours)

Walk north along the Grampians Tourist Road, turn right onto the Bellfield Track then continue along the Terraces Fireline. Follow this track beyond the Tandara Road intersection and continue the track as it narrows through to Delley's Bridge. From the Bridge turn left, and follow the bike path for a short distance into the town and to the Tennis Courts.

Please note: On the first day of this walk you will need to allow at least eight hours of walking. For your safety only undertake this walk from Spring to Autumn when daylight hours are longer.

MT DIFFICULT (GAR) AND BRIGGS BLUFF

Distance: 21.2km total
Time: 2 days / 1 night
Start: Troopers Creek
Campground
Elevation change: Day 1: 480m, Day 2: 420m
Grade: Hard

Day One

Troopers Creek Campground to Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite (12.4km - 6-7 Hours)

This walk, suitable for fit and energetic walkers, can involve water crossings, slippery track surfaces, rockhopping and rock scrambling. The walk begins as an easy stroll through forested slopes. Soon the track becomes a steep, zig zagging climb to the base of massive cliff overhangs and then weaves through a maze of weathered rock formations and boulders. Just beyond the Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite, turn left and follow the track markers over the rocky slope until you reach the summit.

Return back to the Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite and descend into the Wartook Basin to the Long Point West Hiker Campsite.

Follow the Long Point Fireline to your left, until you near the Long Point East Hiker Campsite where the walking track climbs back up the Mt Difficult Range. Shortly after passing the Deep Creek Gorge you will reach your overnight destination at the Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite which is located near Mud Hut Creek.

Day Two

Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite to Troopers Creek Campground (8.8km - 5 Hours)

Continue north-west beyond the Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite for 150m and turn right and follow the track to the summit of Briggs Bluff that offers some of the most spectacular cliffline views in the Northern Grampians. Return along the same route back to the Briggs Bluff Hiker Campsite and beyond for another 300m and turn right. Follow the undulating, rocky track through to the Mt Difficult Hiker Campsite. To complete the loop, descend via the overhanging cliffs to Troopers Creek Campground.

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MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU

Distance: 40.7km total
Time: 3 days / 2 nights
Start: Sheep Hills Carpark, 3km
south of Mt William Road
Elevation change: Day 1: 640m, Day 2: 850m,
Day 3: 190m
Grade: Hard

Day One

Sheep Hills Carpark to First Wannon Hiker Campsite (12.7km - 5 Hours)

This walk begins as a gentle stroll through a forest of Stringybark's and Banksias before rising steadily to a ridge where you will be rewarded with great views of the neighbouring ranges and valleys. Follow the ridge until the track intersects with the Mt William Road. Follow the sealed road towards your right until you reach the Mt William Carpark. From the Carpark follow the sealed road beyond the gate towards the summit of Mt William (Duwul). Before the summit, follow an old management vehicle track along the top of the range, the track narrows and descends to Boundary Gap (Dirag). A steep rock scramble upwards brings you onto the Major Mitchell Plateau, and the First Wannon Hiker Campsite is reached shortly after.

Day Two

First Wannon Hiker Campsite to Jimmy Creek Campground (13km - 5 Hours)

The track continues beyond the First Wannon Hiker Campsite along the Major Mitchell Plateau, revealing magnificent panoramic views. Keep watch for the track markers along the less conspicuous sections of the track. The track leaves the Major Mitchell Plateau and descends steeply to Stockyard Saddle; continue along a Management Vehicle Track that leads to a helipad. From the helipad, the walking track gradually winds downhill to the Jimmy Creek Campground.

Day Three

Jimmy Creek Campground to Sheep Hills Carpark (15km - 5 Hours)

Cross the Wannon River at the footbridge and follow the track to the Ingleton Fireline. From this intersection follow the Fireline towards your right. Cross over Serra Road and continue along the Fireline, directional signage indicates the turn-off to the Sheep Hills Carpark.

THE FORTRESS AND MT THACKERAY

Distance: 27.3km total
Time: 3 days / 2 nights
Start: Harrop Track Carpark
(Near Deep Creek)
Elevation change: Day 1: 560m, Day 2: 150m,
Day 3: 710m
Grade: Hard

Day One

Harrop Track Carpark to the Fortress (4.3km - 2 Hours)

Cross Harrop Track and follow the Management Vehicle only Track for 600m through the banksia and heathland forest.

The track turns to the right and rises sharply, offering spectacular views of the imposing Fortress buttress and surrounding mountainous terrain. Use the Deep Creek or Fortress Hiker Campsites.

Day Two

The Fortress to Mt Thackeray Hiker Campsite (8km - 4-4½ Hours)

After following a winding track along the ridge for about 1km, the track drops of the range and meets a 4WD track. Follow this 4WD track to the Victoria Range Track, turn left and continue to the Mt Thackeray carpark where you can bushcamp. (Optional, walk to Mt Thackeray from carpark) see Southern Walks Brochure.

Day Three

Mt Thackeray Hiker Campsite to Harrop Track Carpark (15km - 5-5½ Hours)

Follow the Victoria Range Track for 7.5km. Turn left into Hut Creek Track, and follow until you reach Harrop Track. (During winter the creek is following - take care when crossing.) At Harrop Track turn left and return to the Carpark.

Overnight Hiking - Trip Intention Form

Grampians National Park

phone: 03 5361 4000 fax: 03 5361 4059

email: info@brambuk.com.au

- Please ensure that this form is completed, and all information is accurate.
- In filling out this form it is **YOUR responsibility** to contact Brambuk - National Park & Cultural Centre before you commence your walk to discuss details with staff. Allow more than two days in case any changes need to be made.
- To ensure you have returned safely, please contact staff again at the completion of your hike.
- The Centre is open daily from 9am to 5pm. If the Centre is closed you may leave a message on the answering machine, or place this form under the door to say that you have returned.

Name: _____ Group Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Number of Hikers in group: _____

Date	Track route	O/night campsite	Grid ref

Vehicles left at: _____ Reg. No. _____
 (Make) _____ (Model) _____ (Colour) _____

Vehicles left at: _____ Reg. No. _____
 (Make) _____ (Model) _____ (Colour) _____

Group Carries

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water _____ litres/per day | <input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Jackets | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Food for __ days | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Tarp | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Stove | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | |

Other relevant information eg: Medical Condition

In the event of **NOT REPORTING** my return to Brambuk - The National Park & Cultural Centre by (DAY) _____ (DATE), _____

I request that you contact my emergency contact person/s:

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Name: _____ Ph: _____

****EMERGENCY PROCEDURES will be initiated in the event of you not reporting at the end of your trip. If you do not report the completion or cancellation of the trip, a search by local police and emergency services may be undertaken. If this occurs you could be liable for civil action for any costs involved.**

SIGNED _____

Office Use Only Trip details checked by: _____ Date: _____ Discussion Tick Box <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Ban <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Weather <input type="checkbox"/> Not Reporting In Return confirmed: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Signed: _____
