

# Grampians National Park - UPDATE



## Recovery from flood damage

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In January 2011 a significant storm and flood swept through the Grampians National Park causing damage to roads, walking tracks, campgrounds and popular visitor sites. Many areas of the National Park are closed. However the townships surrounding the park, including Halls Gap, Dunkeld and Wartook are open for business. The lakes surrounding the Grampians are looking spectacular and there is still plenty to do in the Grampians Region. Please call into a local visitor centre or Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre for information on the many activities and attractions.

## WHAT'S OPEN

### Walking Tracks

#### Walks near Halls Gap

Boronia Peak, Chatauqua Peak (east side only), Clematis Falls and Fyans Creek Loop.

#### Northern Grampians

Hollow Mountain, Flat Rock to Stapylton, Mt Stapylton loop, Mt Zero, Beehive Falls, Briggs Bluff, Art Shelters (Northern Grampians) - Gulgurn Manja and Ngamadjidj Shelters.

#### Southern Grampians

Mt Sturgeon and the Piccaninny

### Campgrounds Open

Plantation, Stapylton and Troopers Creek Campgrounds. As well as private campgrounds surrounding the Park.

### Roads Open

- Main roads into Halls Gap and Wartook
- Grampians Road to Lake Bellfield Picnic Area
- Mt Zero Road (Halls Gap to Mt Zero)
- Roses Gap Road
- Park roads north of Roses Gap (except for seasonal tracks)
- Coppermine track (4WD only)

### Please take care in these open areas

While walking tracks and roads in the above areas will be open, visitors are advised that the maintenance standard may be less than normal or expected. Park staff have taken much care to ensure that risk issues have been minimised, however hazards may still be present and visitors are advised to proceed with caution.

## WHAT'S CLOSED

There is widespread damage throughout the park that includes unstable boulders, soil and trees. Park staff and Vicroads are working hard to assess the damage. It is important that visitors stay away from these areas as they remain very unstable and could move again, especially after further rain. Access roads and the wider gravel road network are severely damaged. These roads can be expected to remain closed for some time.

### Road Closures

- Grampians Tourist Road (Lake Bellfield Picnic Area to Dunkeld)
- Silverband Road
- Northern Grampians Road – (Mt Victory Road) from Halls Gap to Wartook
- All seasonal roads in the Northern Grampians.
- Pohlner Road (Roses Gap Road - Plantation Road) (Due to open shortly)

### Walking track and site closures

- All Wonderland walks.(including Venus Baths and Pinnacle)
- Mackenzie Falls Walks
- Zumstein Area
- Balconies and Reeds Lookout
- All walks in the Victoria Valley, Victoria Range (Western Grampians), Mt William Range, Mafeking and Mt Abrupt.
- Mt Difficult and Tilwinda Falls walking tracks
- All overnight remote overnight walking in the Grampians National Park.

### Campground Closures

Jimmy Creek, Wannon Crossing, Borough Huts, Boreang, Buandik, Strachans, Smiths Mill and Bomjinna Campgrounds.