

# 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 - 23rd September 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 THE PINNACLE VIA MACKEY'S PEAK

...This strenuous walk involves many steep staircases, rock steps and slippery track surfaces.

**Distance:** 3.6km one way **Time:** 2.2 hours

**Elevation change:** 470m **Grade:** hard

**Start:** Halls Gap Caravan Park

From the rear of the Halls Gap Caravan Park (Agnes' Grave) follow the walking track to the base of a large staircase. (NO ACCESS into Venus Baths). A steep climb through heathy forest takes you up the front Mackey's Peak via many staircases. The track then winds its way up through rocky outcrops before arriving at the Pinnacle Lookout. Enjoy views over Fyans Valley. Return via the same route.

### 5 THE PINNACLE FROM LAKE BELLFIELD

...A high point overlooking Fyans Valley

**Distance:** 9.5km one way **Time:** 4.0-5.0 hours one way

**Grade:** medium **Elevation change:** 415 metres

**Start:** Lake Bellfield Carpark

From the Lake Bellfield carpark, cross the Grampians road directly opposite the dam wall. The walk takes you along a fireline that climbs steadily along the southern edge of the Wonderland Range. Take a right turn and follow the track as it winds steeply through a Stringybark forest to a crest. After a short walk to Viewpoint Lookout for great views, walk back to the main intersection. Follow the track to the right as it climbs steeply up the range, keep right and arrive at Sundial Peak. Enjoy impressive views of the Fyans Valley, Mt William Range and Lake Bellfield. Return again to the main intersection and follow the track as it climbs steeply all the way to the Pinnacle Lookout. Return via the same route or continue on to Halls Gap via Mackey's Peak.

## 6 THE PINNACLE FROM SUNDIAL CARPARK

...*The easiest route to the Pinnacle*

**Distance:** 4.2km return **Time:** 1.5-2 hrs

**Elevation change:** 110 metres **Grade:** medium

**Start:** Sundial Carpark

The track to this famous peak involves rock steps, slippery track surfaces, several water crossings and some rock hopping. Remember to wear sturdy shoes with a good tread and carry at least two litres of water per person. Starting from the Sundial carpark, follow the track through rocky woodland. From here the track climbs steeply along the ridge all the way to the Pinnacle. Return via the same loop.

## 6 SUNDIAL PEAK

Spring wildflowers and views

**Distance:** 4.2km return **Time:** 1.5-2hrs

**Elevation change:** 130m **Grade:** medium

**Start:** Sundial Carpark

This strenuous walk, suitable for fit and energetic walkers, involves rock steps, some steep sections and slippery track surfaces. Follow the track through heathy woodland to a rocky outcrop with panoramic views of the Fyans Valley. Return via the same route.

## 6 SILENT STREET LOOP

...*Impressive rocky canyon views*

**Distance:** 2.8km loop **Time:** 1.0 – 1.5 hours

**Elevation change:** 150m **Grade:** medium

**Start:** off the Pinnacle – Sundial walking track

For those wanting to explore the Wonderland Range further, this walk through Heathy forest and rocky outcrops is ideal. From the Sundial Car Park, head towards the Pinnacle. At approximately 500m turn right and follow the track until intersecting with the Wonderland walking track. Turn right and climb to the Pinnacle via the impressive rocky canyons of Silent Street. (NO ACCESS to the Grand Canyon and Halls Gap via the Wonderland car park).

## 6 LAKEVIEW LOOKOUT

...*A high point overlooking Lake Bellfield*

**Distance:** 1.8km circuit **Time:** 30 – 50 mins

**Elevation change:** 130 metres **Grade:** easy

**Start:** Sundial Carpark

From the carpark follow the Sundial Peak track for a short distance then turn right at the intersection and follow the track to Lakeview Lookout. Enjoy views across the Mt William range and Lake Bellfield. Return to Sundial carpark by following the loop track to the intersection of the Pinnacle track. Here, turn left back to the carpark.

## 6 VIEWPOINT FROM SUNDIAL CARPARK

...*Views over Lake Bellfield and Mt William Range*

**Distance:** 4.4km return **Time:** 1.5- 3.0 hrs

**Elevation change:** 130m **Grade:** medium

**Start:** Sundial Carpark

Follow the walking track to Sundial Peak. Return to the main walking track and turn left. Walk downhill for a short distance and turn left again. Continue descending down the range before taking a left turn into Viewpoint lookout. Enjoy views over Lake Bellfield and the Mt William Range. Return via the same route.

# Eastern Grampians

## 7 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.

## 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](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)

Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre

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## 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.

# LEGEND

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

