

## Grampians National Park

### Rock Climbing and Bouldering Update

#### October 2016

The Grampians National Park is one of Australia's iconic rock climbing destinations, featuring spectacular sandstone cliffs and a proud history of adventure.

The park is listed on Australia's national heritage list for its dramatic landscapes, diverse flora, abundant fauna, protection of threatened species and Aboriginal Rock. Parks Victoria is responsible for sustainably managing the recreation, environment and heritage values in this landscape. It is important for Parks Victoria to actively close and open areas of the park to protect these values into the future. Please only access and climb in opens areas of the National Park.

*Please note: The area impacted by the 2014 Northern Grampians fire is still recovering and some areas in the Northern Grampians will remain closed to assist with this ecological and infrastructure recovery. Please stay on walking tracks and established access routes. See the park information update sheets and map.*

Area	Crag	Status	Things to know
Stapylton Campground	Guardhouse	Closed	No access due to the Ngamadijdj Rock Shelter being closed
	Sentinel	Closed	No access due to the Ngamadijdj Rock Shelter being closed
	Ravine	Open	Park vehicle on Olive Plantation Road – do not drive past management gate
	Olive Caves	Open	Park vehicle on Olive Plantation Road – do not drive past management gate
	Shangri-La	Closed	Area closed for ecological rehabilitation
	Campground Bouldering	Open	This area is on private property. Please follow all landholder signage.
Stapylton Amphitheatre	Clicke	Open	Vegetation in this area is still recovering from the 2014 fire. To protect the environment, please stay on walking tracks and established access routes.
	Epsilon	Open	
	Windjammer	Open	
	Taipan	Open	
	Spurt	Open	
	Afterglow	Open	
	Lower Taipan	Open	
	Plaza Strip	Open	
	West Flank	Open	
Kindergarten Bouldering	Open	Only access Kindergarten from Mt Zero Picnic Area	

#### Further Information

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<b>Hollow Mountain</b>	Summerday Valley	Open/Closed	Main wall remains closed for Aboriginal cultural reasons
	Sandinista	Open	
	Amnesty	Open	
	Crank Start	Open	
	Guernica Block	Open	
	Cut Lunch	Open	
	Koalasquatsy	Open	Vegetation in this area is still recovering from the 2014 fire. To protect the environment, please stay on walking tracks and established access routes.
	Tribute	Open	
	Bad Moon Rising	Open	
	Dungeon	Open	
	Van Diemens Land	Open	
	Andersons Bouldering	Open	
	Hollow Mountain Cave Bouldering	Open	Hollow Mountain Cave is a significant site for Aboriginal people, please leave no trace of chalk.
<b>East Side</b>	Pangaea	Open	Vegetation in this area is still recovering from the 2014 fire. To protect the environment, please stay on walking tracks and established access routes.
	Cave and Wave	Open	
	Watchmen	Open	
	Centurion	Open	
<b>Mt Difficult Range</b>	All Crags	Closed	This area was severely impacted in the 2014 fires. All crags and climbing areas in the Eastern, Northern and Western Mt Difficult Range will remain closed for ecological recovery, walking track and infrastructure works.
<b>Asses Ears</b>	Asses Ears	Open	
	The Watchtower	Open	
	Pastoral Buttress and Rural Rocks	Open	
	The Grand Canyon	Open	
<b>Halls Gap</b>	Wall of China	Open	This area is close to the popular Pinnacle walk, please stick to established access tracks and do not remove vegetation.
	Big Merino	Open	
	Bundaleer	Open	
	Mt Rosea	Open	
	Venus Baths Bouldering	Open	Recently developed bouldering area in a high visitation location. Please be discrete, do not remove vegetation around boulders and remove all chalk and tick marks when you are finished.

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	The Bleachers Bouldering	Open	Recently developed bouldering area. Please be discrete, do not remove vegetation around boulders and remove all chalk and tick marks when you are finished.
	Valley of the Giants Bouldering	Open	Recently developed bouldering area. Please be discrete, do not remove vegetation around boulders and remove all chalk and tick marks when you are finished.
<b>South Eastern (Serra and Mt William Ranges)</b>	Dreamtime	Open	Please stay on established walking tracks and climbing access routes.
	Seven Dials Area	Open	
	Mt Abrupt	Open	
<b>South Western (Victoria Range)</b>	Weirs Creek	Open	The Victoria Range is the most significant area in the Grampians National Park for Aboriginal Rock Art. Rock art in this area dates back over 20,000 years and can be very hard to see. Please tread lightly when climbing and bouldering in these areas. Help protect these areas by carefully checking the rock before you climb, and recording and reporting any discoveries to Parks Victoria through Brambuk – The National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, Phone 5356 4000.
	Gondwanaland	Open	
	Red Sail	Open	
	Eureka	Open	
	Clean Cut Walls	Open	
	Lost World	Open	
	Muline	Open	
	Emu cave	Open	
	Mt Fox	Open	
	Red Rocks	Open	
	Scoop	Open	
	Tower	Open	
	Mother	Open	
	Gallery	Open	
	Millennium	Open	
	Little Hands	Open	
	Flame	Open	
	Curiosity	Open	
	Ruined Castle	Open	
	Gilhams	Open	
Mountain Lion	Open		
Buandik Bouldering	Open		
Cave of Man Hands	Open		
The Tower Bouldering	Open		

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## Black Range State Park

**The Black Range** (West of the Grampians) – An official closure remains in place for off track walking, climbing and bushcamping. Mudadgadjiin Picnic area has reopened as have the Art site walk and Escarpment walk.

**Mt Talbot** (west of the Grampians) has reopened

## You can help support sustainable climbing in the Grampians by considering the following:

To protect the cultural and environmental integrity of the Grampians National Park and to ensure the long term sustainability of rock climbing in the area, Parks Victoria has been working closely with the local rock climbing community and Cliffcare on a considered approach to the re-opening of rock climbing sites in the Northern Grampians.

- **Keep in mind that any damage caused now will remain long term.** Stay on designated tracks - any off track walking can impact soil stability and the regeneration of vegetation. Spread of weeds and other pathogens can occur by foot traffic in fragile soils and recovering moss and seed beds. Please don't create short cuts or new tracks, particularly in steep gullies
- Only climb in open and accessible areas and keep group numbers low – Avoid taking large groups into small crags or areas where there are no designated tracks
- Consider other options – There are many climbing and bouldering sites within the Grampians. By giving these fire affected areas some time to recover they will be here to enjoy in the future
- Think about your safety - tree risk and unstable soils are present across all fire affected areas.
- While Parks Victoria regrets the need to enforce closures, substantial fines will be imposed on those found in any closed, fire affected areas.

## Please remember your climbing etiquette when in the Grampians National Park

- Respect other climbers and park visitors
- Stick to established tracks and avoid damaging or removing vegetation
- Many areas have significant Aboriginal cultural sites, please respect this unique cultural landscape by only climbing in established areas
- Avoid excessive chalk and be mindful of cleaning
- No chipping of rock or new bolting
- Carry out all rubbish
- Use toilets provided

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