

# Wilson's Promontory National Park

## Accommodation and Camping



Wilson's Promontory National Park offers a wide range of accommodation including cabins, units, huts, group lodges and the award winning Wilderness Retreats along with the opportunity for hikers to stay at the historic Wilson's Promontory Light Station. Tidal River is the main camping location in Wilson's Promontory National Park. Bush camping is also available at the Stockyards near the park entrance.



### Opening hours

Wilson's Promontory National Park is open every day, including weekends and public holidays.

The Visitor Centre is open 8.30am to 4.00pm AEST or 8.30am to 4.30pm AEDST.

The General Store stocks basic supermarket items, as well as a range of souvenirs and camping gear. Opening hours vary, please check the website for details [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

### Getting there

Wilson's Promontory National Park is approximately three hours drive from Melbourne. Follow Monash Freeway (M1) to join South Gippsland Freeway (M420/A440) to Meeniyah. Take the Meeniyah-Promontory Road (C444) to the Wilson's Promontory entrance.

Tidal River is a further 30 minutes drive from the entrance. Please drive carefully and look out for wildlife. Avoid driving between dusk and dawn. There is no fuel at Tidal River. The closest fuel outlets are at Yanakie, Fish Creek and Foster.

### Bookings and information

To book your camping or accommodation, go to [www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay) or call 13 1963. Advance booking is advisable. Full fees are required at the time of booking. All bookings and payments are non transferable.

Parks Victoria does not accept any responsibility for damage or loss of property during your stay. Guests are advised to make their own travel insurance arrangements.

### Christmas ballot

Accommodation and camping at Tidal River for the peak Christmas holiday season is allocated using a ballot system. Applications are open between 1 July and 15 July..

### Long weekends

Advanced bookings are essential for camping at Tidal River for Labour Day, Easter and Melbourne Cup long weekends. Minimum night stays apply and applications open at the following times:

- Labour Day weekend – 1 February
- Easter – 1 February
- Melbourne Cup weekend – 1 September

### Accommodation options

#### Wilderness Retreats

Located in a tranquil corner of Tidal River, these safari-style tents with ensuites cater for couples, but can accommodate three people (queen bed and single trundle).

#### Cabins

Cabins accommodate up to six people with a queen bed in one room and two bunk beds in the second room. A spacious living area is filled with natural light and a timber deck outside for relaxation.

#### Units

One bedroom units with spacious living area and sun deck accommodate two people in either a queen or two single beds. Adjoining units can be linked to accommodate up to four people. Shared barbecues are provided.

#### Huts

These one room huts accommodate either four or six people in bunk beds. Guests make use of the nearby campground amenities.

#### Group lodges

Perfect for schools, family groups, clubs and tours, lodges accommodate 12, 24 or 30 people in dormitory rooms with bunk beds. Some amenities are modified to allow access for visitors with a mobility impairment. Barbecues are provided.

#### All abilities accommodation

Wirilda and She-oak Cabins are accessible for visitors with a mobility impairment. Cabin facilities include ramp access, electric high-low beds and accessible bathrooms. Domain Unit has ramp access, a fully accessible kitchen and bathroom. A personal hoist, shower and commode chairs are available on request free of charge.

#### Wilson's Promontory Light Station

The perfect place to witness the Prom's rugged coastal environment while staying in self-contained dormitory style or private cabin accommodation. The Light Station can only be reached on foot (minimum 19.1km one way). The walk is challenging (5-6 hours), requiring a high level of fitness. Refer to *Wilson's Promontory Overnight Hikes - Southern Circuit* for more information.

Accommodation	Capacity	Toilets	Accessible toilets	Bathroom	Bedding	Linen & Towels	Kitchen (fully equipped)	Heating
Wilderness Retreats	3	✓	✗	ensuite shower only	✓	✓	communal	✓
Cabins	6	✓	✗	shower over bath	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wirilda & She-oak Cabin	6	✓	✓	shower only	✓	✓	✓	✓
Units	2 or 4	✓	Domain unit	shower only	✓	✓	✓	✓
Huts	4-6	campground amenities	campground amenities	campground amenities	hire	hire	kitchenette	✓
Group Lodges	12, 24 or 30	✓	30 bed lodge	shared, shower only	hire (pillow supplied)	hire	✓	✓
Light Station dormitories (hikers only)	2-4	✓	✗	shared, shower only	hire (pillow supplied)	✗	communal	✓
Light Station Banks Cottage (hikers only)	2	✓	✗	shower	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Camping

### Tidal River

There are 484 campsites at Tidal River campground. Twenty sites are powered. The maximum number of people per site, including children, is eight.

Campground facilities include modern amenity blocks with toilets and hot showers, laundry facilities, dishwashing stations and picnic areas equipped with free gas barbecues. A dump point is available at the Overnight Hikers car park.

All camping equipment, vehicles, trailers and boats must be parked on your site and must not block road access or damage vegetation. Petrol and diesel must not be stored on campsites. Fuel lockers are located at Tidal River and keys are available from the Visitor Centre.

### The Stockyards

At the entrance to the national park, the Stockyards provide bush camping facilities in a pleasant woodland setting.

20 unpowered campsites are available for a maximum of eight people per site. Toilet and shower facilities, rubbish bins, picnic tables and a rotunda are provided. The rotunda and showers are for use by camping permit holders only. Use of the fire place in the rotunda is not permitted. Camping equipment, vehicles and trailers must not block road access or damage vegetation.

Water supply at the Stockyards is limited and untreated. Visitors are advised to bring their own water, or treat water safe for drinking.

### Be prepared and stay safe

We recommend all visitors to the park have Ambulance Services membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport.

Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Wilsons Promontory National Park is in the West and South Gippsland fire district. Check for the Fire Danger Rating and days of Total Fire Ban at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Generators and fires (including solid fuel heat compounds) are not permitted in Wilsons Promontory National Park. Use gas or liquid fuel stoves for cooking. On days of Total Fire Ban, liquid fuel stoves are not permitted and gas stoves are not permitted inside tents or inside/attached to canvas top caravans or campertrailers.

On Code Red Fire Danger Rating days, the park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963. For further information, refer to the Wilsons Promontory National Park Code Red Fire Danger Closure fact sheet.

## In an emergency

If you require emergency assistance phone 000 for Police, Fire or Ambulance Services.

For park related emergencies only (fire, accident/injury, injured wildlife, significant disturbance and critical maintenance issues), contact the Tidal River Duty Officer (24 hours) on 1300 247 594 or use the blue emergency phone located at the front entrance to the Tidal River Visitor Centre.

Mobile phone reception is unreliable in the park. Public phones are located outside the Tidal River General Store.

### At Tidal River

In the event of a significant emergency threatening Tidal River, visitors may be alerted in a number of ways.

- An emergency siren will sound continuously. Please collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch and calmly make your way on foot to the Norman Beach day visitor car park.
- Once at the car park you will be advised by Police or Parks Victoria staff on any further action to take.
- Police or Parks Victoria staff will alert visitors.

Under no circumstances should you attempt to leave Tidal River unless advised by Police or Parks Victoria staff.

## An emergency siren is tested in Tidal River every Monday afternoon at 4 pm.

### Away from Tidal River

You may become aware of an emergency away from Tidal River, or be notified of an emergency situation by Police or Parks Victoria staff. If immediately accessible, collect sunscreen, water, suitable clothing and a torch. Calmly make your way to the nearest Emergency Assembly Area. Wait at the Assembly Area for further instructions from Parks Victoria staff or Police.

## Help us look after this magnificent park

- Firearms, dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted in the park.
- All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply. Store all food securely (in your vehicle if camping) and properly dispose of all rubbish, including food scraps.