Wilson's Promontory National Park

Exploring the north

The Prom’s northern wilderness and conservation areas offer unique opportunities for day visitors and walkers. Many walks pass through areas burnt in the 2009 fires allowing visitors to view the wonder of regeneration.

2011 flood recovery advisory
- Wilsons Promontory National Park sustained extensive flood damage following major storms on 22 March 2011.
- Access to Tidal River is closed until further notice. The only road into Tidal River was impacted by landslips and bridge damage at Darby River and is currently being assessed and repaired by VicRoads whilst Parks Victoria continues damage assessment and recovery throughout the park.

Camping and accommodation
- There will be no accommodation or camping before the Easter weekend anywhere in the park. Limited camping at Tidal River may be possible by Easter (Friday 22nd April).

Overnight hiking
- No overnight hiking is permitted in the park prior to Easter due to flood damage assessment. Access beyond Tidal River including outstations in southern areas of the park is also closed and will be until after Easter.


Roadside wildlife
While travelling by road in the park, you may see wombats, emus, kangaroos and other wildlife.
- Animals are unpredictable. To protect yourself, wildlife and your vehicle, slow down when passing animals on the road edge.
- Pull off the road before stopping to look at wildlife. Do not stop on bends or where double lines are marked.
- A Wildlife Viewing Area is located 9 km from the park entrance (refer map over page).
- Report injured wildlife 1300 094 535.

Short walks near the entrance

1. Shallow Inlet (400 metres, 15 mins. Easy)
This short walk starts at the end of Hourigan Camp Lane off Millar Road behind Yanakie township. Walk through a sheltered gully of coastal tea-tree and swamp paperbark to the sandy tidal flats of Shallow Inlet. At low tide it is possible to walk to Shallow Inlet entrance. An important feeding ground for migratory wading birds; over 180 species of birds have been recorded on Shallow Inlet and adjacent ocean beaches. Pied Oystercatchers and Red Capped Plovers nest in the dunes and on the spit. A diverse range of wildlife can be seen in the woodlands and heathlands along the shoreline.

2. Big Drift (2 km, 40 mins. Moderate)
Commencing at Stockyard Campsite near the park entrance, the gently undulating track follows the park boundary for 1.2 km to the sign-posted turn-off to Drift Track. Climb steeply up the northern flank of Big Drift to be rewarded with views over an expansive series of inland sand drifts to Cotters Beach and Shallow Inlet. It is easy to get lost amongst the dunes at Big Drift and on windy days your tracks will be quickly erased. Be careful to mark your path so you can find the track out again. There is no access to Cotters Beach from Big Drift.

Things to see and do in the north

The northern section of the park is now open and offers unique short walks and wildlife viewing opportunities for day visitors. Day visitor entry to the park is free. Please exit the park before sunset.

Access beyond the Wildlife Viewing Area (refer map over page) is not permitted due to flood recovery works.

Visitor facilities
Visitor information is available from the Yanakie Entrance during open hours. Toilets are located at Stockyard Campsite near the Yanakie entrance (refer map over page). Please take all your rubbish with you as there is no rubbish collection service in the north of the park.

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To find out about other
attractions in South Gippsland
or to book accommodation
outside the Prom,
contact the Prom Country
Information Centre
1800 630 704 or
(03) 5655 2233
7 days, 9am - 5pm

Caring for the
environment
Help us look after your park by
following these guidelines.
Firearms, dogs, cats and other
pets are prohibited within the park.
It is an offence to feed wildlife.
It can encourage aggressive
behaviour in animals and is
bad for their health.
All plants, animals, other
natural features and cultural
sites in the park are
protected by law and must
not be disturbed or removed.
Stay on formed walking tracks
at all times.
Off road vehicle use (including
motorcycles) is not permitted.
Please take all your rubbish
with you.

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Short walks in the north
3. Millers Landing Nature Walk
4. Vereker Outlook
5. Millers Landing Link Track
6. Cotters Lake & Beach
7. Wildlife Viewing Area

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After driving along winding roads through dense
coastal vegetation, the turn off onto unsealed
Five Mile Road is a pleasant surprise. The area
opens out to provide panoramic views of the
surrounding heathland and Vereker Range. A
good place to view kangaroos, emus and
wombats. Observe the speed limit and please
drive carefully. There is a detailed information
shelter in the car park on Five Mile Road.

3. Millers Landing Nature Walk
(2 km, 1 hour. Easy)
Starting at Five Mile car park, turn left just
after the management gate. This delightful walk
meanders downhill through open banksia
and stringybark woodland to Millers Landing.
Located on the southern coast of Corner Inlet, the
Landing protects the southernmost stand of
mangroves in the world.

4. Vereker Outlook (3 km, 1 hour. Moderate)
Starting at Five Mile car park, the track climbs
gently through open banksia woodland with a
heathland understorey. Panoramic views are
offered as the track climbs steeply through the
tumble of granite boulders and stringybark forest.
Walk highlights include stunning views across
Corner Inlet, open heathland and Cotters Beach.

5. Millers Landing Link Track
(1 km, 20 mins. Easy)
Originally a vehicle track, this track links the
Millers Landing Nature Walk (walk 3) to the
Vereker Outlook track (walk 4) and can be
commenced from either end.

6. Cotters Lake and Beach
(1.2 km, 30 mins. Easy)
Start at Cotters Lake car park and follow the
management vehicle track past the gate and
through the often dry basin of Cotters Lake.
Kangaroos and emus are often sighted in this
area. Cotters Beach has all the charm of a wild,
windswept stretch of coast. With the right tide
conditions it is possible to walk for hours.

Be prepared
• The nearest fuel supply is at Yanakie, Fish
Creek and Foster townships.
• Beaches in the north of the park are generally
unsuitable for children to swim.
• If fishing or walking along a rocky shoreline
always keep an eye to the sea. Ocean swells
or waves can crash along rocky shorelines
catching people unawares.
• Camp fires are not permitted. Use a gas or fuel
stove for cooking.
• Always check fire danger and weather
forecasts. No fires (including gas or fuel stoves)
may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban.
• We recommend all visitors have Ambulance
Services membership or insurance that covers
the cost of ambulance transport.
• Wilsons Promontory National Park will close on
days of declared Code Red Fire Danger for the
West & South Gippsland Total Fire Ban
District. For more information refer to the
Wilsons Promontory National Park Code Red

In an emergency
If you require emergency assistance phone 000
for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services. Mobile
phone network coverage cannot be relied upon
within the park. If out of range, dialling 112 on
your mobile phone may still connect you to
Police, Ambulance or Fire Services.

You may become aware of an emergency, or be
notified of an emergency situation by Police or
Parks Victoria staff.
If immediately accessible, collect sunscreen,
water, suitable clothing and a torch. Make your
way to the nearest Emergency Assembly Area
(refer map). Wait at the Assembly Area for further
instructions from Parks Victoria staff or Police.
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**MAP A** Short walks near the entrance

1. Shallow Inlet — Hourigan Camp Lane Track
2. Big Drift Track