

Grampians National Park - UPDATE



Recovery from flood damage

10 February 2011

In January 2011 a significant storm and flood event 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 the Fyans Creek Loop.

Northern Grampians

Hollow Mountain, Flat Rock to Mt Stapylton, Mt Stapylton Loop, Mt Zero, Heatherlie Quarry, Beehive Falls, Briggs Bluff, Gulgurn Manja and Ngamadjidj Shelters.

Southern Grampians

Mt Sturgeon and the Piccaninny

Campgrounds Open

Plantation, Troopers Creek and *Stapylton Campgrounds.

* Please note that access to Stapylton Campground is via Plantation Road from Northern Grampians Road.

Also: 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)
- Plantation Road
- Flat Rock Road
- Roses Gap Road

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.

Roads may appear in reasonable condition, but many have corrugations, soft edges and are still very wet. Please be cautious around road edges and drive slowly.

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 are expected to remain closed for some time.

Road Closures

- Northern Grampians Road (Mt Victory Road) from Halls Gap to Wartook
- Grampians Tourist Road (Lake Bellfield Picnic Area to Dunkeld)
- Silverband Road
- All seasonal roads in the Northern Grampians
- Pohlner Road (Roses Gap Road - Northern Grampians Road)
- Pohlner Link Track (Pohlner Road - Mt Zero Picnic Area)
- Coppermine Track

Walking Track and Site Closures

- All Wonderland walks (including Venus Baths and the Pinnacle)
- Mackenzie Falls Walks and 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 remote overnight hikes in the Grampians National Park (including the Mt Difficult, Major Mitchell Plateau, Fortress & Wonderland hikes)

Campground Closures

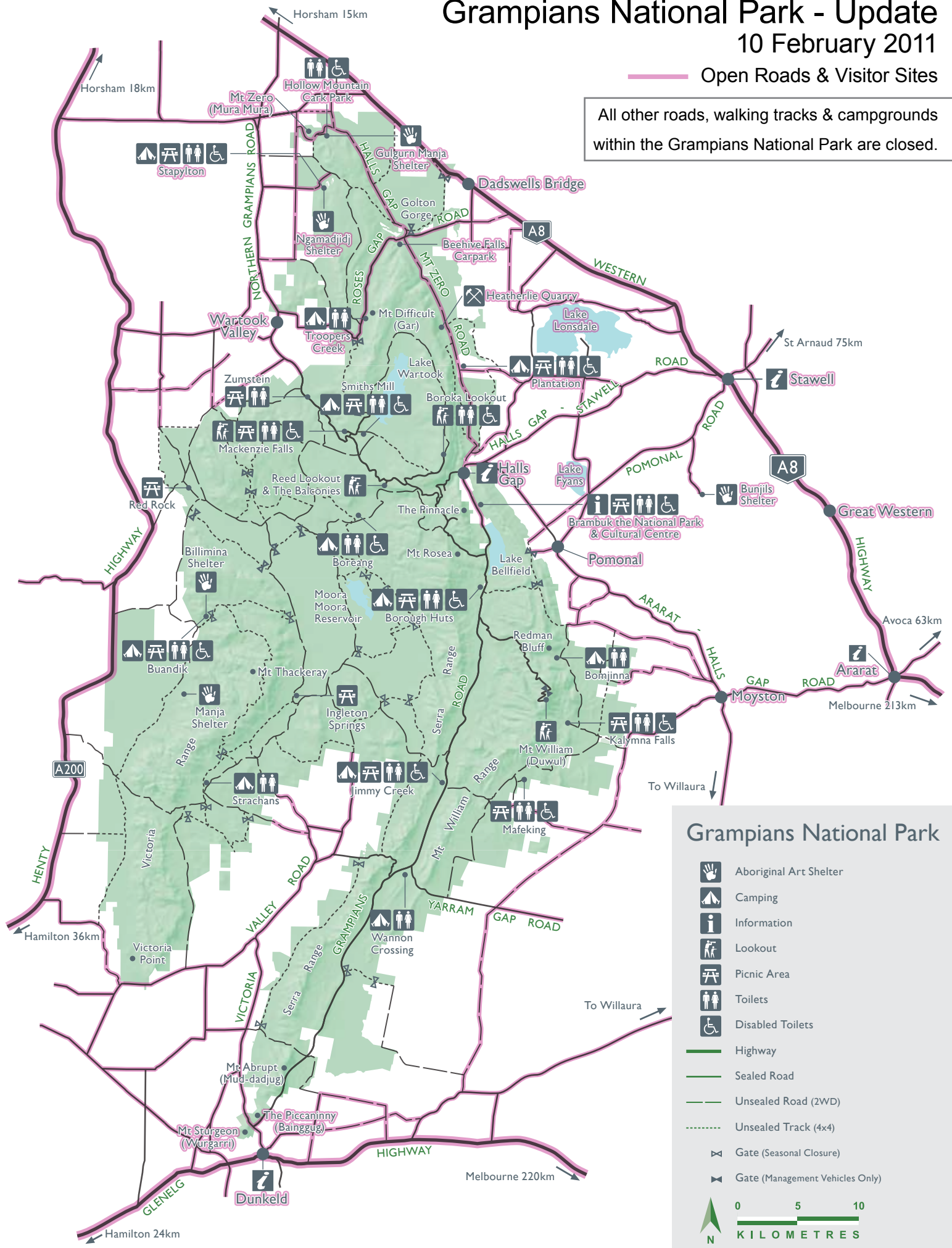
Jimmy Creek, Wannan Crossing, Borough Huts, Boreang, Buandik, Strachans, Smiths Mill and Bomjinna Campgrounds.

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Open Roads & Visitor Sites

All other roads, walking tracks & campgrounds within the Grampians National Park are closed.



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- Aboriginal Art Shelter
- Camping
- Information
- Lookout
- Picnic Area
- Toilets
- Disabled Toilets
- Highway
- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road (2WD)
- Unsealed Track (4x4)
- Gate (Seasonal Closure)
- Gate (Management Vehicles Only)

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