

# Grampians National Park - UPDATE



## Wartook to MacKenzie Falls, Reeds & Boroka Lookouts via Northern Grampians (Mt Victory) Road - 23rd September 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 still closed. VicRoads have worked hard to open the Northern Grampians Road from Wartook to Boroka Lookout. This road allows northern access to MacKenzie Falls, Lake Wartook, Smiths Mill Campground, Balconies walk, Reeds and Boroka Lookouts. There is still significant flood damage beyond this area. Zumstein Picnic area and the Northern Grampians Road from Boroka to Halls Gap and all other roads in the area remain closed. Please refer to adjacent map for further information.

### 1 MACKENZIE FALLS

*...large cascading waterfall*

**Distance:** 2km return **Time:** 1 hour 20 minutes

**Elevation Change:** 110 metres **Grade:** medium  
(to base of MacKenzie Falls) easy (to Broken Falls)

**Start:** MacKenzie Falls Carpark

Take care, this track has steep steps and is strenuous in sections. An easy stroll leads to a viewing platform overlooking the picturesque Broken Falls. To continue to the base of MacKenzie Falls, return to the main track intersection and take the steeper signposted track past Cranages Lookout. Swimming is not permitted at the base of the Falls. Beware of slippery rocks.

The walk beyond Mackenzie Falls to Zumsteins is currently closed due to flood damage.

### 1 MACKENZIE FALLS LOOKOUT WALK

*...excellent views overlooking MacKenzie Falls*

**Distance:** 1.9 km return **Time:** 40 minutes

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

**Start:** MacKenzie Falls Carpark

The walk to a viewing platform, that overlooks MacKenzie Falls, is suitable for people with limited mobility. For the most spectacular view, approach the viewing platform from the right-hand fork of the track.

### 1 BROKEN FALLS LOOKOUT

*...a short, easy stroll to a viewing platform overlooking Broken Falls*

**Distance:** 500m return **Time:** 10 minutes

**Elevation Change:** 5 metres **Grade:** easy

**Start:** MacKenzie Falls Carpark

An easy stroll through open stringybark forest leads to a viewing platform, that overlooks Broken Falls, and is suitable for people with limited mobility.

### 2 REEDS LOOKOUT

*...great views overlooking the Victoria Valley*

**Distance:** 100m return **Time:** 10 minutes

**Elevation Change:** 15 metres **Grade:** easy-medium

**Start:** Reeds Lookout Carpark

Follow the path around the gate and along the sealed road to the summit of Reeds Lookout. From this magnificent lookout you will receive breathtaking views over Victoria Valley, Victoria Range, Serra Range, Lake Wartook and the Mt Difficult Range. Great views can also be seen from the carpark.

### 2 THE BALCONIES

*...cliff line views overlooking Victoria Valley*

**Distance:** 2.0 km return **Time:** 1 hour

**Elevation Change:** 50 metres **Grade:** easy

**Start:** Reeds Lookout Carpark

The track climbs gently from the carpark, through rock outcrops and a stringybark forest to the Balconies lookout. From this lookout there are panoramic views over the Victoria Valley.

### 3 BOROKA LOOKOUT

*...A great view of the Halls Gap Valley and the eastern plains.*

**Distance:** 90m one way **Time:** 5 minutes

**Elevation Change:** 5 metres **Grade:** easy

**Start:** Boroka Lookout Carpark

An easy stroll through open stringybark forest leads to two viewing platforms that look down the Halls Gap valley and out onto the eastern plains, and is suitable for people with limited mobility.

### 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.

### 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.

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency - Police, Ambulance, Fire 000

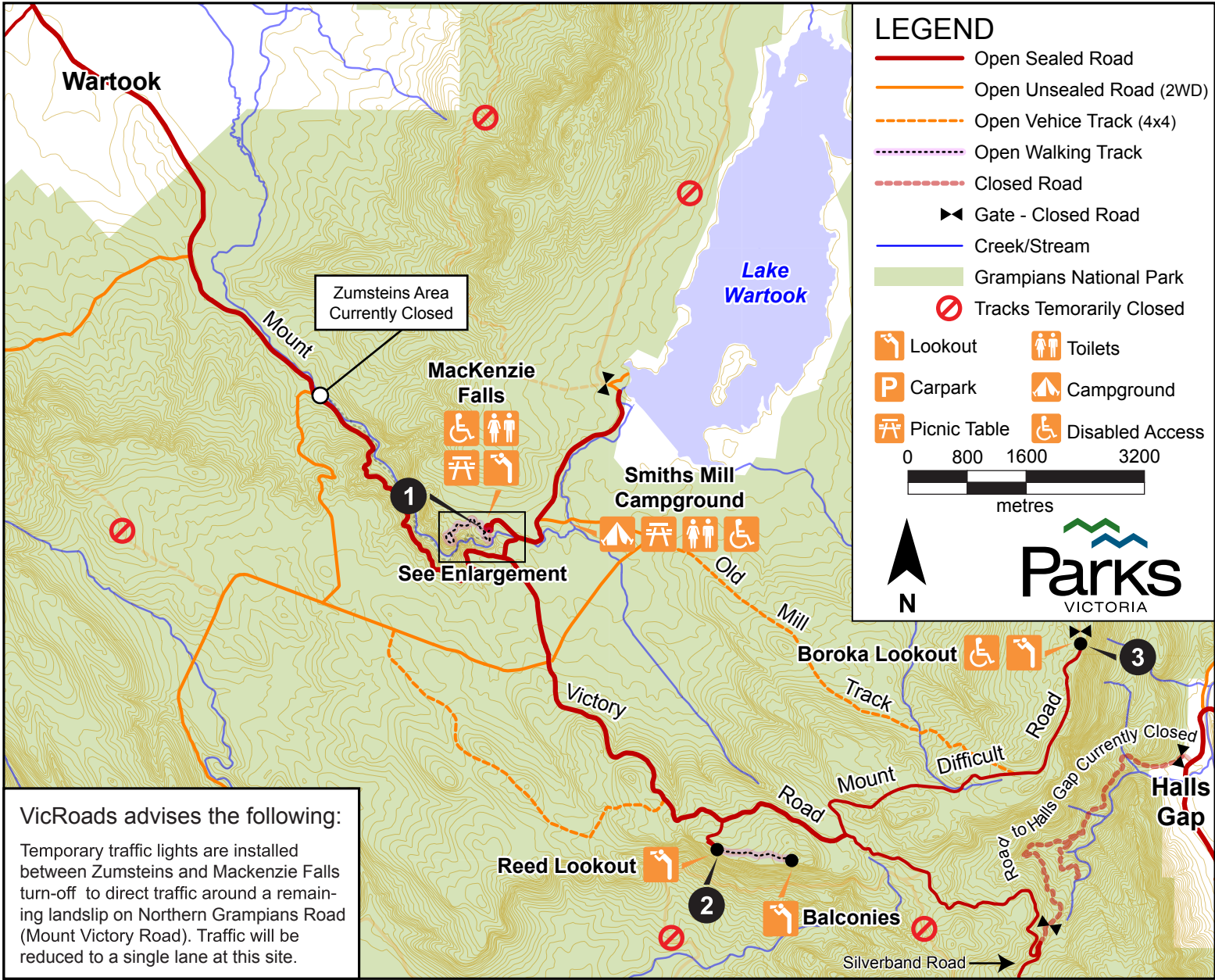
Victorian Bushfire Information Line: 1800 240 667

For further Information contact Brambuk - The National Park & Cultural Centre,  
Halls Gap 03 5361 4000 or call Parks Victoria Information Centre 13 1963,  
or visit [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)

For activities and attractions in the Grampians Region visit [www.visitgrampians.com.au](http://www.visitgrampians.com.au)



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**VicRoads advises the following:**

Temporary traffic lights are installed between Zumsteins and Mackenzie Falls turn-off to direct traffic around a remaining landslip on Northern Grampians Road (Mount Victory Road). Traffic will be reduced to a single lane at this site.

**Mackenzie Falls Inset**

