

# Wilsons Promontory National Park



## Visitor Guide

Wilsons Promontory, or 'the Prom' as it is affectionately known, is the southern most tip of the Australian mainland. The park sustained extensive damage after a once in 300 year flood event on 22 March 2011. Nature's ability to heal has already been demonstrated at the Prom after the 2005 and 2009 fires and again, the park is healing after our flood event.

### 2011 flood recovery advice

- Sections of the Prom still remain inaccessible due to the extensive damage from the March 2011 flood event. For your safety and to help the Prom recover, please abide by these closures
- Parks Victoria will reopen closed tracks and roads as soon as scheduled works have been completed and the area has been deemed safe.

### A changing landscape

As a natural environment, Wilsons Promontory National Park is in a state of constant, often subtle, natural change. These changes have been accelerated by the 2011 March flood event.

The park visitor will see some of the flood affected areas and the extraordinary flood recovery efforts that Parks Victoria and Vic Roads have implemented in order to reinstate access and reopen visitor facilities as promptly as possible.

### A rich, cultural heritage

For Indigenous people, Wilsons Promontory is part of a spiritually significant land called *Yiruk* or *Wamoom*. Shell middens (shell deposits) behind many beaches date back thousands of years, demonstrating a deep time connection between Indigenous people and the Prom's land and sea.

### Things to do and see

Walking, camping, swimming, snorkelling, surfing, scuba diving, photography, nature study, overnight hikes and simply relaxing are among the many things to do in this beautiful national park.

### Visiting for the day?

Day visitor entry to the park is free. The main visitor facilities are located at Tidal River. Please exit the park before sunset.

### Tidal River facilities

Campground facilities include amenity blocks, a playground, picnic areas with tables and free gas barbecues. Fresh drinking water is available.

Call in to the Visitor Centre at Tidal River during open hours (8.30am - 4.30pm) or alternatively phone (03) 5680 9555.

### First aid is available from the Visitor Centre.

Tidal River General Store stocks milk, bread, ice, gas refills and souvenirs, along with a basic range of supermarket and emergency items. Hot and cold food is available from the takeaway at the Tidal River Store.

There is no fuel at Tidal River. Fuel is available from the townships of Yanakie, Fish Creek and Foster (approximately 30-45 minutes drive).

### Staying at the Prom?

Tidal River offers a wide range of camping and accommodation options. Fees apply.

### Camping

There are currently 484 campsites available at Tidal River campground, all beautifully situated near the beach. Twenty of these sites are powered and pre-booking is advisable. Toilets, hot showers, dishwashing stations and laundry facilities are provided.

### Accommodation

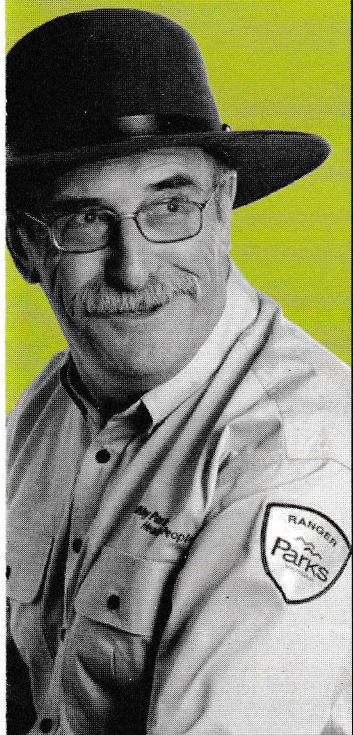
Looking for a few more home luxuries, or enough beds for a large group? Choose from one of the Prom's Wilderness Retreats, self-contained cabins, group lodges or huts. Advance booking of roofed accommodation is essential at all times.

*Due to flood damage, the Lorikeet units are unavailable for accommodation bookings.*

### Bookings

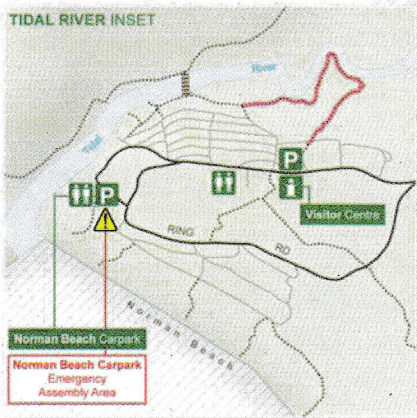
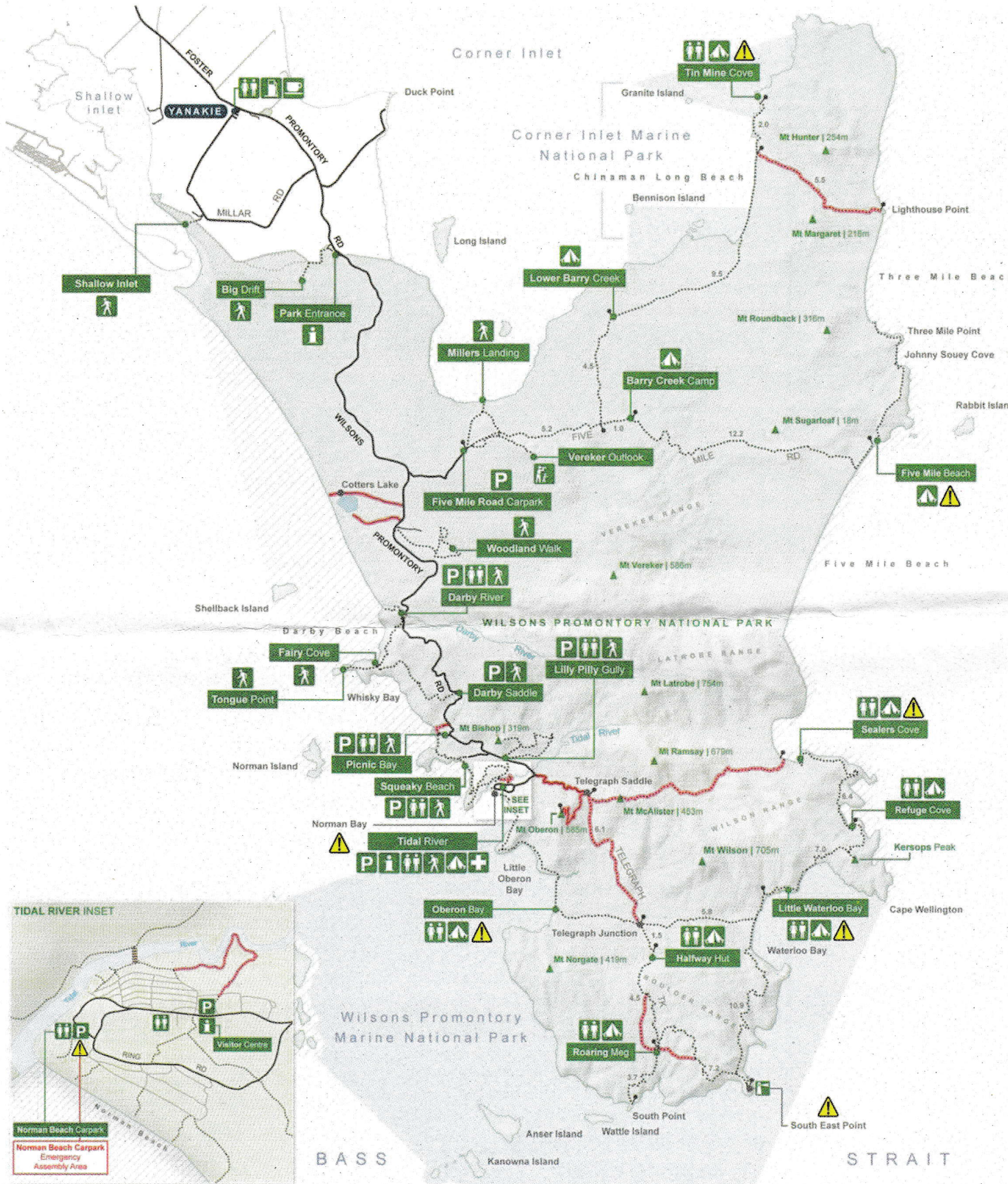
For bookings and enquiries phone: 13 1963 or (03) 5680 9555.

For more information call the **Parks Victoria Information Centre** on **13 1963** or visit our website **www.parks.vic.gov.au**


















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### Recreational Facilities

-  Parking
-  Park Information
-  Toilets
-  Walking Track
-  Lookout
-  Camping
-  Lighthouse
-  Cafe
-  Fuel
-  Medical Centre





### Open Roads/Tracks

-  Sealed Road
-  Unsealed Road
-  Walking Track

### Closed Roads/Tracks

-  Sealed Road
-  Unsealed Road
-  Walking Track

### Wilson's Promontory National Park

-  Marine Park
-  Marine National Park
-  Emergency Assembly Area
-  Bridge



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## Making the most of your visit:-

### Walking

The Prom offers wonderful walking opportunities for visitors of all ages and fitness levels. From short walks to day walks, pristine beaches to temperate rainforest, towering sand dunes to lookouts offering spectacular panoramic views, Wilsons Promontory has it all. There are also ample opportunities to spot wildflowers and view wildlife in their natural environment. For further information please refer to the *Walking at Wilsons Prom* park note, available from the Tidal River Visitor Centre.

### Viewing Wildlife at the Prom

While travelling the 30km from the park entrance to Tidal River, 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.
- Report injured wildlife 1300 094 535.
- It is an offence to feed wildlife. It can encourage aggressive behaviour in animals and is bad for their health.

### Beach access

Many beaches at Wilsons Promontory are generally unsuitable for children. For example, Squeaky beach has a strong undertow, a rip and a steep, sandy bottom.

Ocean swells or waves can crash along rocky shorelines catching people unaware. If fishing or walking along a rocky shoreline, always keep an eye to the sea.

- **Norman Beach** Close to Tidal River campground, the beautiful Norman beach is flanked by Pillar Point in the north and Norman Point in the south and offers stunning views of Mt Oberon. Surfing is only permitted south of 5th ramp. The beach can be accessed from 2nd ramp at the Norman beach car park or from 3rd, 4th or 5th ramp along 34th Avenue.
- **Squeaky Beach** One of the Prom's iconic locations, the rounded grains of quartz sand make a 'squeak' when walked on. Squeaky Beach can be accessed from the Squeaky Beach and Lilly Pilly Gully car parks, Picnic Bay or Tidal River. For further information please refer to the *Walking at Wilsons Prom* park note, available from the Tidal River Visitor Centre.
- **Picnic Bay** Just a short drive from Tidal River, this beautiful beach has rock formations at both ends of the beach offering a range of intertidal rock pool habitats to explore. A viewing platform is near the car park. Access from the Picnic Bay car park or via Squeaky Beach. *There is currently no access to Whisky Bay or Picnic Point.*

## Overnight hiking

A number of overnight hikes have reopened in the southern and northern regions of the Prom. Bookings are essential and an overnight hiking permit is required before departing. For more information please refer to the *Overnight Hikes* park note.

The Prom provides some of Victoria's best coastal overnight or multiple night hiking opportunities. Hikers must be self sufficient as only basic camping facilities are provided in remote areas. Carry plenty of drinking water with you and know how to make untreated water safe for drinking.

Hiking trails in the south take intrepid walkers past sheltered turquoise bays, where eucalypts tower over white sandy beaches. Tracks are well defined and toilets are available at all campsites.

The northern section of the Prom offers a remote wilderness experience. Hikers require navigation skills to traverse less defined trails that link campsites. Please talk to Parks Victoria staff before departing.

## Temporary Closures at the Prom

The following roads, tracks, visitor facilities and natural features at Wilsons Promontory National Park remain closed until necessary flood repair works are completed.

### Around Tidal River

- Loo-Ern Boardwalk and fishing platforms
- Tidal River boat ramp (closed to motorised vehicles and powered boats)
- Mt Oberon Road
- Telegraph Saddle car park
- Picnic Point
- Whisky Bay car park and beach access track

### Southern Prom

- Telegraph Saddle to Sealers Cove Track
- Telegraph Track between Telegraph Saddle & Telegraph Junction
- Telegraph walking track (Martins Hill to Telegraph Track)

### Northern Prom

- Cotters Lake and Cotters Lake track
- Johnny Souey Camp
- Lighthouse Point to Tin Mine Track

## Park notes available:

- *Walking at Wilsons Prom*
- *Tidal River Camping and Accommodation Guide*
- *Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park – Victoria's Blue Wilderness*
- *Overnight Hikes*