

Wellington Park Horse Riding Information

Wellington Park provides a unique opportunity for horse riding in the Greater Hobart area.

The trails are scenic, rough and remote, providing spectacular views of the alpine ranges and an opportunity for experienced and well-equipped riders to venture through a range of environments and conditions. This information sheet has been prepared in conjunction with horse riders to provide details on where you can ride within the Park, and to encourage responsible riding.



WELLINGTON PARK HORSE INFORMATION

Wellington Park is a natural bushland reserve, covering 18 250 ha, which is managed to preserve both its high conservation values and status as a valuable recreation resource for the community. It includes over 75km of multi-use trails accessible to horse riders.

The guidelines in this brochure have been designed to ensure all users have a safe and enjoyable experience whilst minimising impacts on the environment and other Park users. Use the Check List on the back of this sheet to ensure you are adequately prepared for your ride and help maintain the Park's values.

Rapid changes in weather can make riding within the Park hazardous. Accordingly, riders should be suitably prepared before starting a ride or postpone it.

Most horse trails within the Park are suitable for walking or trotting, with limited opportunity for cantering.

Wellington Park is closed to all recreational access during periods of Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger.

THE PERMIT SYSTEM

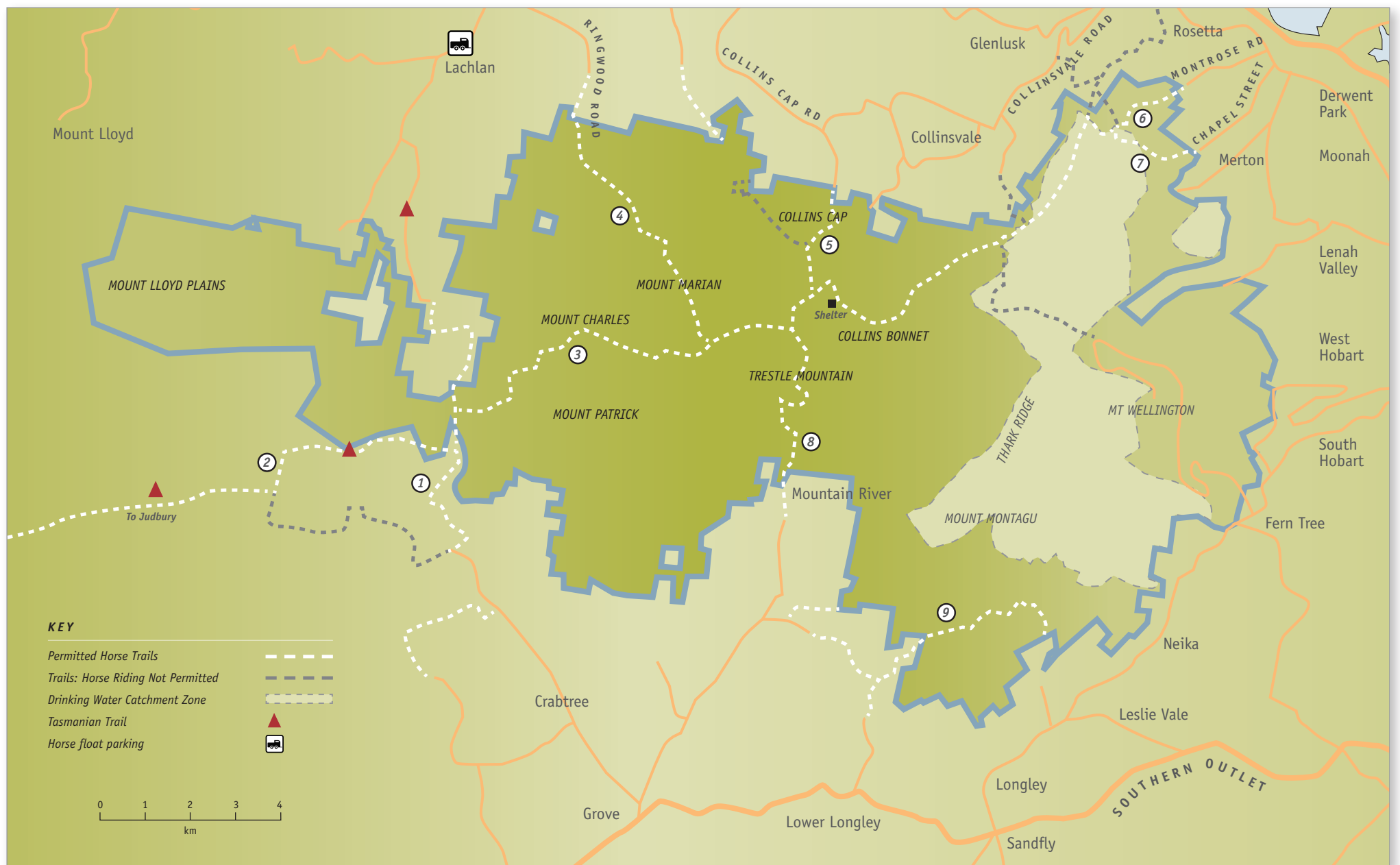
The majority of trails in Wellington Park require a permit and a key, and, in some cases, approval of private landowners to access the trail. Long term permits are available for regular visitors. Permits may however be withdrawn depending on conditions, such as during the bush fire season or in extended wet periods.

The permit, key and information regarding private landowner approval can be obtained from the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) ph: 03 6107 9208.

Entry into the Park without the appropriate permit or notification can result in a large fine and the likely non-issue of future permits. Riders should always contact the PWS prior to entering the Park to determine access status.

Riding access to the designated trails is subject to weather and track conditions. This is for the safety of Park users, to assist in the maintenance of the 'working' fire trails, and to protect the natural values of the Park. All horse trails in the Park are shared trails, and may be used by vehicles, bicycles and walkers.

Where can you ride your horse in the Park?



TRACK NO.	TRACK NAME	PERMIT REQ.	LENGTH (KM)	TRACK SURFACE / CONDITION	ACCESS	COMMENTS
1	Jefferys Track	No	13	Varied – some sections very poor. Gravel and unformed roads.	Via Lachlan or Crabtree, or White Timber Trail and permit trails.	Public road link between Hydehurst Road, Lachlan to Mitchell's Road, Crabtree, with 1km section in Wellington Park. Forms part of the Tasmanian Trail and is regularly used by vehicles.
2	White Timber Trail	No	22	Varied – poor to good. Gravel and unformed roads.	Via Jefferys Track or Judds Creek Road, Judbury.	Links Jefferys Track to Judbury, with majority of trail within State Forest. Forms part of the Tasmanian Trail.
3	East West Trail	Yes	21	Varied – good to poor. Numerous and extended stony sections. Extended up and down sections. Very exposed to high altitude weather conditions.	Via Jefferys Track, Montrose Trail, Chapel Trail, (or Mount Hull Trail, Collins Cap Trail & Ringwood Trail via private property).	Traverses Wellington Park extending from Montrose Trail to Jefferys Track, and passes through a Drinking Water Catchment Area. Intersects several non-horse trails and other permit use trails (Mount Hull, Collins Cap & Ringwood Trails by arrangement with private landowners).
4	Ringwood Trail	Yes	8.5	Boggy sections – available only in dry conditions. <i>Access to this track may be restricted to unshod horses or horses using Mac or other forms of horse fitted boots</i>	Via East West Trail (or Ringwood Road via private property).	Contact private landowners to arrange access from Ringwood Rd. A locked gate is located about 100m inside the Park boundary. Within the Park old timber tracks exist that are not available for horse use.
5	Collins Cap Trail	Yes	4	Varied – good. Open paddocks leading to some steep and rocky sections.	Via East West Trail (or Collins Cap Trail via private property).	Contact private landowners to arrange access from Suhrs Road. Locked gate is located about 1km inside the Park boundary.
6	Montrose Trail	Yes	3.4	Varied – good to poor. Long steady climb with rocky sections.	Via Montrose Road or Chapel Trail.	Passes through private property from Montrose Road. Locked gates at end of Montrose Road and at junction with Chapel Trail.
7	Chapel Trail	Yes	2.7	Varied – good to poor. Steep and rocky sections with some erosion.	Via Chapel Street or Montrose Trail.	Extends from Chapel Street to Montrose Trail. Intersects with other non-horse trails en route.
8	Mountain River Trail	Yes	4.5	Generally poor. Very steep and muddy.	Via Mountain River Road.	Passes through private property from Mountain River Road. Locked gate at start of trail.
9	Betts Hill Track	Yes	3.6	Varied – good. Open paddocks leading to steep and rocky sections. Seasonal boggy/muddy sections. Short overgrown sections.	Via Andersons Road.	Starts at private farm property and passes through gates to steep rocky open trail then gradually climbs to meet the Cathedral Rock summit walking track.

Minimise your impacts when you ride in Wellington Park. Look overleaf to find out how.

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The following guidelines should be adhered to at all times by horse riders utilising the Park. Horse riders are advised that the trails are remote and rough. Both horses and riders must be suitably experienced and equipped.

PREPARATION

- Plan ahead, get information and be prepared.
- Obtain the necessary permit and gate key for your ride from the Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Ensure that your horse is fit, well shod and sound.
- Know your ability and that of your horse.
- Carry a map/trail guide to ensure you remain on the approved trails and avoid getting lost. (see below)
- Carry a mobile telephone. (reception may be variable).
- Carry a basic first aid kit – one for you and one for your horse.
- Ensure you have water, warm clothing, sunscreen, halter and lead rope, etc.
- Always tell someone where you are going, and your departure and return times.
- Preferably ride with another horse and rider.
- Be prepared for a change in the weather conditions.
- Before entering the Park ensure horse hooves are cleaned (with a hoof pick and brush) and horses coats are groomed to reduce the risk of transporting weed seeds and other soil pathogens into the Park.

MAPS/TRAIL GUIDES

- 1:25 000 TSMAPS
- Wellington Park Recreation Map
- tasmaniantrail.com.au

Wellington Park is managed in co-operation with:



HORSE FLOATS AND HORSE TRUCKS

- Clean out vehicles and floats at home to avoid possible pollution of the Park by rubbish, weeds or soil borne pathogens, eg. 'Root Rot' (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*).
- Be considerate of other users and ensure vehicles/floats/trucks do not block access to the Park especially as the trails form management and emergency vehicle access.
- Secure and lock all vehicles/floats/trucks.

IN THE PARK

- Ride on the designated horse trails only.
- Always ride your horse in a controlled manner – avoid galloping and do not canter around sharp corners.
- If riding with other horses travel in single file.
- Avoid riding in a large group (permits allow for a max. of five horses).
- Respect other Park users – slow to a walk or stop when approaching others on tracks in the Park.
- Avoid letting horses graze in the Park.
- Limit crossing of waterways and restrict horse access to water bodies in the Park.
- Do not trespass on private land – stay on approved route when on the private property sections of the permit trails.
- Leave gates as you find them (or as signposted).
- Take all personal litter out with you.
- Remove or disperse (within the trail area) any horse manure along designated trails, and particularly at Park entry points, car parks, and other facilities.
- Camping is not permitted in association with horse riding.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Permits:

Parks and Wildlife Service: 03 6107 9208

Park Information:

Wellington Park Management Trust: 03 6238 2176

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Glenorchy City Council: 03 6216 6800

Tasmanian Travel & Information Centre: 03 6238 4222