

Mt Arapiles-Tooan State Park

Visitor Guide



Dalkaiana Wartaty Dyurrait – Welcome to Mt Arapiles. The Traditional Owners of this land; the Wotjobaluk, Wergaia, Jadawadjali, Jaadwa and Jupagalk people welcome you. Mt Arapiles is a spectacular feature, rising sharply from the Wimmera plains. It is one of Australia's premier rock climbing areas, and a valuable nature conservation area, with 14% of the State's flora species represented in the Mt Arapiles section alone.



Co-operative management of the park

In 2005, the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation entered into the first Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) in Victoria with the Victorian and Australian Governments.

A co-operative agreement that includes this park ensures that the traditional owners will be able to continue to care for country by being involved in the management of the areas where their native title rights have been recognised.

Getting there

Mt Arapiles-Tooan State Park is 334km northwest of Melbourne, with access via the Wimmera Highway and Centenary Park Road. The nearest town supplies are Natimuk and major town is Horsham.

Things to see and do

Walking



Circuit Walk
15.0km, 3 hrs one way

Starting and ending at Centenary Park Campground & Picnic Area, this mostly flat walk follows the park boundary. The walk takes in a changing landscape, views of the region and has access to the Mt Arapiles Summit via short but steep paths at the end of the circuit.



Gully Loop Walk
4.0km, 1 hr one way

The Pharos Gully and Central Gully walking tracks can be combined into a loop walk and feature some spectacular views.



Nature Walk
1.0km, 30min circuit

This short track on the Summit Road features spring wildflowers on an easy walk.

Rock climbing

Mt Arapiles is a world-renowned rock climbing area. More than 3000 routes have been established on the many cliffs, crags and pinnacles, presenting variety and challenge for all levels of experience. A range of commercial climbing guides available from the Natimuk Post Office or the Arapiles Mountain Shop in Natimuk.

Climbing should only be undertaken by climbers with experience and training, or under the guidance of skilled and qualified instructors.

Mt Arapiles is much loved and sees many thousands of visitors annually. Please support the long-term sustainability of climbing here by respecting the park and other visitors. Stay on existing tracks, avoid damaging vegetation and the rock, and respect cultural sites.

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Driving and cycling

The gravel vehicle track circling Mt Arapiles is suitable for driving and cycling. It is a good way to take in the spring wildflowers. In winter only the eastern end of the track is opened to vehicles.

Camping

Centenary Park Campground is the only place to camp in the park. There are three camping areas here with toilets and picnic tables.

The Lower Gums Camping Area is set among Yellowgum planted in the late 1980s and is popular with school groups.

Upper Gums Camping Area is set among remnant Yellowgum woodland and is the smallest of the three campgrounds.

The Pines Camping Area is set among tall pine trees.

The Upper Gums and Pines camping areas have fireplaces but please note firewood is not supplied and firewood collection is prohibited.

Wood fires are not permitted in the park from 1 November to 30 April. Gas or fuel stoves are recommended.

Camping fees apply. For further information or to book go to www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay or call 13 1963.

Picnics

Centenary Park picnic area has a shelter, picnic tables, toilets and wood barbecues (bring your own firewood). The Bluff and Summit picnic areas have tables and spectacular views but no toilets.

Facilities

Visitors should bring their own drinking water.

The Bluff and Summit picnic areas do not have toilets.

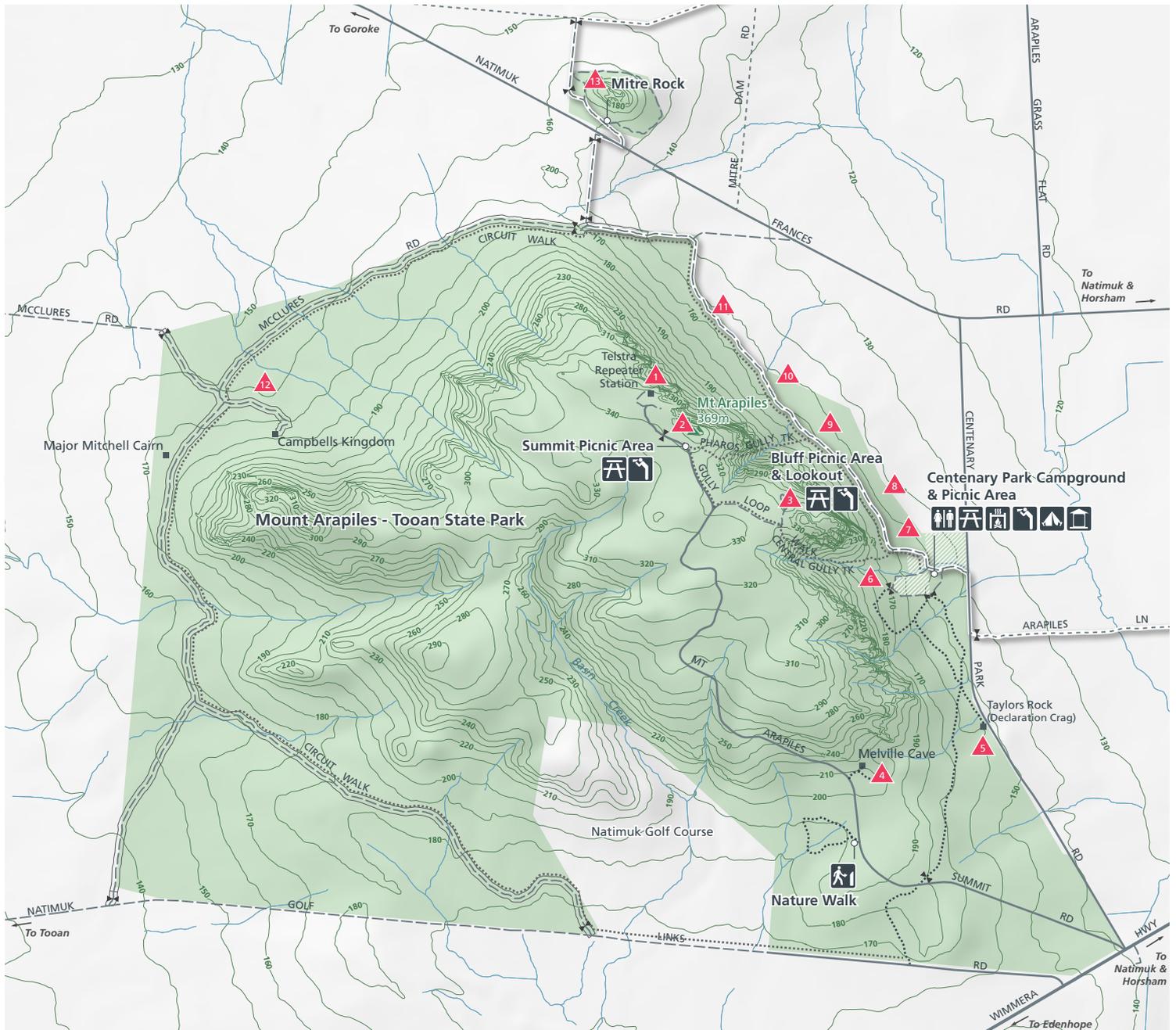
Collection of firewood is prohibited in the park – please bring your own wood, or preferably a gas or fuel stove.

Please take all rubbish away for disposal or recycling.

Be prepared and stay safe

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator. Mt Arapiles-Tooan Park is in the Wimmera 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.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days. On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.



Toilets	Shelter	Highway	Arapiles Big Sky Trail	Camping area
Picnic table	Nature walk	Main road	Walking track	Mt. Arapiles Toonan S.P.
Wood barbecue	Gate	Unsealed road	Other park/reserve	Waterbody
Lookout	Seasonal closure	4WD		
Camping area				

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1
2 Kilometres

Rescue Staging points

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| <p>1 Mt Arapiles Telstra Tower Carpark
Accessed From Mount Arapiles Summit Road (locked gate - PV has keys)</p> <p>2 Mt Arapiles Summit / Fire Tower Carpark
Accessed From Mount Arapiles Summit Road</p> <p>3 Bluff Picnic Area / Disabled Lookout Carpark
Accessed From Mount Arapiles Summit Road</p> <p>4 Melville Cave Carpark / Bushrangers Bluff
Accessed From Mount Arapiles Summit Road</p> | <p>5 Taylors Rock Carpark / Declaration Crag
Accessed From Centenary Park Road</p> <p>6 Organ Pipes to King Rat Carpark
Accessed From Centenary Park Road</p> <p>7 Plaque Area Carpark
Accessed From Centenary Park Road</p> <p>8 Castle Crag Carpark
Accessed From Centenary Park Road</p> | <p>9 Pharos Gully Carpark
Accessed From Centenary Park Road</p> <p>10 The Watchtower Faces Carpark
Accessed From Natimuk - Franches Road</p> <p>11 The Northern Group / Curtain Wall Carpark
Accessed From Natimuk - Franches Road</p> <p>12 Campbells Kingdom Carpark
Accessed From Natimuk - Franches Road (Seasonal Road Closure - Locked gate June to November, PV have keys)</p> <p>13 Mitre Rock Carpark
Accessed From Natimuk - Franches Road</p> |
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