



Walls of Jerusalem

NATIONAL PARK

The Walls of Jerusalem National Park is an alpine wilderness dominated by dolerite peaks, tarns, lakes and alpine vegetation. It forms part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and is exposed to the extremes of Tasmania's changeable weather. This remote park is not accessible by road, and there are no facilities for shortstop visitors. Bushwalkers should be experienced and well equipped for alpine conditions.

Highlights

Stands of pure pencil pine forest and alpine vegetation are set high on a plateau of dolerite peaks and glacial moraines, tarns and lakes.

Getting there

The boundary of the Walls of Jerusalem National Park is 1 km from the road end carpark. Bushwalkers must walk into the park from this carpark located off the gravel Mersey Forest Road near Lake Rowallan. The carpark is reached from Deloraine by following the B12 through Mole Creek and taking Mersey Forest Road (C138 then C171) to Lake Rowallan. A gravel road on the left just after the Fish River leads to the car park. There is no public transport to this area.

The park boundary is reached after 30 minutes walking following the track uphill through forest. The track can be wet underfoot.

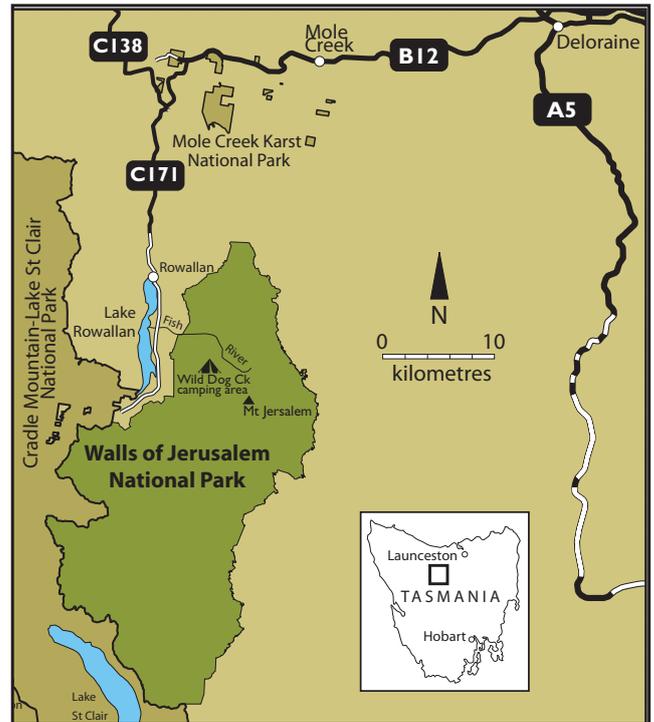
Drive carefully between sunset and sunrise as you will be sharing the road with wildlife.

National Parks fees apply. National Park Passes can be purchased from Visitor Centres in the larger national parks and Service Tasmania Shops. For the full range of passes including Annual and Two Yearly visit any Service Tasmanian Shop (the closest are Sheffield or Deloraine) or a National Park Visitor Centre.

Walks

This park offers many opportunities for experienced bushwalkers and cross-country skiers to explore.

The walking track from the carpark at Lake Rowallan climbs through tall open sclerophyll forest before entering the alpine region of the park at Herods Gate, just beyond the camping area at Wild Dog Creek. The



boardwalk and hardened track continues to Dixons Kingdom and Mt Jerusalem (1459 m). Beyond Mt Jerusalem walkers need to be confident in navigation as tracks and pads soon become indistinct.

The wild weather characteristic of the 'Walls' is as much part of experiencing the region as the landscape. As visibility can be reduced to zero, it is important that all walking parties carry a map and compass and be able to

Walks	Time
Lake Rowallan car park to Trappers Hut	1.5 to 2 hrs
Trappers Hut to Wild Dog Creek camping area	1 to 2 hrs
Wild Dog Creek camping area to Solomons Throne	3 hrs return
Wild Dog Creek camping area to Dixons Kingdom	3.5 hrs return
Dixons Kingdom to Mt Jerusalem	2 to 2.5 hrs return

Above times do not include rest stops. The track climbs steeply until just beyond Trappers Hut and estimated times may vary depending on fitness of party members.

use them. Walkers should note that magnetic mineral deposits in the region may affect compass readings.

Extended walks should only be attempted by those with extensive bushwalking experience and a high degree of fitness.

Facilities

There are no facilities within the Walls of Jerusalem National Park. All persons entering the park must be self-sufficient. Bushwalkers will need to carry a tent. There are camping platforms and a toilet at Wild Dog Creek near Herod's Gate. This is an ideal location to camp and from which to venture out on day walks. Huts within the park are in poor condition and have historical significance and are suitable for emergency shelter only. This park is a **fuel stove only** area.

What to bring

Walkers should not venture into the park without careful preparation and suitable equipment. Tents, warm sleeping bags, sturdy boots, gaiters, and a good map and compass are essential. Warm and waterproof clothing must be carried in all seasons. In summer, wear a hat and use sunscreen.

Before You Walk - Tasmania's Essential Bushwalking Guide & Trip Planner will provide information on the equipment that walkers should take when contemplating an overnight walk in the park. Let someone know your plans before setting off and register at the start of the track.

Caring for the park

This region is extremely sensitive to fire - much of the vegetation type found in this area has been destroyed by fire in other parts of Tasmania - **use fuel stoves only**. Open fires are prohibited and fines can be imposed for lighting them.

The plant root disease *Phytophthora sp.* is a danger to the vegetation in the park. All boots, tent pegs and other equipment should be thoroughly cleaned of soil before entering this region.

The alpine environment is very fragile and therefore it is important that bushwalkers follow minimal impact guidelines.

Weather

The weather in this alpine park is very changeable. Check weather conditions before leaving on a walk, and always be prepared for the possibility of rain, snow and cold temperatures at any time of year. Up to date weather forecasts are available from the Bureau of Meteorology on 1300 659 216 or on the internet at www.bom.gov.au.

Further information

Walls of Jerusalem Map & Notes available at Service Tasmania.

Before You Walk - Tasmania's Essential Bushwalking Guide & Trip Planner is available on the internet or from Parks & Wildlife offices and Service Tasmania Shops.

Parks and Wildlife Service Website:
www.parks.tas.gov.au.

Contact

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