



Mt William

NATIONAL PARK

Located in the north-east corner of Tasmania, Mt William National Park offers remote area basic camping opportunities. Whether you enjoy fishing, swimming, walking or birdwatching, there is always something here for you to do.

The Tasmanian Devil once plentiful in this area has been decimated by more than 85% by the Devil Facial Tumour Disease. (DFTD) There is ongoing urgent scientific research into DFTD.

Highlights

Of great significance to the Aboriginal community the park features long stretches of white sandy beaches, she-oak covered sand dunes, colourful heathland, grassland and woodland communities that provide a diverse habitat for a great variety of wildlife.

Things to do

Mt William is an excellent place to get close to wildlife, including Forester kangaroos, wallabies and wombats, possums and echidnas.

You may even see a passing pod of whales or dolphins or catch sight of a seal resting on the beach. Together with a scenic coastline, you have a photographer's paradise.

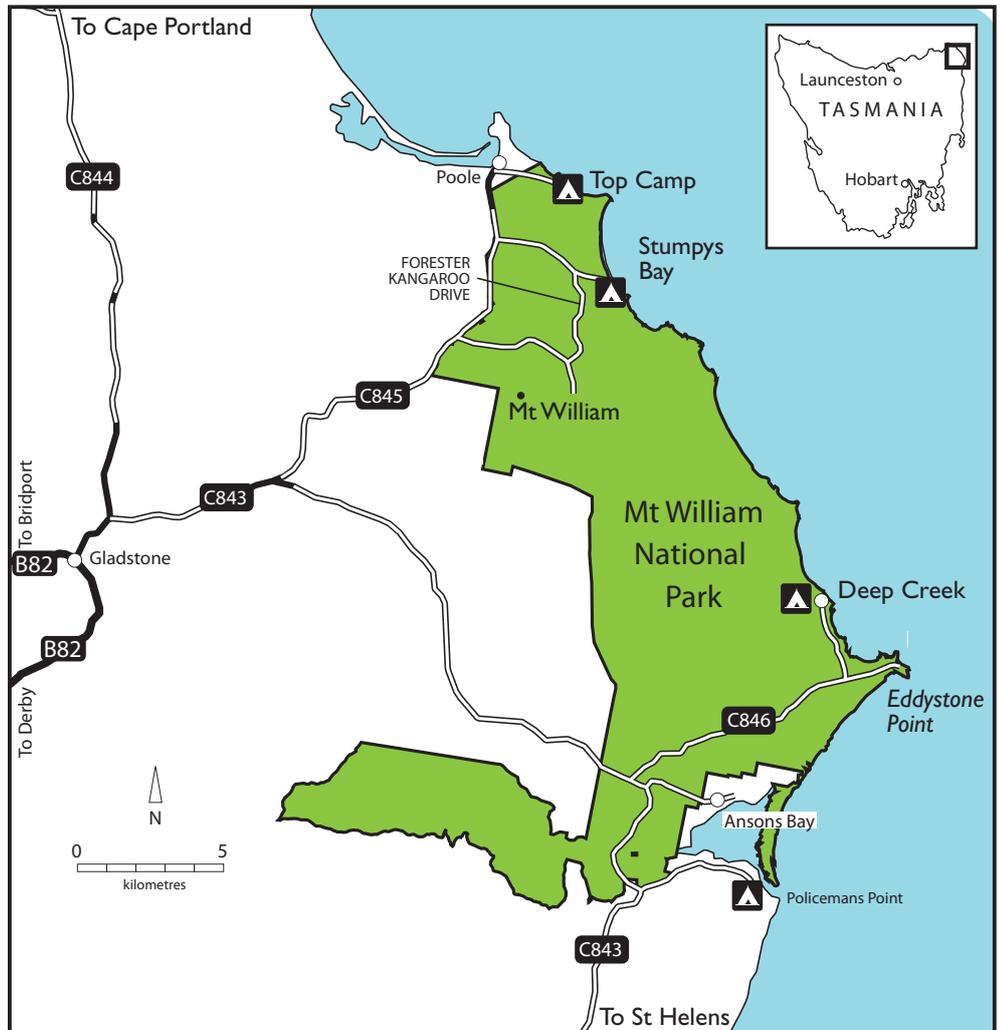
- Forester Kangaroo Scenic Drive - Take a scenic drive at dusk or dawn to see Tasmania's only species of kangaroo grazing on the grassy plains. A serene stroll along the beach or the grasslands around the campgrounds will enable you to see the local wildlife up close.
- Try your luck at boat or beach fishing whilst taking in the peace and tranquillity of the area. Explore the

crystal clear waters with a snorkel or scuba. Dive the waters around the many rocky outcrops to see colourful marine habitats.

- Ansons Bay, and Musselroe Bay also provide good opportunities for bream fishing or canoeing
- Or another alternative is to simply find a nice corner in one of the many shady campgrounds alongside the beach, relax and enjoy the camping experience.

Getting there

Mt William National Park is near Gladstone northeast of Launceston. Access is either via Scottsdale (A3 - 3hrs),



or via Bridport (B82 - 2hrs). From Gladstone travel 17 km on unsealed roads (C843 and C845) to the northern park entrance where the five main camping areas are.

Deep Creek Campground on southern end of the park, near Eddystone Point, can be accessed by driving north from St Helens or east from Gladstone. Both of these routes take approximately 30 mins via the unsealed roads C843 and C846. Please remember (especially at dawn and dusk) that you are sharing the road with wildlife.

The Bay of Fires extends south from Eddystone Point 35 km to Binalong Bay just north of St Helens. The main camping and day visitor areas are located at the southern end near Binalong Bay and are part of the Bay of Fires Conservation Area.

Walks

Mt William Walk: (starting from carpark): 1.5 hours return. You won't need any mountaineering equipment for this easy climb! A well-defined track leads to the highest point in the park at only 216 m. In clear weather there are extensive views inland and to the coast taking in some of the Bass Strait Islands and Eddystone Pt lighthouse.

Mt William Walk: (starting near Stumpys No. 4 campground) 5 hrs return. A gentle walk through heathland and woodland to the carpark and the summit.

Cobler Rocks Walk: (starting near Stumpys No. 4 campground) 2 hours return. Follow a gently undulating fire trail through coastal heath to the coast near Cobler Rocks.

Coastal Walks: The parks 36 km of coastline provide ample scope for long and varied coastal walks. The northern section of the Bay of Fires lies within the park.

Facilities

Camping is only permitted at the six designated campgrounds. Deep Creek campground near Eddystone Pt Lighthouse is the only one located in the southern end of the park whilst the northern end of the park has five campgrounds. They are Top Camp and Stumpys Number 1, 2, 3 and 4 campgrounds.

Campgrounds and narrow access tracks are not suitable for large caravans and motorhomes. They may be seriously damaged due to limited manoeuvring space and large overhanging tree branches.

Small to medium sized caravans and motorhomes can be accommodated in all campgrounds except Stumpys number 2.

Pit toilets are located at each site; however there is NO DRINKING WATER or power. Bore water is available for washing at campgrounds 1 and 3 and Deep Creek.

Fires may only be lit in fireplaces provided. Portable cooking stoves or fire pots (metal vessel to contain fire) are recommended. Firewood is not supplied and can be purchased at nearby Gladstone Store. The use of surrounding vegetation for firewood is not permitted.

There is a Day Use Area adjacent to Stumpys 4 campground. This has a shelter, picnic tables and gas barbecues. These gas barbecues are available to be used on Declared Days of Total Fire Ban.

Adjacent to the park at Great Musselroe Bay and Eddystone Point are boat ramps suitable for 4WD vehicles. At Stumpys Number 3 campground there is beach access suitable for launching small 'tinnies' by 4WD.

Gladstone is the nearest town for groceries, petrol firewood, meals and accommodation. To keep camping fees to a minimum there are no rubbish collections so please use the Gladstone Recycling Centre which is open Wednesday 1-5pm, Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 10am-5pm.

Be Prepared

It is a self reliant zone so bring your own drinking water, wear suitable clothes, slap on sunscreen and if you are hiking be sure to bring a map and let somebody know of your intentions in the event you fail to return.

For coastal waters boating forecasts phone 6376 0555. Mobile (Telstra only) phone coverage can be available on higher ground.

Parks Passes are required. Short term passes are available on-site and discounted longer term passes are available from Service Tasmania Shops and the Visitor Centres in larger national parks. The closest outlets are Service Tasmania in St Helens or the nearby Gladstone Store.

Campers are required to pay camping fees upon occupying a campsite. Deposit boxes are situated at each campground. Discounted week-long camping tags can be purchased at the Gladstone Store.

More information

Internet: www.parks.tas.gov.au

Maps are available online at www.tasmap.tas.gov.au, from Service Tasmania and outdoor shops.

Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD)
www.dpiw.tas.gov.au

Macropod information and where to spot them.
<http://www.rootourism.com.au/>

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