

## Grampians National Park

### Northern Grampians Fire Recovery Update

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

#### Information Sheet 1: Access to Northern Grampians walking tracks and facilities

In January 2014, a lightning event caused a major bushfire that swept through the northern area of the Grampians National Park, causing widespread damage to the environment and popular visitor sites. The dry rocky landscape will take considerable time to recover. Some park closures remain in place throughout the Mt Difficult Range to enable park managers to rebuild walking tracks and park facilities and to protect the most fragile plants and animals.

Recent re-openings include the Hollow Mountain Carpark and walking track. A number of rock climbing areas have also reopened although access tracks may have changed. **See the Northern Grampians Fire Recovery Closures map, the Grampians Rock Climbing information sheet and the Northern Grampians Walks information sheet for further details.**

#### Plan your visit today – The following roads, walking tracks and visitor sites are open for the September School Holidays:

##### Open walking tracks in the Northern Grampians

Hollow Mountain Walk  
Mt Zero Walk  
Flat Rock/Mt Stapylton Return Walk  
Gulgurn Manja Art Shelter  
MacKenzie Falls River Walk  
Beehive Falls  
Fish Falls

##### Open Campgrounds in the Northern Grampians

Plantation and Smiths Mill Campgrounds are the closest camping options in the Northern area of the Grampians National Park. Plantation Campground is located approximately 10km north of Halls Gap and operates on a first in first served basis. Smiths Mill is located in the central Grampians and sites must be booked online. Bush camping in closed fire affected areas is not permitted.

##### Open Rock Climbing areas in the Northern Grampians

**A general closure to rock climbing remains in place for the Mt Difficult Range, except for areas listed in the rock climbing information sheet (Hollow Mtn, Flat Rock, Mt Stapylton, Mt Zero).** Please refer to the information sheet, map and signage in the area for further information. Guidebooks may not have the most up-to-date information.

Dangerous fire affected trees and fragile soils are present in any off track area. Practice sustainable climbing in the protected areas of the National Park - stick to open climbing sites, stay on designated access tracks and avoid climbing in fragile fire affected areas.

## Important Northern Grampians closures to note:

### Closed Walking Tracks

Mt Difficult Range and all day and overnight walks  
Mt Stapylton Loop walking track (to Stapylton Campground)  
Golton Gorge walking track  
Briggs Bluff  
Ngamadjidj Shelter

### Closed Roads

Coppermine Track  
Mt Difficult Road (from  
Boroka Lookout to Lake Wartook).

### Closed Campgrounds

Stapylton Campground  
Troopers Creek Campground  
All bushcamps in the Northern fire affected  
area including the Mt Difficult Hiker Camps.

### Closed Rock Climbing Sites

Mt Difficult Range – Except permitted sites.  
See Rock climbing Information sheet 3 for  
details.

**Please Note:** Seasonal storm damage, bushfire or ongoing track maintenance can alter track conditions or cause temporary closures. Please check current closures at a local Visitor Information Centre, visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au), or phone 13 1963 or visit Brambuk The National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap.

### For your safety:

- The impacts of fire have created a fragile regenerating landscape. There are a number of threatened species recovering post fire. Minimising impacts now means a healthier future for these areas.
- Please stay on designated tracks - for your safety, to help fragile areas recover and minimise soil erosion.
- Respect closed areas – The environment is recovering. Burnt dangerous trees, damaged infrastructure and loss of signage can pose a risk to your safety.

### Further Information

For updates on the many camping, walking and driving opportunities in the park, call into Brambuk, the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, visit the local Visitor Information Centre or call Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.