

# Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park



## Visitor Guide

Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park (18,400 ha) consists of two rugged and contrasting mountains linked by a narrow, vegetated ridge. The park boasts impressive scenery, diverse habitats and significant flora conservation values. Its remote and rugged character is a major attraction for many visitors to the park.

### Location and access

The park is located approximately 120 km east of Albury-Wodonga and 25 km northwest of Corryong. It lies between the Murray Valley Highway and the Murray River.

Access to many popular visitor areas is from the all-weather Cudgewa Bluff Road, which passes through the park and is a pleasant scenic drive.

### Enjoying the park

**Picnicking and camping** - basic visitor facilities are located at Bluff Creek, near the main entrance to the park, and also at Blue Gum Camp, Hinces Creek and Pine Mountain.

### Four wheel driving and mountain biking

- a network of 4WD tracks exists through the park although most minor tracks are fine weather only and seasonal track closures apply during winter and early spring.

**Bushwalking** – a wide range of walking opportunities exist within the park (see over).

Lookouts along these tracks provide outstanding views over the NSW Snowy Mountains and surrounding valleys of the Upper Murray.

**Bluff Falls** - a spectacular set of waterfalls exists where water cascades off the park plateau, over Cudgewa Bluff and into a tranquil grotto below. A viewing platform below the falls provides excellent photographic opportunities. Parking and turning is limited and not suitable for trailers.

**Mt Burrowa** - this remote and rugged peak is the highest in the park (1,300m) and may be covered with snow for weeks each year. It sits atop the sub-alpine Burrowa plateau and can be reached by a number of walking tracks.

**Pine Mountain** - this gigantic rock monolith is reputedly one and a half times as big as Uluru

(Ayers Rock). The exposed, lichen covered granite slopes dotted with soft, green Cypress-pine trees imparts a special appeal. A walking track leads all the way to the summit.

### Plants and wildlife

Geological and topographic differences within the park have resulted in a range of vegetation types.

Pine Mountain is of great botanical significance because of the number of rare and threatened plant species growing there. These include the Phantom Wattle (*Acacia phasmoides*), Fan Grevillea (*Grevillea ramosissima*), Pine Mountain Grevillea (*Grevillea jephcottii*) and Broad-leaved Hopbush (*Dodonaea rhombifolia*). Black Cypress-pines and Kurrajongs also grow on the dry, rocky slopes.



The steep sided Mt Burrowa is more heavily timbered and supports more diverse vegetation. Candlebarks and Peppermints are found at lower altitudes, with Blue Gums in moist gullies. Alpine Ash occurs higher up on sheltered slopes with Snow Gums on the highest peaks and ridges. The higher rainfall of this area also supports numerous ferns in deep, wet gullies.

Animal life is abundant and varied with Superb Lyrebirds, Black Wallabies, Eastern Grey Kangaroos and wombats, possums and gliders especially numerous. Over 180 species of birds have been recorded in the park.



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## Other parks in the area to visit:

Mount Lawson State Park

Mount Granya State Park

Alpine National Park

Mount Mittamatite Regional  
Park

Jarvis Creek Regional Park

Bethanga Historic Area

Murray River Reserve

## Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

All native plants, animals, cultural and historic features are protected

Please take rubbish away with you for recycling and disposal

Fires may only be lit in designated fireplaces. No fires including gas and fuel stoves may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban

This park is in the North-East Total Fire Ban District

Dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted

Firearms are prohibited

Use toilets where provided or bury toilet waste at least 100 m from any watercourse

Wash up well away from creeks and watercourses

Vehicles must remain on formed roads and tracks.

Normal road registration and licensing regulations apply

*Please don't throw this park note away. Keep it, return it for others to use or recycle it*

## Healthy Parks Healthy People

*Visiting a park can improve your health, mind, body and soul. So, with over four million hectares of parkland available to Victorians, why not escape to a park today!*



## Walking track guide

In general, walking conditions are steep and rough; expect to average only 1.5 to 2 km an hour on the longer, more remote walks.

Be sure to let someone know before you go!

### Bluff Creek Nature Trail

– 4km, 2 hours return

This walk links the Bluff Creek visitor area with Bluff Falls and can be walked in either direction.

For much of its route the track follows closely beside Bluff Creek through moist, ferny gullies and tall stands of Blue Gum trees. Interpretative panels along the way provide information on features of interest.

Walking conditions are generally good although the section nearest the falls is steep in places.

### The Lookouts Walking Track

**Campbells Lookout – 1.4km, 1 hour return**

**Ross Lookout - 6km, 3-4 hours return**

This track departs from the Bluff Falls carpark and initially climbs up to the smaller Top Falls where Bluff Creek cascades into a narrow, wet gully.

The track rises again to Campbells Lookout, a rocky escarpment that overlooks the steep cliffs and scree-covered slopes of Cudgewa Bluff.

The turnoff to Ross Lookout is signposted and the track continues on up a broad ridge through Wild Cherry trees and Black Cypress pines. It offers excellent views from numerous vantage points.

### Pine Mountain Walking Track

**Rocky Knob – 2 km, 1 hour return**

**Pine Mountain summit - 12 km, 7 hours return**

The walk to Pine Mountain is long and strenuous, with a number of climbs and descents. The summit area offers panoramic views of the surrounding Murray River valleys.

Rock cairns mark the track as it traverses large, granite outcrops fringed with Black Cypress Pine and other rare and interesting vegetation.

For the less adventurous it is possible to experience the special atmosphere of Pine Mountain with a shorter walk to Rocky Knob.

### Hinces Creek Walking Track

**Hinces Saddle - 14 km, 7 hours return**

This walking track departs from Hinces Creek campsite and initially follows a 4WD track to Hinces Clearing.

The walking track then rises steadily beside Hinces Creek, a delightful ferny and secluded haven for a variety of bird life. A small seasonal waterfall is located on a tributary along the way.

## Mt Burrowa Walking Track

**The Pimple – 3 km, 2 hours return**

**Mt Burrowa summit - 15 km, 10 hours return**

The walk to Mt Burrowa is long and strenuous and the track may be poorly defined in places.

From The Ridge carpark the track climbs steeply to The Pimple. This rocky outcrop sits atop sheer rhyolite cliffs and offers excellent views over some of the more remote and rugged areas of the park. The track continues on to the summit of Mt Burrowa with a number of very steep climbs and descents. It features a variety of vegetation types as altitude and aspect change.

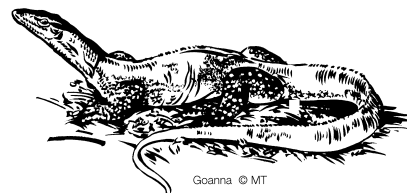
### Black Mountain Walking Track

This walking track links Hinces Saddle with Black Mountain (2.5 km one way).

### Overnight walks

A combination of walking and 4WD tracks may be used to form extended hikes. Popular overnight trips, which may all be walked in reverse, include:

- Bluff Falls to The Ridge - via Black Mountain and Mt Burrowa (approx. 22 km, 14 hrs)
- Bluff Falls to Hinces Creek - via Black Mountain (approx. 17 km, 10 hrs)
- Hinces Creek to The Ridge - via Mt Burrowa (approx. 19 km, 13 hrs). This route may also be walked as a loop using Cudgewa Bluff Road to return to the start point
- Hinces Saddle, a broad, open area, is a logical campsite for these overnight walks



### Please take care!

Trees may fall or drop limbs at any time – avoid camping, parking or picnicking beneath them.

Weather conditions can change rapidly at any time - be prepared with warm and waterproof clothing and high energy food supplies.

The park has limited permanent water sources – carry adequate drinking water when walking.

Walking conditions can be rough and rocky areas slippery when wet – wear sturdy footwear.

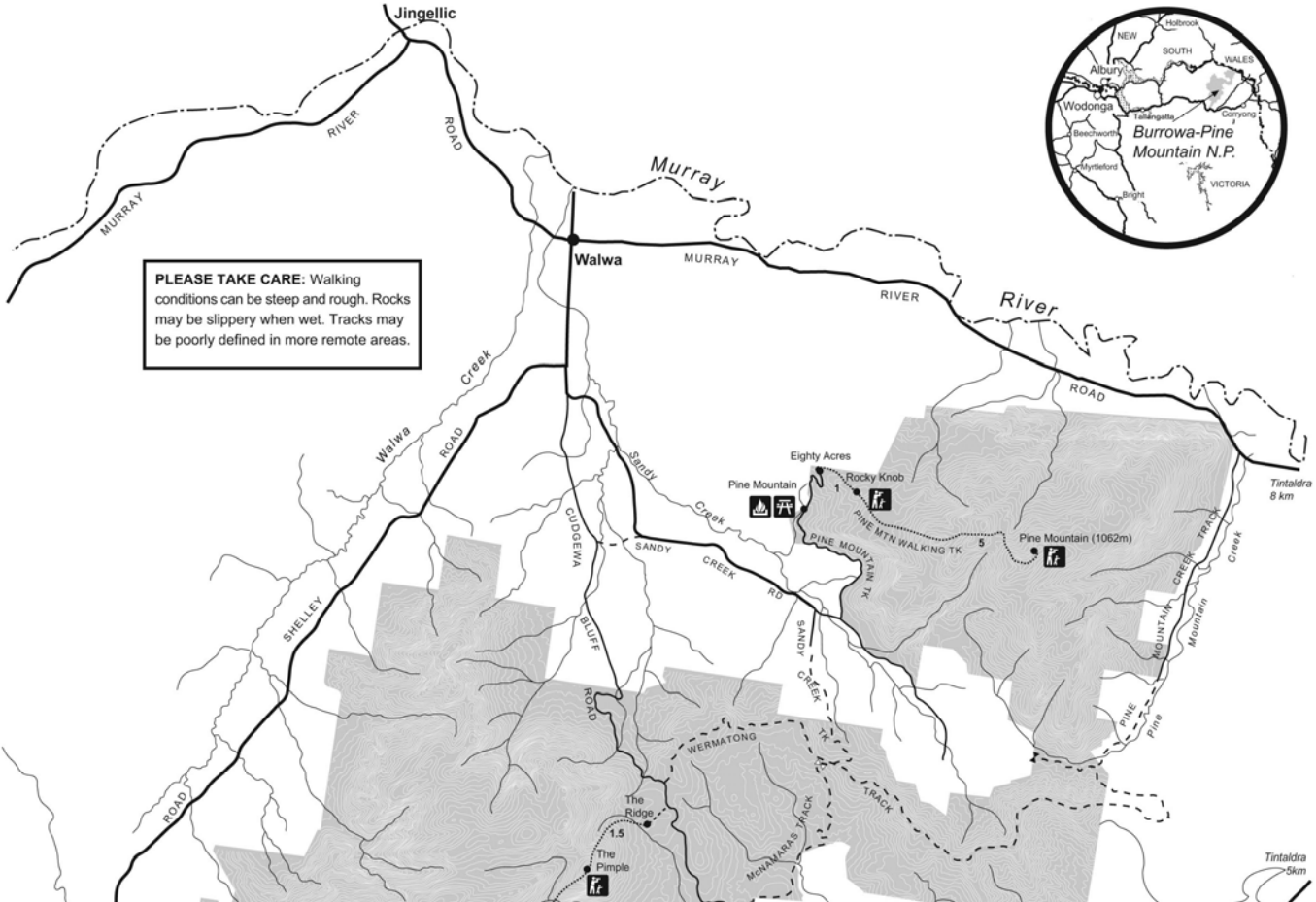
Cliffs and rocky bluffs occur within the park – be alert near the edge and look out for falling rocks.

Remote walking tracks may be poorly defined - carry an adequate map and compass or GPS

Longer walking tracks require a good level of fitness and experience



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