



# Tasman National Park

## CAMPING INFORMATION – FORTESCUE BAY

### Recreational opportunities

Fortescue Bay offers a wide range of recreational opportunities on land and on the water. A number of walking tracks commence at Fortescue Bay. These provide access to some of the most spectacular coastline in Tasmania. Fortescue Bay is also a gateway to locations for rock climbing, snorkelling, kayaking, and bird watching. There is a boat ramp and jetty for those wishing to go fishing, diving, whale watching or sightseeing from the water.

### Getting there

There is no public transport to Fortescue Bay. The nearest bus stops are at Taranna and Port Arthur (approximately 15km away). Access to Fortescue Bay is via a 12km gravel forestry road. Conditions on this forestry road can change frequently, so for your safety please observe the 40km/hr speed limit.

### Campsite facilities

Fortescue Bay has a range of campsites that cater for tents, caravans, campervans and motor homes. There are no powered campsites. Please discuss the type of site you require with the campground caretakers at the time of booking.

### Bookings

Bookings are essential from the opening of the crayfish season at the beginning of November, until Easter each year. We also recommend making a booking at other times of the year.

### Fees

Fortescue Bay is within Tasman National Park, and a national park pass is required. Passes can be purchased at the Fortescue Bay campground, Service Tasmania shops or national park visitor centres at major national parks. Camping fees also apply to persons staying overnight. All fees collected at Fortescue Bay go directly into the maintenance of park facilities.

### Shops

There is a small shop facility located at Fortescue Bay office, providing basic food supplies, cold drinks, ice creams, eski ice, firewood and basic fishing and camping equipment. Alternatively, the nearest shop is 45 minutes away at the small seaside town of Nubeena.

### Phones

There are no public pay-phones at Fortescue Bay. The nearest pay-phones are at Port Arthur and Taranna. 3G mobile phones have some coverage in the area.

### Generators

Generators are only permitted at the Mill Creek campground. Please be considerate of other campers and turn generators off by 8pm.

### Cooking facilities

Two gas barbecues are provided in the Day Use Area. These are free of charge. No cooking facilities are provided in the campground. You will need to bring your own stove or hotplate.

### Campfires

Campfires are permitted only within the fireplaces provided in the campgrounds. Please do not move the fireplaces and keep fires small. Firewood can be purchased from the campground caretakers. Fires must be fully extinguished with water before leaving. It is an offence to leave a fire unattended at any time. Total fire bans can also occur at short notice during summer, therefore it is advisable to bring a fuel stove for cooking.

### Water

Fortescue Bay has water taps in the Banksia and Mill Creek campgrounds and Day Use Area. The water is from a local creek and is un-treated. Boiling water for 3 minutes or sterilising via other means before consumption is recommended.

### Rubbish

Due to the high cost of providing a rubbish collection service at this remote site, the Parks and Wildlife Service asks campers to take their rubbish with them.

## Toilets

There are three separate toilet blocks at Fortescue Bay. These are pump-out pit type toilets. Toilet paper is provided and toilets are cleaned regularly. Black water from chemical toilets must not be dumped in the Fortescue Bay facilities. Please dispose of black water from chemical toilets only at facilities listed in the *Caravan and Camping Guide to Tasmania*.

## Showers

A single hot shower is provided in the Banksia campground. However it may be closed during particularly dry summers when there are water shortages. There is a token operated timer and tokens can be purchased from the campground caretakers. A token costing \$2 will give a 4 minute shower.

## The bush setting

Areas around the campgrounds have been fenced and planted with local native plant species. Please do not enter these areas. Please keep camping equipment, vehicles and trailers within site boundaries and designated parking areas. All standing timber within the national park is protected and provides refuge and homes for wildlife. Please do not cut or remove.

## Leave these things at home

Fortescue Bay is within Tasman National Park. Firearms, horses, dogs and all pets are prohibited. Chainsaws are not to be used within Tasman National Park. Unregistered off-road motorcycles and ATV's are also prohibited. Please leave them at home. All vehicles must stay on formed roads.

## What can you take home from Fortescue Bay?

All plants, animals, historic artefacts and rocks are protected within national parks, and must not be removed or damaged. Aboriginal middens (shell and bone deposits) are found along the coastline. These sites are protected and must not be disturbed. Leave only footprints, take only photos.

## Wildlife

Please do not feed the wildlife, as this can lead to aggressive behaviour from animals seeking food. It can also cause animals to become sick from eating processed foods. Let the wildlife feed themselves.

## Be considerate of other visitors

Please be considerate with music levels and other noise, and keep your campsite clean. Cans and bottles do not belong in fires and should be taken with you when you leave. For pedestrian safety, please obey the 15km/hr speed limit.

## Damaged or faulty facilities

Any damage or faults with facilities should be reported as soon as possible to the campground caretakers at Fortescue Bay.

For further queries or to make a booking, please contact the campground on:

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