

Mount Worth State Park

Visitor Guide



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Getting there

Mount Worth State Park is situated approximately 125 kilometres south east of Melbourne. The park is reached from the Princes Highway at Warragul by following the Warragul – Korumburra Road, Grand Ridge Road and McDonalds Track. Alternatively the park can be reached from Darnum via the Darnum – Allambee Road and the Allambee Estate Road. Roads are narrow and winding with gravel surfaces.

Things to see and do

Walking



1. Giant's Circuit – 1.8km, 1 hour circuit

Begin at the Moonlight Creek picnic area and follow the route of a timber tramway through Mountain Ash Forest and fern filled gullies. This lovely walk includes the impressive Standing Giant, a huge Mountain Ash with a girth of 14 metres and probably 300 years old.



2. Moonlight Circuit – 8.5km, 3 hours circuit

Beginning at the Moonlight Creek picnic area, this walk combines Moonlight Creek Track and Moonlight Divide Track to form a circuit. It is a strenuous walk suitable for experienced walkers. The Moonlight Divide Track climbs steeply to the ridge and leads through regenerating Mountain Ash forest. Moonlight Creek Track follows a trickling mountain stream to the sites of old timber mills.



3. Gardiners Mill – 3km, 1 hour return

This walk is an extension of the Giant Circuit and takes you through regenerating Mountain Ash forest and along the tree-fern lined Clark Creek.



4. Maslin's Mill – 1.5km, 40 minutes return

Commencing at the far end of the Moonlight Creek picnic area this track meanders through forest of Mountain Ash and Blackwood to Maslin's Mill site. Suitable for people with limited mobility.



5. Waterfall-Bower Circuit - 7km, 2.5 hours return

Beginning at the picnic area this walk combines Waterfall-Bower Tk & Moonlight Divide Tk to form a circuit. A fantastic circuit for the more experienced walker, featuring a small waterfall at the midway point.

Picnicking

The grassy flats and tree ferns at Moonlight Creek provide a delightful setting for a picnic. Tables, fireplaces and toilets are provided.

Exploring the history

Between 1860 and 1862, Surveyor George McDonald and his small team surveyed and cut a track through the thick forests of the Strzelecki Ranges from Lang Lang to Moe. Mount Worth is the highest point on the track.

During the 1870s selectors pegged out blocks on McDonalds Track, toiled to clear paddocks and build huts. In the 1920s, 12 timber mills operated on the slopes around Mount Worth to strip it of its valuable timber. Relics of the timber industry remain in the park including saw dust heaps, an old mill boiler and the formation of tramways used to haul timber to and from the mills. The Warragul Field Naturalists Club and the Shire of Warragul were instrumental in having the park created.

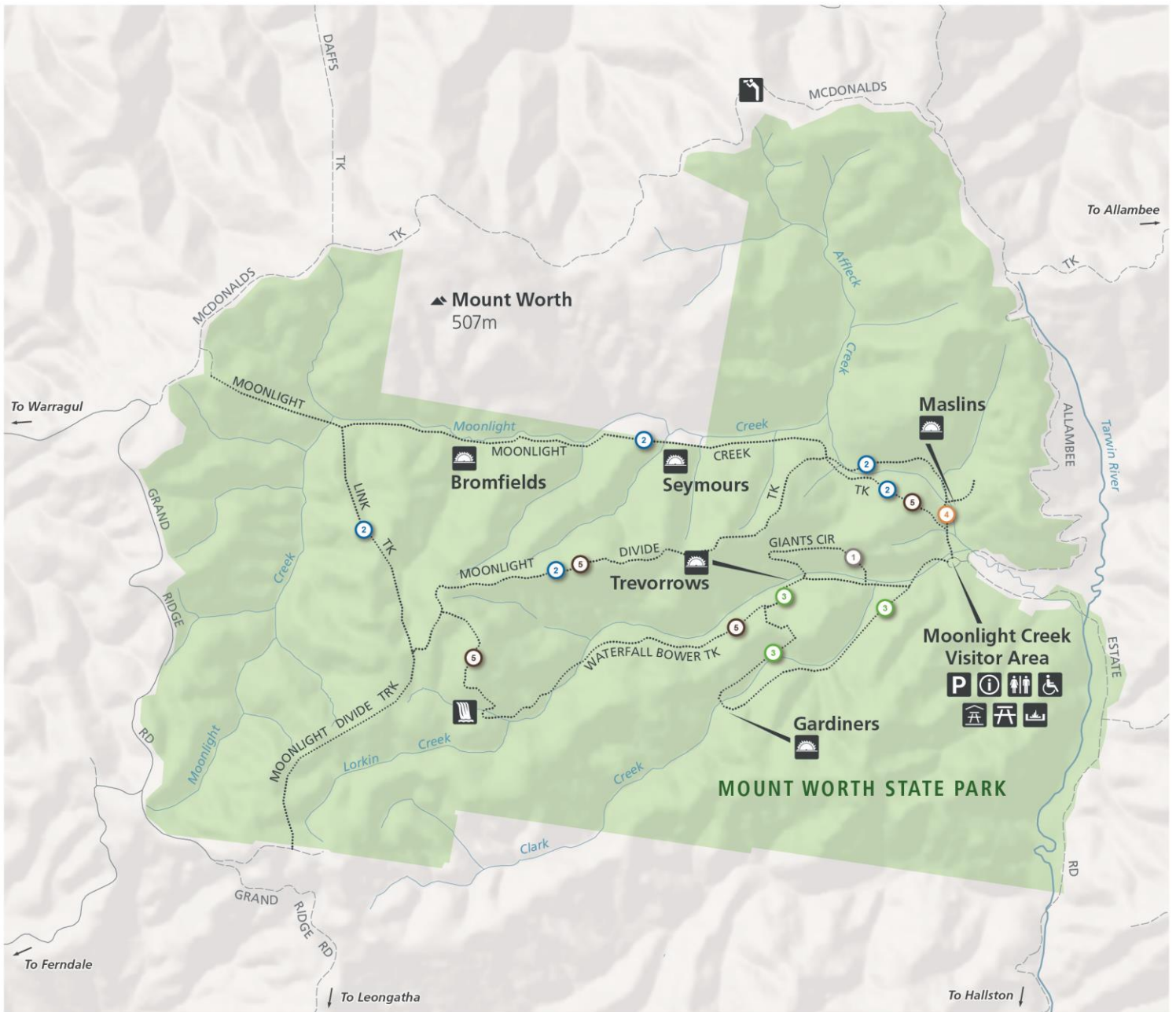
Plants and wildlife

Mount Worth State Park protects a remnant of the forests that once covered the western Strzelecki Ranges. Tall wet forests of Mountain Ash, Mountain Grey Gum and Blackwood grow on the hills and slopes. Soft Treeferns and Rough Treeferns flourish within the sheltered gullies. The cool moist conditions support a number of rare plants including Netted Brake, Slender Treefern and Skirted Treefern.

Birdlife is abundant within the park. Lyrebirds scratch amongst the leaf litter, while forest canopy provides food and nesting areas for the Crimson Rosella, King Parrot, Olive Whistler, Grey Butcherbird, Tawny Frogmouth and the rare Sooty Owl. The park is also home to such animals as the Common Wombat, Swamp Wallaby, Brush-tailed Possum, Feathertail Glider, Brown Antechinus and Platypus.

Be prepared and stay safe

Mt Worth State Park is in the West and South Gippsland fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963. For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).



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- Disabled access
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- Picnic table
- Fire place
- Saw mill
- Waterfall
- Mountain

- Shared track
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- Stream/River

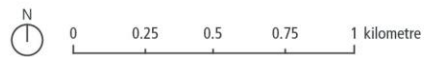
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- Giants Circuit - 1.8 kms - 40 min return
- Moonlight Circuit - 8.5 kms - 3 hrs return
- Gardiners Mill Track - 1.5 kms one way - 1 hr return
- Maslin's Mill - 800 metres one way - 40 mins return
- Waterfall Bower Circuit - 7.2 kms - 2.5 hrs return

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