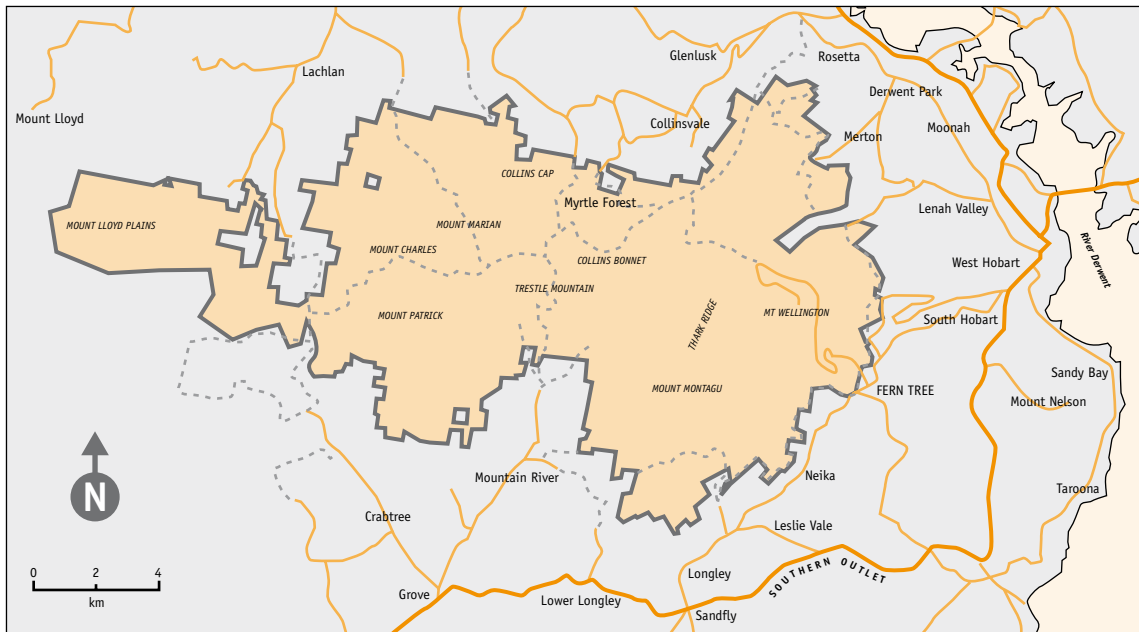


Wellington Park Information



Wellington Park is located in south-eastern Tasmania, on the doorstep of Hobart, Tasmania's capital city. Dramatic cliff faces, boulder fields, waterfalls and amazing natural rock sculptures are just some of the things to be discovered within the Park. You can take a leisurely stroll through the forest to check out the Octopus Tree, test your fitness on a mountain bike, climb Sphinx Rock, or just sit and contemplate the magnificent views! Only minutes from the city, Wellington Park is a great chance to experience wilderness in your own backyard.



SIZE

For many people the towering dolerite columns of the Organ Pipes and Mount Wellington provide the main focal point for Wellington Park. The Park, however, extends westward for almost 30 km, covering an area of over 18 250 ha. This means the Park is bigger than many of Tasmania's best-known National Parks, and is governed by similar rules and regulations.

WEATHER WARNING

All mountain regions in Tasmania are subject to rapid and extreme changes in weather. Severe conditions with snow, sleet and high winds can occur with startling suddenness, even in summer. The Park is closed during periods of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger, and at all times, visitors should have a plan for exiting the Park and be adequately equipped for emergencies.

GETTING THERE

By Car

Mount Wellington is the main point of entry to the Park. Take Davey Street (A6) westwards out of Hobart towards Fern Tree. Keeping in the right lane, continue straight ahead towards Fern Tree on to Huon Road (B64). Do not turn left into the Southern Outlet at this point. Continue up Huon Road (B64) towards Fern Tree and Mount Wellington.

To reach Mount Wellington and the Springs, turn right into the C616 (Pinnacle Road) just before Fern Tree. The Springs is approximately 3.5km from Fern Tree and is 720m above sea level. The Pinnacle, at 1270m, is a further 9km from the Springs. When there is snow on the Mountain, call the Pinnacle Road Information Line 6278 0200 or check the Hobart City Council website (www.hobartcity.com.au) prior to departure to check road conditions.

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Parking is available at Fern Tree, the Springs, the Pinnacle, and at various other points along Pinnacle Road.

Entry points are available in the Glenorchy area, at either Tolosa Street (also the entry for the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park) or Myrtle Forest. For both locations, take Highway 1 (Brooker Highway) northwards out of Hobart. For Tolosa Street, turn left on to Elwick Road (opposite the racecourse), then continue on to Eady Street, and then left on to Tolosa Street. The Park is at the western end of Tolosa Street, and parking is available near the entry gates, or in Tolosa Park (subject to time constraints).

For Myrtle Forest, continue along the Brooker Highway to Chigwell. Follow the C615 (Berriedale Road and then Glen Lusk Road) to Collinsvale, and then follow the signs to the Myrtle Forest parking area. The picnic area and walking tracks are a short walk from the parking area (see below for disabled access).

Disabled access

Visitors requiring special needs access can experience many parts of Wellington Park. At the Pinnacle of Mount Wellington you will find disabled access and toilet facilities. Access is also available at the Springs, whilst assisted access is required at Fern Tree Park and Fern Tree Bower. Vehicle access to the Myrtle Forest picnic area is by permit, available from the Collinsvale Store or the Parks and Wildlife Service. Phone 6233 6560 for further information.

By Bus

Metro offers a regular service to Fern Tree, either via Huon Road (Route 48) or Strickland Avenue (Route 49). The bus services leave from Franklin Square in the centre of Hobart. Call the Metro on 132 201 for timetable details.

Several private bus tour companies offer return trips to the Pinnacle. Transport to other areas can also be arranged - please contact the Tasmanian Visitor Information Service for details.

By Bike

There are various entry points for bike riders. Please refer to the Wellington Park Bike Map showing

access routes and tracks and trails within the Park. Further information on bike access is contained below. Commercial bike tours within the Park are also available - please contact the Tasmanian Visitor Information Service for details.

By Foot

Fern Tree may be reached via the scenic Pipeline Track, which links a number of Hobart's bushland reserves. The Pipeline Track starts at Waterworks Reserve and continues on a gentle to moderate gradient to Ridgeway Park and then arrives at Fern Tree Park within Wellington Park.

Other access routes in the Hobart area include the Hobart and New Town Rivulet Linear Parks, originating from South Hobart and Lenah Valley.

The Park can also be accessed from a number of other directions by a network of walking tracks and fire trails leading from Tolosa Park (Glenorchy) and Myrtle Forest (Collinsvale).

THINGS TO DO

Bush walking



There is a myriad of walking tracks over the Wellington Range. From a leisurely stroll to a full day challenge, you can choose a walk or combination of walks to suit your needs. Whilst the majority of tracks are signed, it can be easy to become disorientated. It is recommended that a map and compass be taken on all walks away from the main visitor areas.

A list of a few of the bush walks that feature within the Park, their length and approximate walking time is shown opposite. Most of the walks listed provide some level of difficulty, and are subject to extreme weather conditions. Please ensure that all members of your walking party are prepared for changes in the weather, and carry warm clothing, snacks, water and navigation equipment.



For further information on walking tracks:

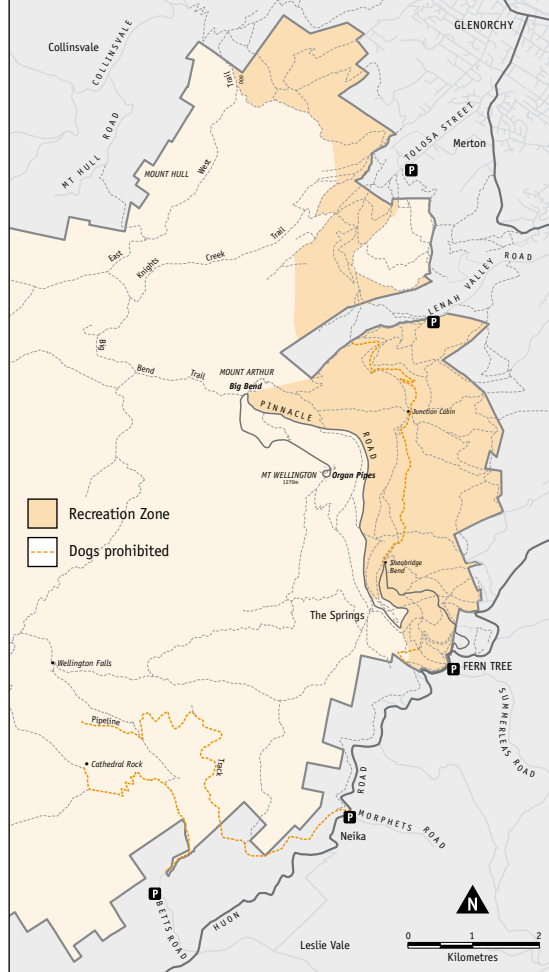
- Wellington Park Recreation Map (2010)
- 1:25 000 map series (Hobart; Collinsvale; Lloyd; Longley; Taroona)
- Mount Wellington Walks (2006), Jan Hardy and Bert Elson

Some shorter walks include:

DESTINATION	DEPARTURE	VIA	TIME	TRACK CONDITION	THINGS TO SEE
Pinnacle South-west Lookout 	Pinnacle car park	<i>Pinnacle walk and boardwalk</i>	5 min one way	<i>Even surface with minor gradient</i>	High altitude vegetation and spectacular views over south west wilderness
Octopus Tree	Shoobridge Bend (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Shoobridge Track (Pinnacle Road)</i>	30 min rtn	<i>Some climbing & occasional uneven surface</i>	Eucalyptus tree growing over a boulder. Great for kids
Silver Falls	Fern Tree Park (Huon Road)	<i>Pipeline Track & Silver Falls Track</i>	40 min rtn	<i>Moderate climbing & even surface</i>	Beautiful cool area shaded by tree ferns
Sphinx Rock 	The Springs (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Lenah Valley Track</i>	45 min rtn	<i>Level & even – some assisted disabled access possible</i>	Views of Hobart and the eastern shore
The Springs	Fern Tree (Huon Road)	<i>Fern Glade Track</i>	45 min one way	<i>Significant climbing & occasional uneven surfaces</i>	A tree fern gully, rising through drier eucalyptus forest
Junction Cabin	Old Farm Road	<i>Myrtle Gully Track</i>	1 hr one way	<i>Moderate climbing and varying surface</i>	Rainforest gully, wooden bridges over mountain streams

Some longer walks include:

DESTINATION	DEPARTURE	VIA	TIME	TRACK CONDITION	THINGS TO SEE
Neika	Fern Tree Park (Huon Road)	<i>Pipeline Track</i>	1.5 hr one way	<i>Level & even surface</i>	Fern Tree Bower/Wishing Well
Junction Cabin 	The Springs (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Lenah Valley Track</i>	1.5 hr one way	<i>Level; some uneven sections</i>	Fantastic views of Hobart & River Derwent/spring wildflowers
The Chalet 	Junction Cabin (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Hunters Track</i>	1.5 hr one way	<i>Significant climbing & some uneven surfaces</i>	Look out for Crocodile Rock with sandstone overhang
	The Springs (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Pinnacle Track & Organ Pipes Track</i>	1.5 hr one way	<i>Moderate climbing & some uneven surfaces</i>	Extensive views of Hobart & Organ Pipes/spring waratah
Pinnacle, Mount Wellington	The Springs (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Pinnacle Track & Zig Zag Track</i>	2 hrs one way	<i>Significant climbing & some uneven surfaces; high altitude exposure</i>	Great views of Organ Pipes & summit, Hobart, River Derwent & East Coast
	The Chalet (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Organ Pipes Track & Zig Zag Track</i>	2 hrs one way	<i>Significant climbing & some uneven surfaces; high altitude exposure</i>	Fantastic views, sub-alpine vegetation & dolerite boulder fields
Cathedral Rock	Neika (Betts Road)	<i>Cathedral Rock Track</i>	4 hrs rtn	<i>Significant climbing over rocky and uneven surface; high altitude exposure</i>	Challenging climb from NW Bay River, resulting in magnificent views of Channel region and Huon Valley
Wellington Falls	Neika (Huon Road)	<i>Pipeline Track & Wellington Falls Track</i>	Walk: 5.5hrs rtn Cycle & walk: 2.5 hrs rtn	<i>Mostly level, some even climbing in later stages</i>	Beautiful natural environment. Spectacular views of Cathedral Rock & Wellington Falls
	The Springs (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Milles Track & Wellington Falls Track</i>	7 hrs rtn	<i>Significant uneven & exposed sections; some cairned sections</i>	Long views over the Channel region
Collins Bonnet	Collinsvale (Myrtle Forest Road)	<i>Myrtle Forest Track</i>	5 hrs rtn	<i>Significant climbing & rough surface; high altitude exposure</i>	Tree fern rainforest to sub-alpine scrub, great views in all directions
	Big Bend (Pinnacle Road)	<i>Big Bend Fire Trail & Collins Bonnet Track</i>	6.5 hrs rtn	<i>Significant climbing & rough surface; high altitude exposure</i>	Challenging walk resulting in 360° views from trig station on Collins Bonnet



DOG WALKING

Dogs are permitted on a lead on tracks and trails in the Recreation Zone in the lower eastern foothills of Mount Wellington (the area below Pinnacle Rd from the Springs to Big Bend), on the trails immediately above Tolosa Park in Glenorchy (see above map) and on Jefferys Track and White Timber Trail. Dogs must however be confined to a vehicle at the Pinnacle (Mount Wellington). Please refer to the Trust's Dog Walking Information Sheet for further details

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Bikes may be ridden in the Park on all formed roads and fire trails open to the public, and on certain nominated walking tracks. Please refer to the Wellington Park Bike Map (available from www.wellingtonpark.org.au/bikes) for details of bike tracks and trails, and the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park. Bike riders are requested to follow the Bike Riders Code of Conduct as outlined on the Bike Map.

CAMPING

There are no formal camping facilities in Wellington Park, and generally camping is discouraged. Rough bush camping is allowed in certain areas of the Park, however you should contact the Trust for details.

HORSE RIDING

Horse riding is permitted on certain fire trails in the more remote sections of the Park. Riders must obtain a permit prior to riding. Please contact the Parks and Wildlife Service for details (see below).

4WD

Four-wheel drive vehicles are allowed in the Park on nominated trails by permit only. Other motorised recreational and leisure vehicles (trail bikes, quad bikes etc.) are not permitted in the Park. Please contact the Parks and Wildlife Service for details (see below).

FIRES

Fires can do enormous damage to vegetation, and put lives and property at risk. For this reason, except in emergencies, campfires are not permitted anywhere in the Park. Fires may be lit in designated fireplaces in certain huts and picnic areas, and firewood is generally available at Fern Tree, the Springs, the Chalet, and Junction Cabin. It is illegal to collect firewood within the Park.

DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT AREAS

Wellington Park is an important source of drinking water for the Greater Hobart area. Drinking water catchments are identified by special symbols on Park signs, and visitors to these areas should: use toilets before entering the area; avoid direct contact with streams; not camp within the catchment; and take extra care with rubbish. Domestic animals are generally not permitted within these areas. These precautions will not only help protect and maintain water quality but preserve the local environment.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Glenorchy City Council: 03 6216 6215

Parks and Wildlife Service: 03 6233 6560

Tasmanian Visitor Information Service: 03 6230 8233

Pinnacle Road Snow Conditions: 03 6278 0200