



# Arthur-Pieman

## CONSERVATION AREA

The Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area stretches along the northwest coast of Tasmania and is over 100,000 hectares. Much of the reserve is between the Arthur River in the north, the Pieman River in the south and the Frankland and Donaldson Rivers to the east.

### Vegetation

Heath and scrub communities occupy the coast and plains. Scattered throughout the area on poorly drained sites are sedgeland communities, often dominated by buttongrass. These areas contain numerous orchid species and a variety of wildflowers. Forests grow inland on the richer soils of the plateau country.

### Animals

Bennetts wallaby, Tasmanian pademelons and wombats are easily observed in the open grasslands. Tasmanian devils, brushtail possums and spotted-tailed quolls are most often seen at dusk.

The reserve is home to a rich variety of bird life. The yellow-tailed black cockatoo, white-breasted sea eagle, currawong, striated pardalote, blue-winged parrot, superb blue wren, swallows and honeyeaters are likely to be seen in the hinterland. Coastal birds include the red-capped plover, fairy tern, ruddy tern, pacific gull and the pied and sooty oyster catchers. A variety of raptors can also be observed within the reserve.

Of particular interest to keen bird watchers are three rare species: ground parrots on the plateau country, hooded plovers on beaches and orange-bellied parrots on their migratory path from interstate.

### Activities

**Recreational driving** – All vehicles must be registered. Drivers must have a valid drivers licence and a Recreational Driver Pass. Passes can be purchased from Service Tasmania shops, online at [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au) or at the Arthur River parks office. National Parks Passes are not required for the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area.

**Fishing** – Estuary fishing, surf fishing and diving. Normal regulations apply (a licence is not needed when fishing for salmon in the Arthur River west of the bridge). Netting in the Arthur River is prohibited.

**Surfing** – Board surfing, body surfing and wind surfing.

**Bushwalking** – Coastal walks.

**Horseriding** – Holding yards available.

**Canoeing** – Canoe hire available at Arthur River.

Contact: 6457 1312.

**River Cruise** – Arthur River Cruises.

Contact: (03) 6458 1330 or 1300 138 229

### Camping information

There are three campgrounds at Arthur River with water and toilet facilities. Unserviced camping areas are available within the reserve at Nelson Bay, Rebecca Creek, Stinking Beach and Sandy Cape. Fees apply to all camping. There are no powered sites available within the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area. The privately run Arthur River Cabin Park have self contained units and powered sites. Ph: 6446 1170

Please leave camping areas as you would want to find them. You can do this by:

- camping at established sites rather than creating new sites;
- washing at least 50 m away from water sources, especially when using soaps or detergents;
- using toilets where provided. Otherwise go to the toilet at least 100 m from campsites and water-courses. Waste should be buried at least 15cm deep
- respecting the rights of others;
- taking your rubbish out with you.

### Fires

Fire danger and environmental degradation can be minimised by using stoves for cooking. If you do have a fire, use established fireplaces where provided. Light fires on sites where there is no flammable material within a three metre radius. Use only fallen wood as dead standing trees can provide homes for wildlife. Keep fires small and make sure they are fully extinguished before you leave.

### General information

**Fuel and Groceries** – The nearest fuel station is located at the Marrawah store. A limited range of groceries is available at the Arthur River store.

**Wood** – Wood is not supplied to campsites but can be collected from the beaches. Firewood is only permitted to be collected from beaches.



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