

Lower Glenelg National Park



Visitor Guide

Enjoy incredibly beautiful riverside camping while walking, fishing, canoeing or exploring by 4wd. This breathtaking area features 50m high limestone cliffs stretching 15km along the Glenelg River Gorge and tranquil Glenelg River Estuary. The iconic Great South West Walk links Portland and Nelson as it passes through stunning local national, state, coastal parks.



Getting there

The park is in south-west Victoria adjoining the South Australia border – about 420km from Melbourne and 490km from Adelaide. There is good access to most points by vehicle or on foot.

Caring for Country

‘Ngatanwarr wartee pa kakay teen Gunditjmara mirring; Welcome brothers and sisters to Gunditjmara Country.

We are happy and proud to share this special place with you and ask that you take the time to look, listen and feel the Country. We ask visitors to experience and respect this Country – it holds our spirit and stories from our past, present and future’ – Gunditjmara Elders.

Things to see and do

Princess Margaret Rose Cave and camping complex

Princess Margaret Rose Cave is an underground wonderland set in natural bush surrounds on the clifftops of Glenelg River and Lower Glenelg National Park.

Arguably the most decorated cave per square metre in Australia, the Cave is 30 minutes from Mount Gambier or 15 minutes from Nelson.

Come on a cave tour and wonder at nature’s gifts. See stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, rim stone pools, cave coral and many other amazing formations on a 45-minute guided tour with a professional interpretive officer.

Booking is essential for **Cave Tours** and to **camp or stay** in on-site cabins or at the campground.

Call (08) 8738 4171

Email: pmrcave@bigpond.com

Walking – great opportunities

Great South West Walk

250km long-distance circuit walk

www.greatsouthwestwalk.com

A map detailing the entire walk and its options is available from Visitor Information Centres at Portland and Nelson.

The Great South West Walk (GSWW) is an internationally acclaimed walk starting and ending at Portland. The 250km route passes through forest, heathlands, coastal cliffs and beaches of the family of parks found in this area.

The GSWW takes in Cobboboonee National Park (NP), Lower Glenelg NP, Discovery Bay Coastal Park, Mt Richmond NP and Cape Nelson State Park and includes the stunning Glenelg River Gorge and the wild, spectacular wind-swept coast of Discovery Bay.

Choose from short and longer walks as well as the entire experience.

Camping and picnics

All Camping and Picnic areas have table/toilets/fireplaces. All campers need to pre-book and fees apply.

To book national park campsites go to www.parks.vic.gov.au

Nine drive-in riverside camping areas.

Seven canoe-only camping areas.

Five hiker-only Great South West Walk camping areas. All within one day’s walk of each other.

Princess Margaret Rose Cave camping area and cabins.

Call them direct to book on (08) 8738 4171.

National Park Camp & Picnic Areas (see map)	Car Camp	Canoe Camp	GSW Walk Camp	Picnic Area
Visitor sites				
Pines Landing		✓		
Moleside		✓	✓	✓
Saunders Landing				✓
Wild Dog Bend	✓			
Pritchards	✓			
Skipworth Springs		✓		
Georges Rest		✓		
Battersbys	✓		✓	
Red Gum Landing	✓			
Forest Camp North	✓			
Forest Camp South	✓			
Wilson Hall	✓			
Sapling Creek				✓
Bowds		✓		
McLennans Punt	✓			
Pattersons		✓	✓	
Hutchessons	✓			
Sandy Waterholes				✓
Lasletts		✓		
Simsons			✓	
Glenelg Estuary*				✓
Ocean Beach*				
Lake Mombeong*	✓		✓	
*Discovery Bay Coastal Park				

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Four-wheel driving, trail and cycling

Sealed, gravel and sandy roads provide two-wheel drive access to many areas and attractions within the park. Short walks lead to views at many locations along the Glenelg River. Bicycles, including mountain bikes, are not permitted on walking tracks including the Great South West Walk. Sandy tracks may need 4WD in summer.

River cruise

Relax by taking a river cruise from Nelson up to Princess Margaret Rose Cave and discover the beauty of the river gorge along the way.

River estuary and ocean beach

A short walk to the ocean beach begins at the Ocean Beach Carpark. The Glenelg River Estuary is home to many native and migratory bird species as well as an abundance of fish species making it a great place to go bird watching, fishing, paddling and canoeing. Boat ramps are available to launch small boats, canoes and kayaks.

Swimming and surfing

Visit www.watersafety.vic.gov.au for more information.

Swimming is very popular in the river and at beaches along the coastline, however many beaches and inland rivers are exposed to hidden dangers such as currents, rips, reefs and submerged objects, debris, flooding and currents. Always swim with care and company.

Parks Victoria recommends swimming only at beaches patrolled by lifesaving services. Discovery Bay Coastal Park does not have lifesaver patrolled beaches. Red and yellow flags are displayed when beaches are patrolled by lifesavers.

Fishing

The coastline, streams and rivers in the area provide opportunities for keen anglers. The Glenelg River is popular with anglers and most visitor areas have jetties. Fishing is not permitted in marine national parks and sanctuaries. Check separate marine visitor guides for activity/boundary limits. Adults generally require a Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence, available from the Victorian Fisheries Authority at www.vfa.vic.gov.au or your local fishing gear outlet.

Horse riding

A wide range of roads and tracks are available for horse riding in the nearby Cobboboonee National Park and the nearby, but separate Cobboboonee Forest Park. For information on horse riding and for seasonal road closures in the area's parks visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Dogs in the national park

Dogs are not permitted in Lower Glenelg National Park but are permitted nearby in Cobboboonee Forest Park. Different land managers on the coast have different dog regulations. Be sure to check signage whenever visiting other beaches and parks.

For your boating safety while on the river

Power boats must observe the speed limit signs marked in knots. These are as follows:

8 knots – generally applies from the river mouth to the upstream end of Sandy Waterholes water skiing/power boating zone, except in the two 'water skiing/power boating zones' and during the hours set aside for water skiing and power boating.

10 knots -from the upstream end of the Sandy Waterholes water skiing/power boating zone to Wild Dog Bend.

5 knots - from Wild Dog Bend to downstream of Crawford River at Dartmoor.

Check your Boating Regulation Guide for specific rules and regulations applying while operating a power boat on this river.

Move to the right side of the river when you meet another craft, unless you are heading upstream within the transit channels. Remember to keep to the right side of the transit channel.

Transit channels are 15m wide and extend along one bank of the river for the entire length of the water skiing/power boating zone. Yellow buoys mark the entry and exit of the ski zone transit channel.

Houseboats are prohibited in the Victorian section of the river unless exempted by a permit.

Night operators must ensure navigation lights are working.

Appropriate safety equipment must be carried and/or worn.

Do not obstruct other river users, either on the water or at the launching ramps.

Do not enter Mud Lake (near the river mouth). This is an important wildlife refuge area.

Beware of floating logs and snags along the upper reaches of the river. This may limit the use of power boats between the northern boundary of the park and Dartmoor.

Boating safety

- Do not mix alcohol and boating
- Know the boating regulations for the river
- Watch out for boats, canoes and other hazards
- Do not overload the boat
- Ensure that you are carrying or wearing the appropriate safety equipment. Refer to the State Boating Council Victorian Boating Guide for details.

Canoeing safety

Know your groups abilities and plan stages accordingly - choose sensible daily distances

- Do not mix alcohol and canoeing
- Do not canoe alone
- Do not overload your canoe
- Know the boating regulations for the river
- Ensure that participants can swim, and are wearing life jackets
- If you do capsize, pull the canoe into the bank.

Canoes must use the transit channels when passing through the water skiing/ power boating zones.

Be prepared and stay safe

Lower Glenelg National Park (and the nearby Discovery Bay Coastal Park) are in the South West fire district. Bushfire and severe weather safety is a personal responsibility.

Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season or severe weather such as strong winds needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions.

Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. However, gas stoves may be used under certain conditions for food preparation. Be aware that strong winds can occur anytime, which can be hazardous with falling timbers on walking tracks.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days and days of severe weather this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning.

Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963 during business hours Monday to Friday.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

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Lower Glenelg National Park

Western Section



Canoe camp distances via river (approx.)

Dartmoor to Pines Landing	19 km
Pines Landing to Moleside	4 km
Moleside to Skipworth Springs	14 km
Skipworth Springs to Georges Rest	5 km
Georges Rest to Bowds	10 km
Bowds to Pattersons	3 km
Pattersons to Lasletts	5 km
Lasletts to Nelson	17 km

Boat launching sites

- Saunders Landing
- Pritchards Camping Area
- Wilson Hall Camping Area
- Sapling Creek Picnic Area
- Sandy Waterholes Picnic Area



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| Parks Victoria office | Sheltered area | Landing | Hwy/ main road | Stream |
| Parking | Camping area | Boat launch | Unsealed road | National park |
| Information | Hikers camp | Lookout | 4WD track | Other public land |
| Toilets | Canoe camp | | Walking trail | Lake/ river |
| Picnic table | Self guided walk | | Management vehicles only | Wetland |

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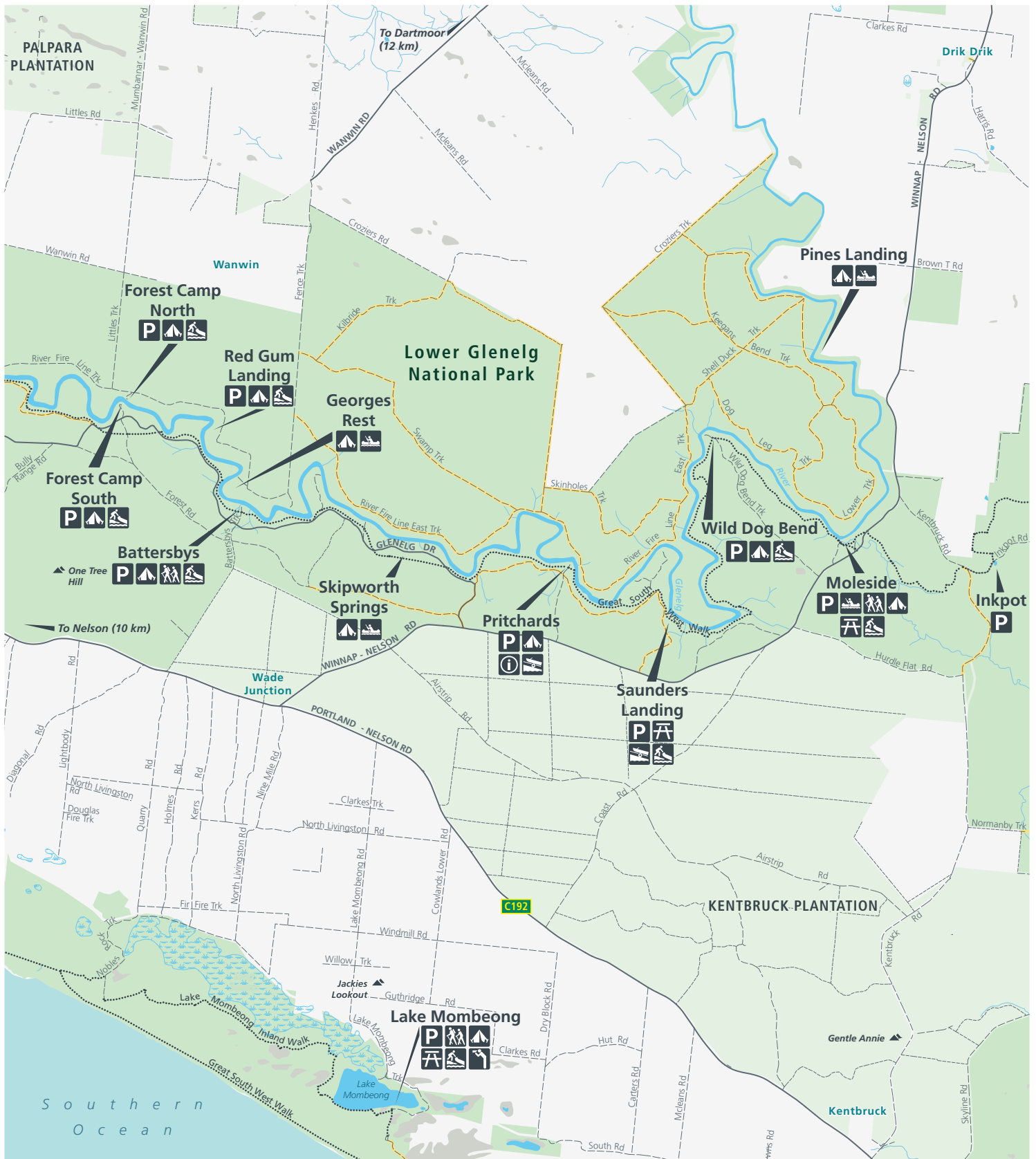
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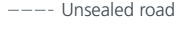





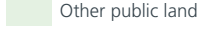







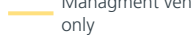
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Eastern Section



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|  Parking |  Camping area |  Boat launch |  Unsealed road |  National park |
|  Information |  Hikers camp |  Lookout |  4WD track |  Other public land |
|  Toilets |  Canoe camp |  Walking trail |  Lake/ river |  Wetland |
|  Picnic table |  Self guided walk |  Management vehicle only | | |

