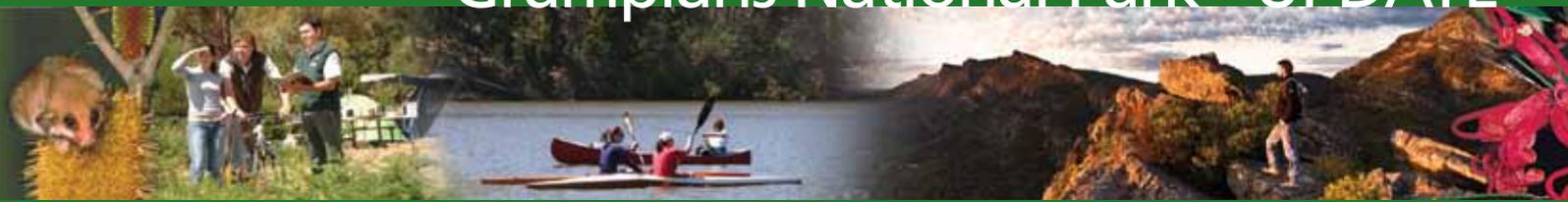


Grampians National Park - UPDATE



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. Parks Victoria have worked hard to open many areas, however conditions may change quickly if there is further weather events.

Walks open - 18th January 2012 Central Grampians

1 FYANS CREEK LOOP

...A chance to view wildlife

Distance: 2.5 km circuit **Time:** 30 - 50 minutes return

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

Start: Stone sculpture at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. If unsure ask at information desk.

Best in the early morning or evening to view waterbirds and kangaroos. A gentle track leads through Fyans Valley to Tandara Road (the track is suitable for people with limited mobility to this point). The track then crosses Fyans Creek and continues back along the forested foothills of the Mt William Range, to Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre.

1 BORONIA PEAK

...A rocky peak with spectacular views

Distance: 8.0 km return **Time:** 3 - 4 hours return

Elevation Change: 300 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Brambuk - The National Park & Cultural Centre Carpark

A track leads through Fyans Valley to Tandara Road. Cross Fyans Creek (Barri yalug) footbridge and begin a steady climb through tall Messmate forest and native pines, along the western slope of the Mt William Range. Turn right at the signposted intersection. A scramble up the rocky summit rewards you with superb views towards Lake Fyans and over the Fyans valley. Return by the same route. Take care of cliffs and supervise children at all times.

2 CHATAUQUA PEAK

...A great view of the Halls Gap Valley

Distance: 5.6 km return **Time:** 2 - 3 hours return

Elevation Change: 200 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Halls Gap Recreation Oval Carpark

Follow the signposted track through open forest to the foot of Clematis Falls (best after rain). Return 100 metres to an intersection and follow signposts and track markers along rocky areas, climbing steeply up to the summit of Chatauqua Peak. Return via same route.

2 CLEMATIS FALLS

...A beautiful waterfall best after rain

Distance: 2.4 km return **Time:** 1 hour return

Elevation Change: 70 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Halls Gap Recreation Oval Carpark

Follow the signposted track through open forest to the foot of Clematis Falls, best after rain. Return by the same route.

3 WONDERLAND CARPARK TO THE PINNACLE

... a strenuous walk to a famous peak

Distance: 5.5 km return **Time:** 2-2½ hours

Elevation Change: 280 metres **Grade:** medium-hard

Start: Wonderland Carpark

Cross the footbridge into the spectacular Grand Canyon. At the top of the steps, turn left and follow the signs up the rock platforms. The steady ascent winds through rocky woodland, past Bridal Veil Falls (best after rain), through Silent Street and on to the awe inspiring Pinnacle Lookout.

Return by taking the Wonderland Forest loop track. The track passes over rocky outcrops and through low forest before it connects back to the track north of Bridal Veil Falls. Before descending to the Grand Canyon take the track marked to your left. This will lead you to the opposite side of the Grand Canyon back to the Wonderland Carpark.

3 TURRET FALLS

... a winter waterfall

Distance: 2.2 km return **Time:** 40 minutes - 1 hour

Elevation Change: 110 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Wonderland Carpark

From the carpark, the track climbs through stringybark forest to Stony Creek, then follows it to the rocky terrace above Turret Falls (best after rain). Return by the same route.

4 THE PINNACLE FROM HALLS GAP

...This strenuous walk involves many steep staircases, rock steps and slippery track surfaces.

Distance: 7.2km return **Time:** 5 hours

Elevation change: 470m **Grade:** hard

Start: Halls Gap Caravan Park

From the rear of the Halls Gap Caravan Park (Agnes' Grave) follow the walking track to the base of a large staircase. (NO ACCESS into Venus Baths). A steep climb through heathy forest takes you up the front of Mackey's Peak via many staircases. The track then winds its way up through rocky outcrops before arriving at the Pinnacle Lookout. Enjoy views over Fyans Valley. Return via the same route or as an alternative return option add on Silent Street loop walk (an extra 2.2km) See description over page).

5 THE PINNACLE FROM LAKE BELLFIELD

...A high point overlooking Fyans Valley

Distance: 16.8km return **Time:** 9-10 hours one way

Grade: medium **Elevation change:** 415 metres

Start: Lake Bellfield Carpark

From the Lake Bellfield carpark, cross the Grampians road directly opposite the dam wall. The walk takes you along a fireline that climbs steadily along the southern edge of the Wonderland Range. Take a right turn and follow the track as it winds steeply through a Stringybark forest to a crest. After a short walk to Viewpoint Lookout for great views, walk back to the main intersection. Follow the track to the right as it climbs steeply up the range, keep right and arrive at Sundial Peak. Enjoy impressive views of the Fyans Valley, Mt William Range and Lake Bellfield. Return again to the main intersection and follow the track as it climbs steeply all the way to the Pinnacle Lookout. Return via the same route or continue on to Halls Gap.

5. VIEWPOINT AND SUNDIAL PEAK FROM LAKE BELLFIELD

...A high point overlooking Fyans Valley

Distance: 7.8km return **Time:** 3 hours return

Elevation Change: 520m **Grade:** medium-hard

Start: Lake Bellfield Observation Area Carpark (Dam Wall)

From the carpark, cross the Grampians Road directly opposite the dam wall and look for the walking track sign. The first part of the walk takes you along a fireline that steadily climbs up the southern edge of the Wonderland Range. Take a right turn and follow the walking track as it winds steeply through a Stringybark forest to a crest. A short walk to Viewpoint offers great views, return back to the intersection. Follow the track to your right as the track climbs steeply up the range, keep right and follow the track towards Sundial Peak where you will be rewarded with impressive views of Fyans Valley, Mt William Range and Lake Bellfield. Return via the same route.

6 SUNDIAL CARPARK TO THE PINNACLE

...The easiest route to the Pinnacle

Distance: 4.2km return **Time:** 1.5-2 hrs

Elevation change: 110 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Sundial Carpark

The track to this famous peak involves rock steps, slippery track surfaces, several water crossings and some rock hopping. Remember to wear sturdy shoes with a good tread and carry at least two litres of water per person. Starting from the Sundial carpark, follow the track through rocky woodland. From here the track climbs steeply along the ridge all the way to the Pinnacle. Return via the same loop.

6 SUNDIAL CARPARK TO SUNDIAL PEAK

...Spring wildflowers and impressive valley views

Distance: 4.2km return **Time:** 1.5-2hrs

Elevation change: 130m **Grade:** medium

Start: Sundial Carpark

This strenuous walk, suitable for fit and energetic walkers, involves rock steps, some steep sections and slippery track surfaces. Follow the track through heathy woodland to a rocky outcrop with panoramic views of the Fyans Valley. Return via the same route.

6 SUNDIAL CARPARK TO LAKEVIEW LOOKOUT

...A high point overlooking Lake Bellfield

Distance: 1.8km circuit **Time:** 30 – 50 mins

Elevation change: 130 metres **Grade:** easy

Start: Sundial Carpark

From the carpark follow the Sundial Peak track for a short distance then turn left at the intersection and follow the track to Lakeview Lookout. Enjoy views across the Mt William range and Lake Bellfield. Return to Sundial carpark by following the loop track to the intersection of the Pinnacle track. Here, turn left back to the carpark.

6 SUNDIAL CARPARK TO VIEWPOINT...Views over Lake Bellfield and Mt William Range

Distance: 4.4km return **Time:** 1.5- 3.0 hrs

Elevation change: 130m **Grade:** medium

Start: Sundial Carpark

Follow the walking track to Sundial Peak. Return to the main walking track and turn left. Walk downhill for a short distance and turn left again. Continue descending down the range before taking a left turn into Viewpoint lookout. Enjoy views over Lake Bellfield and the Mt William Range. Return via the same route.

7 SILVERBAND FALLS

Distance: 1.5km return **Time:** 25 to 40 minutes **return**

Elevation change: 15 metres **Grade:** Easy to medium – expect some rock hopping, slippery surfaces and creek crossing

Start: Silverband Carpark

From Silverband carpark follow the gently graded track to the edge of the creek. Here you can view the power of, and damage caused by a large amount of rain that flowed through this area. Look for the former footbridge that was washed away from this point 50m down the creek by the force of rocks and trees. Cross the creek bed to the other side to meet the track again. Take care as this involves rock hopping over slippery rocks and water. Follow the track to the base of Silverband Falls. Return via the same route.

Eastern Grampians

8 TUNNEL TRACK FROM POMONAL

Distance: 2.4 km one way **Time:** 1 - 1½ hours

Elevation Change: 230 metres **Grade:** medium

Start: Tunnel Road Carpark (11 km from Halls Gap on the Ararat-Halls Gap Road)

From the carpark the track begins its steady climb past rocky outcrops to the top of the range. Descending the other side, you gain magnificent views of the Serra Range. This walk finishes at the western tunnel entrance. Return by the same route.

A self-guided nature walk to the Tunnel starts opposite the General Store in Pomonal. Leaflets are available on the tourist sign in front of the store.

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

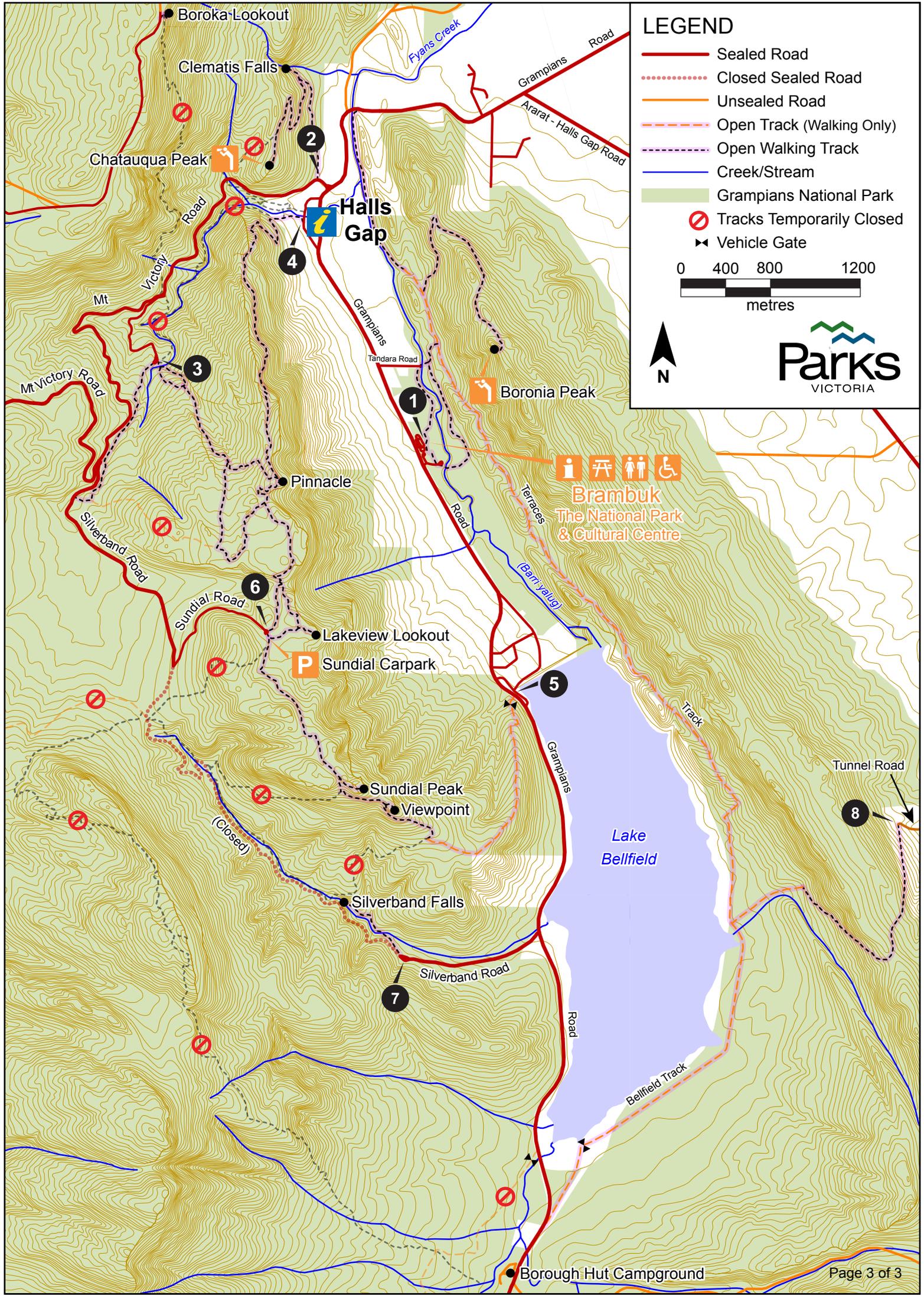
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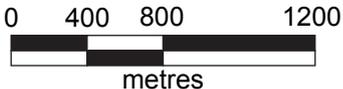
BE SAFE, BE PREPARED

- 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.



LEGEND

- Sealed Road
- ⋯ Closed Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road
- - - Open Track (Walking Only)
- - - Open Walking Track
- Creek/Stream
- Grampians National Park
- ⊘ Tracks Temporarily Closed
- ▶ Vehicle Gate



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