

Grampians National Park - UPDATE



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 still closed. 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.

Walks open - 10th June 2011 Central Grampians

1 FYANS CREEK LOOP

...A chance to view wildlife

Distance: 2.5 km circuit **Time:** 30 - 50 minutes return

Elevation Change: 10 metres **Grade:** easy

Start: Stone sculpture at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. If unsure ask at information desk.

Best in the early morning or evening to view waterbirds and kangaroos. A gentle track leads through Fyans Valley to Tandara Road (the track is suitable for people with limited mobility to this point). The track then crosses Fyans Creek and continues back along the forested foothills of the Mt William Range, to Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre.

1 BORONIA PEAK

...A rocky peak with spectacular views

Distance: 8.0 km return **Time:** 3 - 4 hours return

Elevation Change: 300 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Brambuk - The National Park & Cultural Centre Carpark

A track leads through Fyans Valley to Tandara Road. Cross Fyans Creek (Barri yalug) footbridge and begin a steady climb through tall Messmate forest and native pines, along the western slope of the Mt William Range. Turn right at the signposted intersection. A scramble up the rocky summit rewards you with superb views towards Lake Fyans and over the Fyans valley. Return by the same route. Take care of cliffs and supervise children at all times.

2 CHATAUQUA PEAK

...A great view of the Halls Gap Valley

Distance: 5.6 km return **Time:** 2 - 3 hours return

Elevation Change: 200 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Halls Gap Recreation Oval Carpark

Follow the signposted track through open forest to the foot of Clematis Falls (best after rain). Return 100 metres to an intersection and follow signposts and track markers along rocky areas, climbing steeply up to the summit of Chatauqua Peak. Return via same route.

2 CLEMATIS FALLS

...A beautiful waterfall best after rain

Distance: 2.4 km return **Time:** 1 hour return

Elevation Change: 70 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Halls Gap Recreation Oval Carpark

Follow the signposted track through open forest to the foot of Clematis Falls, best after rain. Return by the same route.

3 SILVERBAND FALLS

Distance: 1.5km return **Time:** 25 to 40 minutes return

Elevation change: 15 metres **Grade:** Easy to medium – expect some rock hopping, slippery surfaces and creek crossing

Start: Silverband Carpark

From Silverband carpark follow the gently graded track to the edge of the creek. Here you can view the power of, and damage caused by a large amount of rain that flowed through this area. Look for the former footbridge that was washed away from this point 50m down the creek by the force of rocks and trees. Cross the creek bed to the other side to meet the track again. Take care as this involves rock hopping over slippery rocks and water. Follow the track to the base of Silverband Falls. Return via the same route.

4 SUNDIAL PEAK VIA VIEWPOINT

Distance: 7.8km return **Time:** 3 hours return

Elevation Change: 520 metres **Grade:** Medium-hard

Start: Lake Bellfield Observation Area Carpark (Dam Wall)

From the carpark, cross the Grampians Road directly opposite the dam wall and look for the walking track sign. The first part of the walk takes you along a fireline that steadily climbs up the southern edge of the Wonderland Range. Take a right turn and follow the walking track as it winds steeply through a stringybark forest to a crest. A short walk to Viewpoint offers great views, return back to the intersection. Follow the track to your right as the track climbs steeply up the range, keep right and follow the track towards Sundial Peak where you will be rewarded with impressive views of Fyans Valley, Mt William Range and Lake Bellfield. Return via the same route. There is no access to other walking tracks from this point.

Eastern Grampians

5 TUNNEL TRACK FROM POMONAL

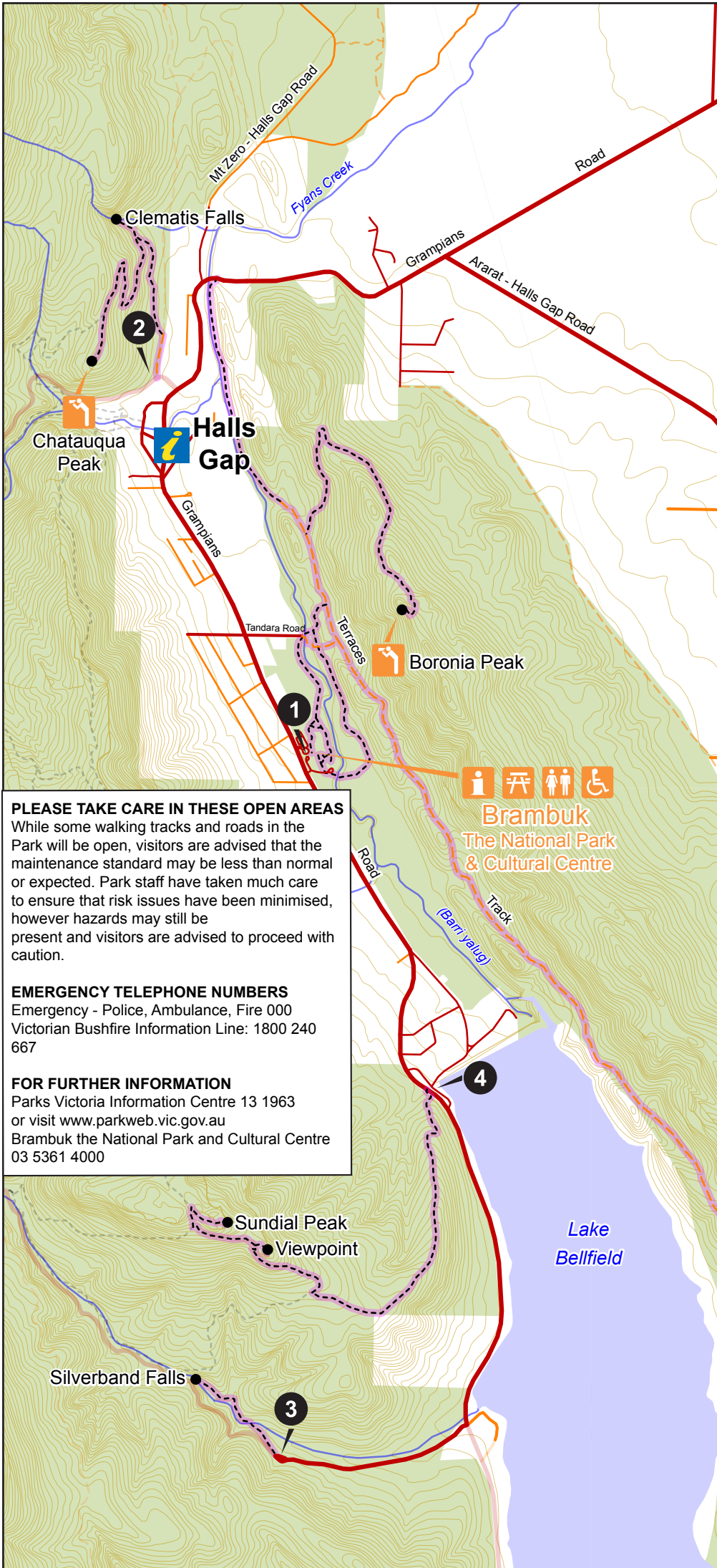
Distance: 2.4 km one way **Time:** 1 - 1½ hours

Elevation Change: 230 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Tunnel Road Carpark (11 km from Halls Gap on the Ararat-Halls Gap Road)

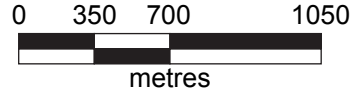
From the carpark the track begins its steady climb past rocky outcrops to the top of the range. Descending the other side, you gain magnificent views of the Serra Range. This walk finishes at the western tunnel entrance. Return by the same route.

A self-guided nature walk to the Tunnel starts opposite the General Store in Pomonal. Leaflets are available on the tourist sign in front of the store.



LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- Open Track (Walking Only)
- Open Walking Track
- Creek/Stream
- Grampians National Park



BE SAFE, BE PREPARED

- There are steep cliffs in the Grampians National Park.
- Keep to the track, mind your footing and supervise children at all times.
- Walking tracks may involve rock steps, uneven and slippery track surfaces, water crossings and rock hopping.
- Always wear sturdy footwear with a good tread.
- A good quality map should always be carried.
- Always bring drinking water and food.
- On longer walks, carry protective clothing.
- A hat and sunscreen are essential in summer.
- Please follow the directions and advice of signs.
- Plan your timing. Ensure you return from walking well before dusk.

PLEASE TAKE CARE IN THESE OPEN AREAS

While some walking tracks and roads in the Park 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.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency - Police, Ambulance, Fire 000
 Victorian Bushfire Information Line: 1800 240 667

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Parks Victoria Information Centre 13 1963
 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
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 03 5361 4000


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