

Bushwalking in Wellington Park



Safety in Wellington Park



Check the weather before you visit.
Conditions can change quickly. Icy winds, snow, low cloud and heavy rain can occur at any time of year. Alpine areas are much colder. Wind chill makes them even colder.

Be prepared for the walk you choose.
Alpine tracks are extremely exposed: there is no protection or shelter. All tracks are slippery when wet and may be invisible due to snow, ice or cloud. Do not go unless you have the appropriate experience, fitness and equipment. It is safer to walk with others. Be prepared to turn back. If in doubt, sit it out.

Leave a plan.
Tell someone reliable where you are going and your anticipated return time. Carry a charged phone, map, and / or GPS device and know how to use them to give your exact location if you need to call for help.

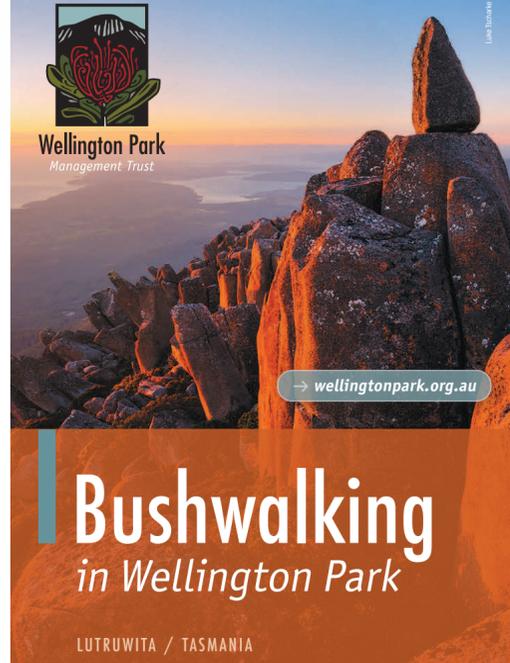


WHAT TO BRING



Suggested walking routes (see map other side)

ROUTE	WALK	DIFFICULTY	DISTANCE	TIME	ACCESS POINT	COMPONENT TRAILS
1	Springs Lookout / Exhibition Gardens Loop	Easy	<1km	15–30 minutes	THE SPRINGS	Exhibition Gardens Perimeter Path, Springs Lookout Track
2	Silver Falls Loop	Easy	2km	1 hour	FERN TREE	Pipeline Track, Silver Falls Track, Fern Glade Track
3	O'Grady's Falls Loop	Easy	3.5km	2 hours	FERN TREE	Pillinger Drive Track, Bracken Lane Fire Trail, O'Grady's Falls Fire Trail, Woods Track, Fern Glade Track
4	Sphinx Rock and the Octopus Tree	Easy–Moderate	2km (one way)	1 hour	THE SPRINGS	Lenah Valley Track, Lower Sawmill Track, Shooobridge Track
5	Organ Pipes Great Short Walk	Moderate	3.8km (one way)	2 hours	THE SPRINGS / CHALET	Pinnacle Track, Organ Pipes Track
6	New Town Falls	Moderate	4km (return)	2 hours	LENAH VALLEY	Lenah Valley Fire Trail, Old Hobartians Track, Lenah Valley Track
7	Myrtle Gully Falls Loop	Moderate	4km	2–3 hours	OLD FARM ROAD	Myrtle Gully Track, Old Farm Fire Trail, Main Fire Trail
8	South Wellington and Smith's Monument	Moderate	6km (return)	3 hours	PINNACLE	South Wellington Track, Smiths Monument Track
9	Kunanyi / Mt Wellington Summit	Moderate	5km (one way)	3.5 hours	FERN TREE	Pillinger Drive Track, Fern Glade Track, Radfords Track, Pinnacle Track, Zig Zag Track
10	Wellington Falls via Milles Track & Wellington Falls Track	Difficult	12km (return)	6–7 hours	THE SPRINGS	Grays Fire Trail, Milles Track, Wellington Falls Track
11	Cathedral Rock from Betts Road	Very Difficult	9km (return)	4 hours	BETTS ROAD	Cathedral Rock Track



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Walking route descriptions

Choose the right route

1 Springs Lookout / Exhibition Gardens Loop

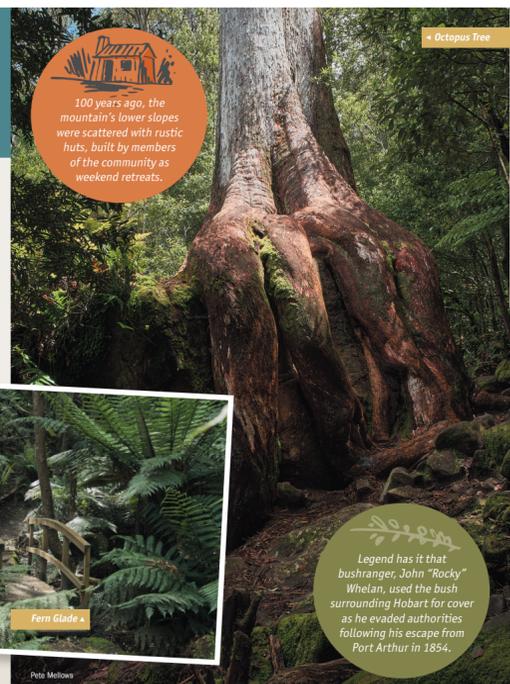


A short, well-graded walk with beautiful views of both The Pinnacle and Hobart. The track borders the former Exhibition Gardens, which were created in the Depression years of 1931–32 to publicly showcase Tasmania's native flora. The perimeter track sat dormant for decades after the Gardens were heavily impacted by successive bushfires, but was restored in 2019 and provides a gentle loop connecting with The Springs Lookout. **Wheelchair accessible (with assistance).**

2 Silver Falls Loop



The Silver Falls Loop is a pleasant walk through a lush canopy of eucalypts and tree ferns, suitable for all walker abilities. Beginning opposite the Fern Tree Tavern, follow the historic Pipeline Track before cutting uphill toward the falls at Fern Tree Bower. After the waterfall, climb the stairs and follow the Silver Falls Track for around 600m, before descending back to Fern Tree via the Fern Glade Track.



Legend has it that bushranger, John "Rocky" Whelan, used the bush surrounding Hobart for cover as he evaded authorities following his escape from Port Arthur in 1854.

5 Organ Pipes Great Short Walk



Encompassing the Pinnacle and Organ Pipes tracks, this route winds through sub-alpine forest and across huge boulder fields. From The Springs, start on the Pinnacle Track, steadily climbing on a wide rock and gravel surface, meeting a junction with the Organ Pipes and Zig Zag tracks after around 45 minutes. The second part of this walk is a highlight for many – passing below the massive fluted columns of dolerite rock known as the Organ Pipes. Return the same way, create a circuit with the Hunter's and Lenah Valley Tracks, or catch the Explorer bus down from The Chalet.

6 New Town Falls



A peaceful alternative to the busier areas on Kunanyi's eastern face, this return walk is popular with locals for dog walking (on-lead), trail running and bird watching. Climb gradually uphill via the Lenah Valley Fire Trail and Old Hobartians Track, before turning onto the Lenah Valley walking track to meet the falls. The falls are split into three main sections, and are particularly impressive in winter or after heavy rain. Many trails intersect in this area and may cause confusion, so be sure to carry a map and check trail signs.



Crescent honeyeater

9 Kunanyi / Mount Wellington Summit



This is a terrific trail to the summit of Kunanyi / Mount Wellington. Visitors looking to explore this track can expect stunning views and a decent amount of uphill to get the heart pumping. Begin from Fern Tree and follow a network of historic trails to the summit, with a chance to stop at The Springs along the way for a coffee and a bite to eat. Views from the top are well worth the climb, but be prepared for cold and windy conditions at all times of the year. You may choose to walk back down the mountain, or catch the Explorer bus from The Pinnacle.

10 Wellington Falls via Milles Track



A lovely but strenuous hike to Wellington Falls, straddling the side of South Wellington on an undulating track through sub-alpine moorland, eucalypt woodland and temperate rainforest. Wellington Falls is the tallest (and perhaps most impressive) of the many waterfalls found in Wellington Park, with a long and sometimes technical walk involved along the Milles Track. In periods of heavy rainfall, walkers may even be treated to a sighting of the Disappearing Tarn – a striking ephemeral water body which fills a natural depression in the boulder fields beside this track. This walk is generally completed as an out-and-back route, starting and finishing at the old Springs Hotel Site. Be prepared for a full day of walking in a remote area.

IMPORTANT

- LEAVE NO TRACE**
 - Before visiting Wellington Park, ensure clothing, footwear and equipment is clean, dry, and free of plant seeds to prevent the spread of weeds and plant diseases.
 - Use toilets provided whenever possible. If no toilets are available, bury faecal waste and toilet paper in holes 15–20cm deep and at least 100m from watercourses and tracks.
 - For more information, visit the *Leave No Trace* website vslnt.com
- DRONES**
 - The use of drones in Wellington Park, regardless of size, is prohibited without a permit from the Trust.
 - Drones disturb wildlife and can infringe upon the privacy of other Park users. Penalties apply for illegal drone use in Wellington Park.
 - Report illegal activities to the Ranger on 0408 517 534 or via the reporting form on the Wellington Park website wellingtonpark.org.au
- FIRE SAFETY**
 - On days of EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC fire danger Wellington Park will be closed and visitors must exit immediately.
 - Lighting fires is prohibited except in designated internal fireplaces at The Springs, Junction Cabin and The Chalet outside of the Fire Permit Period. Non-emergency firewood must not be collected from the Park.



Trestle Mountain

→ wellingtonpark.org.au

Track Users Code

Sharing the Tracks



Many tracks and trails in Wellington Park are designated as Shared Use. This means you may be sharing the track with a mix of walkers, runners, cyclists or dog walkers.

- Listen, look out, and slow down for other track users, particularly near corners and blind spots.
- Give way to other track users and be mindful of users with different levels of mobility, vision and hearing, particularly the elderly and the very young.
- Be mindful that some tracks are designated as **walking only** or **bike only** – read the signs and ensure you are using the appropriate track.



North-South Track

3 O'Grady's Falls Loop

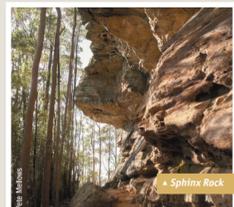


Starting from Fern Tree Park, this route follows the well-marked Fern Glade and Woods Tracks to O'Grady's Falls, with an optional (but worthwhile) side-trip to Rocky Whelans Cave on the way. The walk returns to Fern Tree via the O'Grady's Falls and Bracken Lane Fire Trails, followed by the Pillinger Drive Track. This route can be comfortably completed in two hours by walkers of various abilities, and is equally enjoyable in either direction.

4 Sphinx Rock and the Octopus Tree



From The Springs, start out on the flat and well-formed Lenah Valley Track, reaching the turn off to Sphinx Rock after roughly 1km. After enjoying the views from Sphinx Rock, return to the Lenah Valley track for around 20m, before taking the Lower Sawmill Track downhill to the Shooobridge Track junction – take your time as this section of track is steep and can be slippery in wet conditions. After reaching the Octopus Tree from the Shooobridge Track, return to the Springs via the same route, or link up with the North-South Track to make a circuit.



Sphinx Rock

7 Myrtle Gully Falls Loop

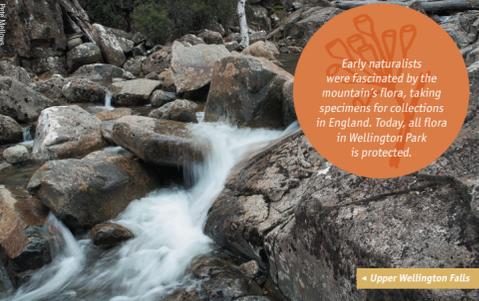


A lush forested walk in the foothills of Kunanyi / Mount Wellington – this short return walk is a local favourite. The trail begins from the end of Old Farm Road at a rough parking area, which is the starting point for several other walking and mountain biking tracks in the area – so be sure to look out for the Myrtle Gully Track signpost. From the trailhead, the path climbs gradually uphill, passing by large ferns, myrtle, sassafras and colourful fungi, soon reaching the cascading Myrtle Gully Falls. Continue uphill after the falls until reaching a junction with Old Farm Fire Trail, which connects with Main Fire Trail to complete the descent back to the trailhead.

8 South Wellington and Smith's Monument



An adventurous hike with plenty of rock hopping and beautiful scenery, beginning from the summit of Kunanyi / Mt Wellington. Start on the Zig Zag Track for 150m before reaching the South Wellington junction, then follow the South Wellington Track across the alpine plateau through fascinating boulder formations. As you meet the Ice House Track, Smiths Monument Track turns away to the west. This route is indicated by marker posts with orange arrows, but should only be attempted in clear weather conditions as low cloud can obscure the trail and make it very slippery underfoot. Note: the original monument (installed in 1858) has become severely corroded, and in 2023 was replaced by an interpretive sign and a commemorative plaque at the site.



Early naturalists were fascinated by the mountain's flora, taking specimens for collections in England. Today, all flora in Wellington Park is protected.

Upper Wellington Falls

11 Cathedral Rock from Betts Road



A challenging walk culminating with a very steep scramble up onto Cathedral Rock, gaining over 600m of elevation from carpark to summit. Starting on undulating rocky and muddy surfaces, the track climbs steeply on a zigzagging old vehicular track to the Betts Hill saddle. After the saddle, the track becomes even more steep and rugged, climbing up along the back face of Cathedral Rock. Once at the summit after the final challenging scramble, a clear day will award expansive views towards North West Bay and back over towards the Wellington Range. Some informal and misleading routes have formed in the area, particularly in the lower reaches of the North West Bay River – so look out for orange triangular track markers on the official track.

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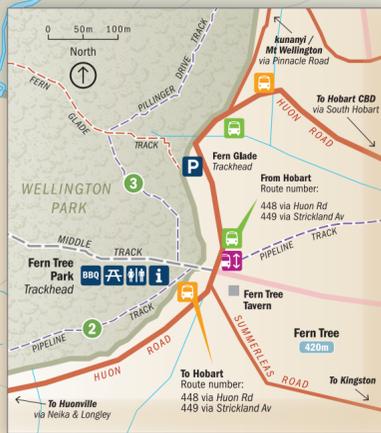
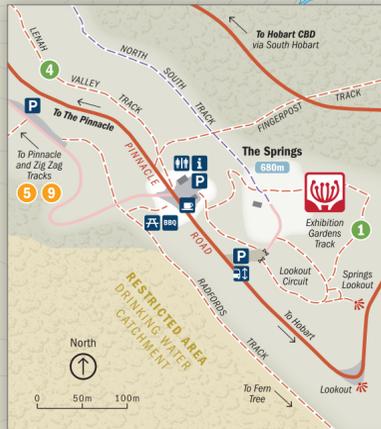
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Wellington Park

LEGEND

Roads: major, minor	Altitude marker	1000m
Fire trail	Café, Parking, Toilets	P, i, t
Walking track, Route	Information, Picnic area	i, p
Shared use track (bike/walk)	Bus stop: to Fern Tree, to City	1, 2
Suggested walk route	Shuttle bus stop (private operator)	3, 4
Bike only track	Waterfall, Waterhole/Tank	w, t
Wellington Park boundary	Historic hut, point of interest	h, o
Mountain, Lookout	Gate, other Park entry points	g, e
Great Short Walk	Road number	6210



No Park entry or exit
Private property adjoins
Park boundary



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 Timetable & route info metrotas.com.au
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Please note
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 No drones - permit required