Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve

Visitor Guide

Hidden within the green, rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the meandering Agnes River cascades over rocks into a deep picturesque gorge. At 59 metres, Agnes Falls are the highest single span falls in Victoria.

Location and access

Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve is situated 160km south-east of Melbourne. The waterfall is reached from the South Gippsland Highway at Toora by following Silcocks Hill Road, Hazel Park Road and Agnes Falls Road. Alternatively the reserve can be reached from Welshpool via Slade Hill Road and Hazel Park Road. These approach roads provide extensive views across Corner Inlet to the peaks of Wilsons Promontory.

Enjoying the reserve

Cool waters from trickling mountain streams drain the southern slopes of the Strzelecki Ranges before flowing into the meandering Agnes River. After heavy rain the river falls as a spectacular cascade into the gorge. Upstream from the falls, the Agnes River forms part of the Toora Water Supply Catchment.

Walks and views

A short 200 metre walking track leads from the car park to a viewing area overlooking the falls. Watch along the way for birds darting between bushes and the diverse range of vegetation present. Rest on the seats provided and enjoy the view within the gorge.

Picnicking

A small picnic ground set amongst the tall shady Blue Gums on the grassy banks of the Agnes River makes a delightful setting for a picnic.

Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve protects a small remnant of the forests that once covered the Strzelecki Ranges. Tall Southern Blue Gums together with Blackwood and Silver Wattles grow within the sheltered gorge and along the banks of the Agnes River. The cool moist conditions here support a diverse understorey of Hazel Pomaderris, Blanket-Leaf, Dogwood, Prickly Moses, Clematis and a ground cover of ferns.

The drier north facing slope and ridge support an open understorey of native grasses and sedges.

The canopy of tall eucalypts provides food and nesting areas, supporting many different species of birds including honeyeaters.

The understorey composed of tall shrubs and small trees is home to the Eastern Yellow Robin, often seen perching sideways on low branches, eyes intently searching the ground for food.

Watch for the playful antics of the Grey Fantail as it darts and spirals in and out of trees in its quest for food. They are often seen perching with wings drooped and tail fanning from side to side, a movement to prompt insects to flight. The forest also echoes to the calls of the Laughing Kookaburra, Currawong and Crimson Rosella. At night possums and owls emerge from tree hollows to feed amongst the spreading branches of the eucalypts. If you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of a Swamp Wallaby disappearing into the bush.

Just up the road...

Corner Inlet and Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Parks

Consisting of shallow marine waters, intertidal mudflats and a series of sand barrier islands, these parks play host to a diverse range of migratory wading birds.

A bird watchers paradise, the parks can be explored from the shore or by boat. The parks are reached from the South Gippsland Highway via Port Welshpool, Port Albert, McLoughlins Beach or Yanakie.
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Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

All native plants and animals in the reserve are protected
Please keep to designated walking tracks
Bins are not provided in the reserve. Please take rubbish away with you
Camping is not permitted in the reserve
This park is located in the West & South Gippsland Total Fire Ban District
Dogs must be on a leash at all times
Agnes River forms part of the Toora Water Catchment Area, therefore swimming is prohibited.

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