

# 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 - Southern Grampians 23rd September 2011

### 1 MT STURGEON

*...panoramic views of the surrounding ranges*

**Distance:** 7 km return **Time:** 2½ - 3 hours

**Elevation change:** 343 metres **Grade:** hard

**Start:** Intersection of Grampians Tourist Road & Victoria Valley Road

This walk, suitable for fit and energetic walkers, can involve water crossings, slippery track surfaces and rock hopping. Follow the path up through open woodland and view endemic montane species such as the Grampians Gum. Several steep sections lead through rocky terrain and stunted vegetation dominates as the track nears the summit. The walk provides panoramic views of the surrounding ranges and volcanic plains over Dunkeld, the gateway to the southern Grampians. Return by the same route.

### 2 THE PICCANINNY

*...spring wildflowers and high peaks*

**Distance:** 2.4 km return **Time:** 1 - 1½ hours

**Elevation change:** 128 metres **Grade:** easy-medium

**Start:** Piccaninny carpark, Grampians Tourist Road, 1.3 km north of Victoria Valley Road intersection

This track is a gradual climb through open forest with an understorey of Hakea, Grevillea and Banksia. The summit provides excellent views of Mt Abrupt and the nearby town of Dunkeld with its surrounding pastoral landscape.

This is an excellent walk to take during spring when there are many species of colourful wildflowers on show.

### 3 CHIMNEY POTS

*...a unique rock stack*

**Distance:** 2.8 km **circuit Time:** 2½ - 3 hours

**Elevation change:** 320 metres **Grade:** hard

**Start:** Chimney Pots Carpark, Glenelg River Road

This walk, suitable for fit and energetic walkers, can involve slippery track surfaces, rock hopping and rock scrambling. A steep climb to the base of the Chimney Pots rewards you with views of the surrounding ranges and countryside. Follow rock cairns and orange arrows for a further kilometre. The track loops back to the main path and returns to the carpark.

### 4 MANJA SHELTER

*...a gentle walk to an Aboriginal cultural site*

**Distance:** 2.6 km **return Time:** 1 hour

**Elevation change:** 100 metres **Grade:** easy

**Start:** Manja Shelter Carpark, Harrop Track

An up-hill walk winds past rocky outcrops and through stringybark forest. A series of steps leads to boardwalks which protect the moist heathland areas near Manja Shelter. Return by the same route.

### 5 BILLIMINA SHELTER LOOP

*...wet weather waterfalls and a significant Aboriginal cultural site*

**Distance:** 1.7 km **circuit Time:** 45 minutes

**Elevation change:** 100 metres

**Grade:** medium **Start:** Buandik Picnic Area

Follow the creek upstream to Jardwadjali (Buandik) Falls (best after rain). Near the falls an uphill walk leads to Billimina shelter, a massive rock overhang with impressive Aboriginal art. Interpretive signs at Billimina, explain Aboriginal occupation of the area.

### 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

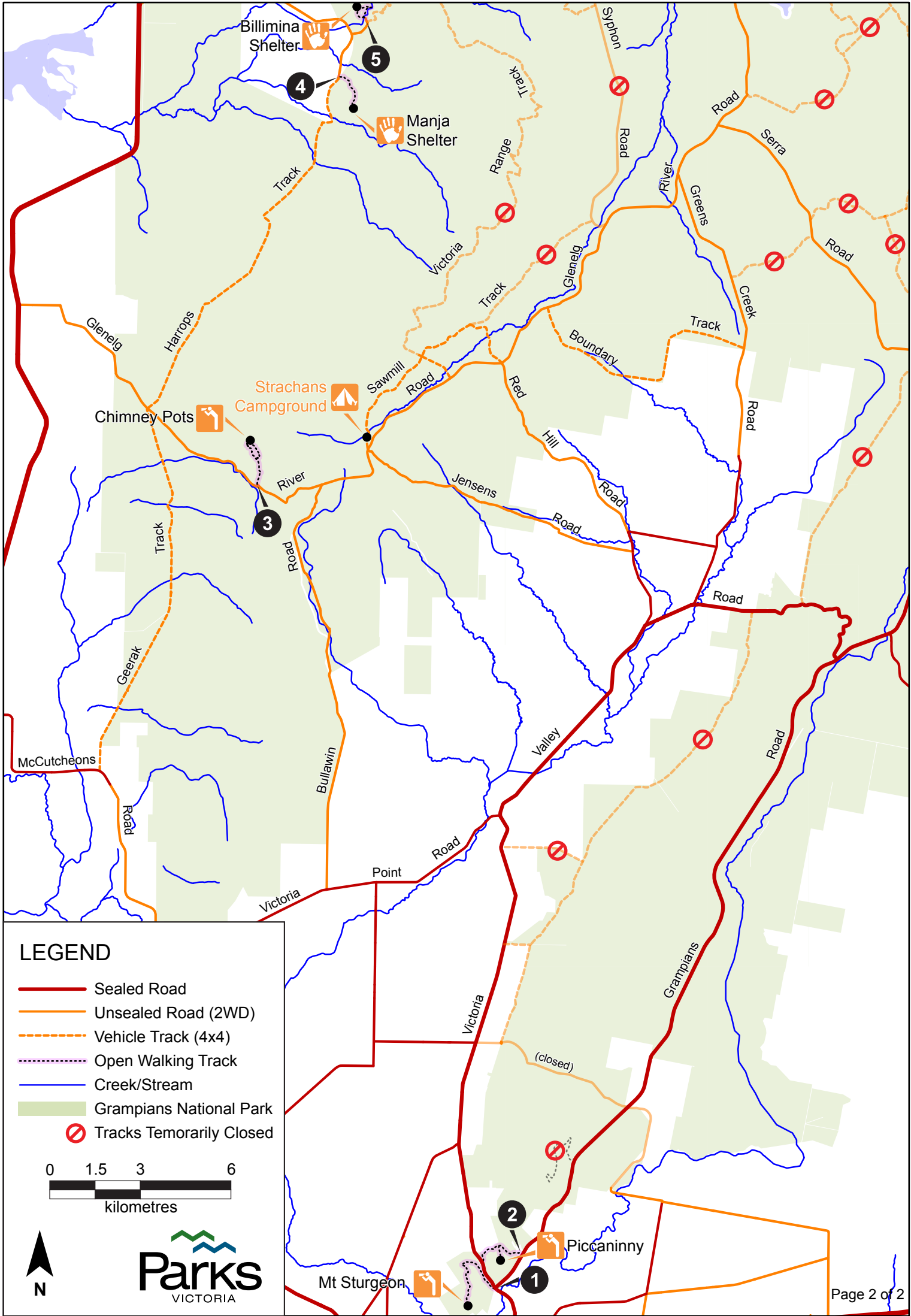
While some walking tracks and roads in the Park will be open, visitors are advised that the maintenance standard may be less than normal or expected. Park staff have taken much care to ensure that risk issues have been minimised, however hazards may still be present and visitors are advised to proceed 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.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)  
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre 03 5361 4000



**LEGEND**

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road (2WD)
- - - Vehicle Track (4x4)
- - - Open Walking Track
- Creek/Stream
- Grampians National Park
- ⊘ Tracks Temporarily Closed

