

# **Point Nepean National Park**

# **Discovery Tents**

Located within idyllic coastal and woodland settings of the historic Quarantine Station precinct, the pre-pitched Discovery Tents offer a unique opportunity to camp under canvas within Point Nepean National Park. The standing-height tents are fixed to timber platforms and include basic camp furniture. The campground area features two and four person sites, as well as amenities including hot showers, toilets and a basic camp kitchen with an outdoor dining area and BBQs.

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#### Welcome

Point Nepean National Park is part of an Aboriginal cultural landscape in the traditional Country of the Bunurong People. Parks Victoria respects the deep and continuing connection that Bunurong Traditional Owners have to these lands and waters, and we recognise their ongoing role in caring for Country.

## **Getting here**

Point Nepean National Park is located 110km south of Melbourne near Portsea. Access to the Discovery Tents is through the main entrance and national park roads.

If driving, take the M1, Eastlink (M3), then Mornington Peninsula Freeway (M11) and follow the signs to Portsea and continue along Point Nepean Road. Alternatively, take the Queenscliff to Sorrento vehicle and passenger ferry (Searoad Ferries) which operates 7am to 6pm and connects with Point Nepean Road at Sorrento.

Visitors can also catch a suburban train from Melbourne to Frankston, or the Searoad ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento, and then take the PTV bus to Portsea (788), which terminates at the national park entrance. An internal park shuttle bus operates from the nearby Entrance Station Picnic Area carpark (100m walk) which links with the 788 PTV bus for transfers to/from the Quarantine Station (pick-up 10:25 am & 1:30 pm, drop-off 1:00 pm & 4:15 pm, or 4:45 pm during day light saving time). For a 788 PTV timetable, refer to the Public Transport Victoria website and Searoad Ferries website for ferry times.

The Quarantine Station is 2.3 km from the Entrance Station Picnic Area carpark via the shared bicycle/walking track and cycling is a great way to discover this vast 560ha park.

## **Opening hours**

Point Nepean National Park - Discovery Tents are available from September to April each year. Guests enter the main entrance of the national park and follow signs to Campground - Discovery Tents to the historic former Quarantine Station precinct. Guests will be provided with a keypad code to access the campground car park.

The onsite campground Reception is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm daily.

The national park Visitor Information Centre is open daily (except Christmas day), from 10am to 4.30pm and is located a 200m walk from the day visitor carpark or 400m from the campground in the Quarantine Station precinct.

# Things to see and do

#### Camping

There are 46 Discovery Tents available to book spread between our Coastal and Woodland Campground areas.

Tent Style	Number of tents	Cost (2024-25)
Discovery Tent:	26	\$115.40-\$121.80-\$128.20
2-Person		(off-peak, shoulder, peak)
Discovery Tent:	4	\$115.40-\$121.80-\$128.20
Accessible 2-Person		(off-peak, shoulder, peak)
Discovery Tent:	16	\$158.60-\$167.40-\$176.20
4-Person		(off-peak, shoulder, peak)

#### **Bookings and information**

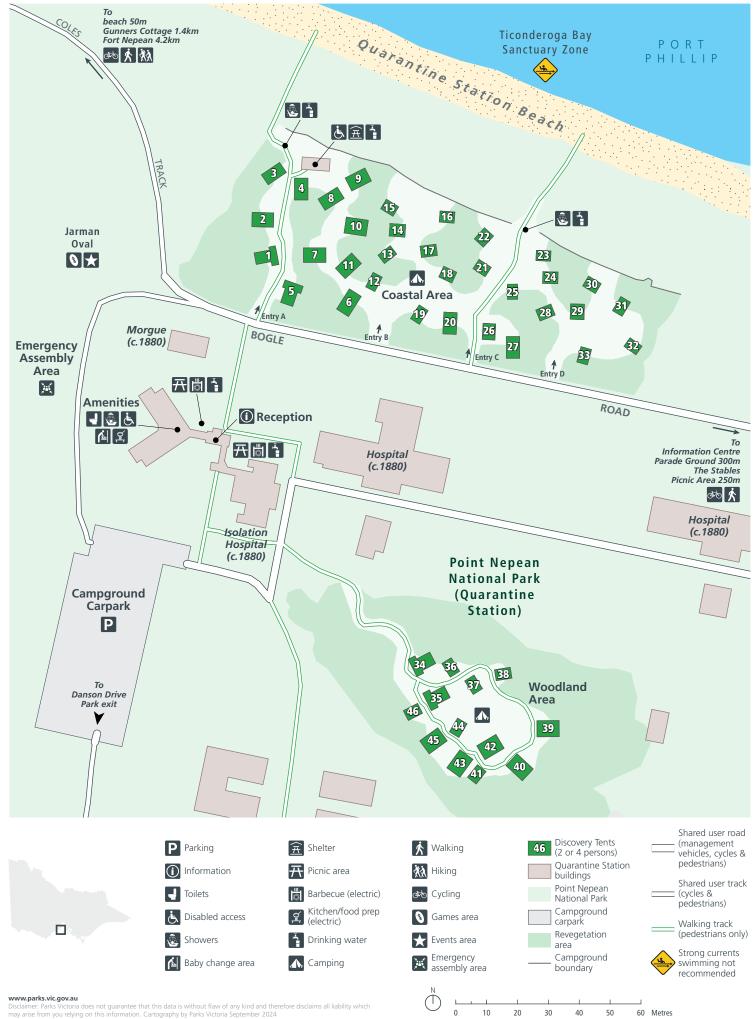
To book go to bookings.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963 for information.



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Campground - Discovery Tents





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# **Camping facilities**

This is a pre pitched canvas tent camping experience set in two areas of the historic Quarantine Station - the idyllic Coastal Campground area within metres of the foreshore, and the very serene and sheltered surrounds of the new Woodland Campground area, both within easy access to the campground amenities.

Each tent is located on an individual timber platform. Tents cater for two to four people. Tents are fitted out with stretcher beds with mattresses and some basic storage for personal belongings. Guests are required to bring their own pillows, linen/sleeping bag, chairs, torch, toiletries and personal items. All Discovery Tent guests have access to a basic camp kitchen fitted with stoves, fridges, toasters, chilled and boiling water, microwave oven, pots, pans, cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery, preparation benches and washing up sinks. We only ask that you bring your own tea towel, and please clean, dry and return everything after use for others to enjoy.

There is an exclusive outdoor barbeque and dining area perfect to prepare your favourite meal and relax after a day of national park adventures.

Limited refrigeration space is available in the camp kitchen. For busy times we advise that guests bring their own esky / food cooler, for which ice can be purchased at petrol stations along the way and from the supermarket in Sorrento (5km from campground). A secure charging locker is available to campers to charge small devices.

Portable gas BBQs / cookers are prohibited in the campground due to flammable surrounds but may be used in picnic areas provided in the broader Quarantine Station precinct. Please seek advice from campground staff for suitable location.

In order to maintain the natural environment, safety and personal space of campers, gazebos and umbrellas are not permitted within the campground precinct but may be used in the broader Quarantine Station precinct, providing they are appropriately secured. Please seek advice from campground staff for suitable location.

Campervans, caravans, camper trailers, vehicle rooftop tents and BYO tents are not permitted in the national park. Nearby bayside foreshore reserves and towns host a wide range of caravan, camping and roofed accommodation options. For more information, please visit visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

#### **Accessible tents**

The campground provides dedicated accessible tents (tents 1, 5, 34 and 35), pathways, amenities, kitchen, picnic tables and BBQs. However, the stretcher beds provided may not be suitable for all guests. Guests can contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 to discuss specific accessibility requirements prior to booking or arrival.

Help us look after this park by following these guidelines

- Dogs, cats and other domestic animals are prohibited.
- Fires are prohibited anywhere at all times. Penalties apply.
- Access to the ocean coastline (Bass Strait) is prohibited for conservation and safety reasons.
- Keep to designated walking and bicycle tracks. Be aware of shared user zones on some roads and tracks.
- Portable gas barbecues may be used at designated picnic areas in the Quarantine Station precinct, but not within the campground.
- Umbrellas and gazebos may be used at designated picnic areas in the Quarantine Station precinct, but not within the campground.
- Fishing is permitted from the Quarantine Station shoreline. Fishing licence and regulations apply.
- Boat landing is permitted at designated areas of the Quarantine Station shoreline.
- All plants, animals, historic artefacts and geological features are protected – please leave the park as you find it.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.
- Please keep your tent clean and store all food securely and properly dispose of all rubbish, including food scraps.
- Permits are required to carry out organised tours, events, weddings, and commercial photography and filming activities.
- Permits are required for flying remote controlled planes and drones.

### Be prepared and stay safe



Swimming from the Quarantine Station shoreline and bay beaches (Port Phillip) within Point Nepean National Park is NOT RECOMMENDED due to large and unexpected waves, unpredictable strong offshore winds, swift tides, deep drop offs and unmarked submerged obstacles. Access to or swimming from the ocean facing coastline (Bass Strait) of Point Nepean National Park is NOT PERMITTED for safety and conservation reasons.

Safer swimming bay beaches are at nearby Sorrento or Portsea townships. Two ocean facing beaches within nearby Mornington Peninsula National Park are patrolled by Surf Life Savers during the summer and Easter holidays at Sorrento Back Beach and Portsea Surf Beach – look for the recommended swimming zones between the patrolled beach flags. Always observe aquatic hazard risk signs and take note of the displayed emergency marker codes in the event of an emergency and when seeking assistance.

Point Nepean National Park is predominantly a natural setting with remote areas of thick bushland and sections of rugged rocky ocean coastline facing Bass Strait. Please remain on formed tracks and shared user roads when exploring. The national park is also home to wildlife such as wallabies, echidnas, bandicoots, birds, lizards and snakes. Whales and dolphins are sometimes seen close to shore, while seals and penguins may occasionally come out and rest on the beach. Do not approach or feed wildlife and report any distressed, injured or aggressive animals to park rangers.

Check for park, facility and road closures and the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

#### **Emergencies**

**For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000)**. If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

This park is in the Central Fire District. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on any day in Point Nepean National Park.

On Extreme / Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days, this national park and camping area will be closed for public safety. Do not enter the park. If you are already in the park, leave the night before or as early as possible in the morning. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning. In the case of severe weather, Parks Victoria may assess the campground to be a high risk to campers and may close the campground at short notice to ensure visitor safety. In this case every effort will be taken to pre-warn and inform visitors prior to arrival.

We recommend all visitors have Ambulance Services membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport given the distance of Point Nepean from the nearest hospital at Rosebud.

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