

Hepburn Regional Park

Visitor Guide



Nestled around the famous mineral spring townships of Daylesford, Hepburn and Hepburn Springs, the Hepburn Regional Park is a natural treasure. Rich with natural springs and relics from the gold mining era, the park provides opportunities for bushwalking, camping, cycling, picnicking and horse riding.



Getting there

Hepburn Regional Park is 110km north-west of Melbourne via the Western Freeway (M8 National). Follow the Ballan-Daylesford Road after taking the exit from the freeway.

Linked train and coach services are available from Melbourne to Daylesford via Woodend or Ballarat. For timetable details call V/Line Country Information on 136 196.

Womin-Dji-Ka (Welcome)

This park is part of the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung and Barengi Gadjin People. The Dja Dja Wurrung People's rights were recognised through a Recognition and Settlement Agreement with the State of Victoria in March 2013. The Dja Dja Wurrung People maintain a close and continuing connection to Djandak, their traditional Country.

Hepburn Regional Park is one of several parks and reserves that are jointly managed by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria.

Djandak is a cultural landscape that includes both tangible objects such as scarred trees, mounds, wells and stone artefact scatters, and intangible stories. Djandak is a living entity, which holds stories of creation and histories that cannot be erased.

Parks Victoria pays our respects to Dja Dja Wurrung Elders, past, present, and future, and asks visitors to do the same. Aboriginal artefacts are protected by law, and it is prohibited to disturb them in any way.

Things to see and do

Walking

There is a range of easy grade walking tracks throughout the park. Most of the tracks are narrow, gentle gradients but with uneven surfaces, some steps, staircases and creek crossings. Walking with dogs on lead is permitted in the park.

1. Mineral Springs Loop Walk - 1.5km, 40 minutes circuit

Start at the Sailors Falls Picnic Area, walk down the staircase viewing the twin falls from the landings. Follow the signs to the mineral springs and complete the loop back to the picnic area.

2. Twin Bridges to Tipperary Springs - 2.3km, 40 minutes

Begin at either Twin Bridges or Tipperary Springs for this walk which mostly follows old water races from the mining era. The trail also follows Sailors Creek using a section of the Goldfields Track.

3. Tipperary Springs to Bryces Flat - 3.3km, 1 hour

Follow the signs near the toilet block at Tipperary Springs along the eastern side of Sailors Creek to Bryces Flat. You will pass mining relics as you walk along the contour, sometimes walking on old water races.

4. The Blowhole to Breakneck Gorge - 3.1km, 1 hour

Begin near the carpark and follow the track into the drier northern section of the park. Pass close to Hepburn Recreation Reserve before leaving Sailors Creek to follow Spring Creek.

Take care when crossing the Newstead Road bridge that spans Breakneck Gorge.

5. Breakneck Gorge to Golden Spring – 2.2km, 40 minutes one way

Follow the track on the north side of the bridge back towards Hepburn Springs. Take the short detour down to Liberty Spring and Spring Creek (mineral water is not available here).

Return to the main track and continue to Golden Spring to sample the water.

6. Golden Spring to Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve (via Jacksons Lookout), 2.8km, 50 minutes one way

Start at the end of Golden Spring Avenue and follow the track beside Womens Gully before climbing through the foothills to the Hepburn-Castlemaine Road. Cross the road with care for the short detour to Jacksons Lookout and panoramic views from the tower.

Retrace your footsteps to continue to the reserve.

7. Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve to Argyle Spring – 1.4km, 25 minutes one way

The walk starts from the reserve carpark or from Wyuna Spring. Follow Argyle Gully past Mother Goose mine. Return via the same track.

8. Mount Franklin Circuit Walk – 1.7km, 45 minutes

Beginning from the campground follow the walking trail signs up through the pine trees to the summit. The management track leads back to the campground with views out from the powerline easement.

Goldfields Track – 210km

Linking Ballarat and Bendigo, the Goldfields Track is the longest shared walk/mountain bike track in Victoria. For detailed information go to www.goldfieldstrack.com.au or visit the local Visitor Information Centre in Daylesford.

Picnicking

Several picnic areas with wood fireplaces are provided, including Tipperary Springs, Mount Franklin, Sailors Falls Twin Bridges and Bryces Flat.

Camping

You can camp for short stays at Mount Franklin, which is suitable for tents, caravans and motor homes on a first in first served basis. Toilets, wood fireplaces and picnic tables are provided.

More camping is available at caravan parks in surrounding towns including Daylesford.

Mountain bike riding

Mountain bikes are a great way to see and experience the park on the many formal tracks and roads available.

The Goldfields Track has extensive mountain bike sections. Please follow signage and take care on shared sections of the trail. Please note that bikes are not permitted on walking tracks. For more information visit

www.goldfieldstrack.com.au

Mineral springs

Natural mineral springs abound in the Daylesford and Hepburn area. Mineral springs in the park include Sailors Falls, Tipperary Springs, Golden and Argyle Springs.

A haven for plants and animals

Most of the park supports a variety of eucalypt forests with box, peppermint, and stringybark and in the south's damper areas are taller forests of messmate, candlebark and manna gum.

Spring wildflowers make a colourful display with Victoria's floral emblem, the Common Heath featuring.

Common birds include wrens, currawongs, rosellas, treecreepers and robins. The Rufous Fantail visits seasonally and koalas, kangaroos and wallabies are often seen in the park.

Other parks to explore nearby

Creswick Regional Park

Visitors can camp and explore a variety of activities including walking, cycling and picnicking in Creswick Regional Park, located between Ballarat and Daylesford.

St Georges Lake is a favourite local attraction and is a great summer base for non-powered water recreation activities such as swimming and kayaking. Free gas barbecues and toilets are provided.

Trentham Falls Scenic Reserve

Located just a short drive north of the township of Trentham, Trentham Falls is one of the longest single-drop waterfalls in Victoria, plunging some 32m over basalt columns. Picnic areas and toilets are provided at this site.

Views of the waterfall are available from the viewing platforms. This waterfall cannot be viewed from the base. All visitors are asked to please remain inside safety barriers.

Caring for the park

Help us look after this park by following these guidelines:

- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times
- Mountain bikes and horses are not permitted on walking tracks. They are permitted on formed roads open to the public (pending seasonal closures).
- Your rubbish is your responsibility – please carry out what you carry in.
- Campfires must be in designated metal fire places only.
- Camping is only permitted at Mount Franklin and nearby Creswick Regional Park.

Be prepared and stay safe

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.

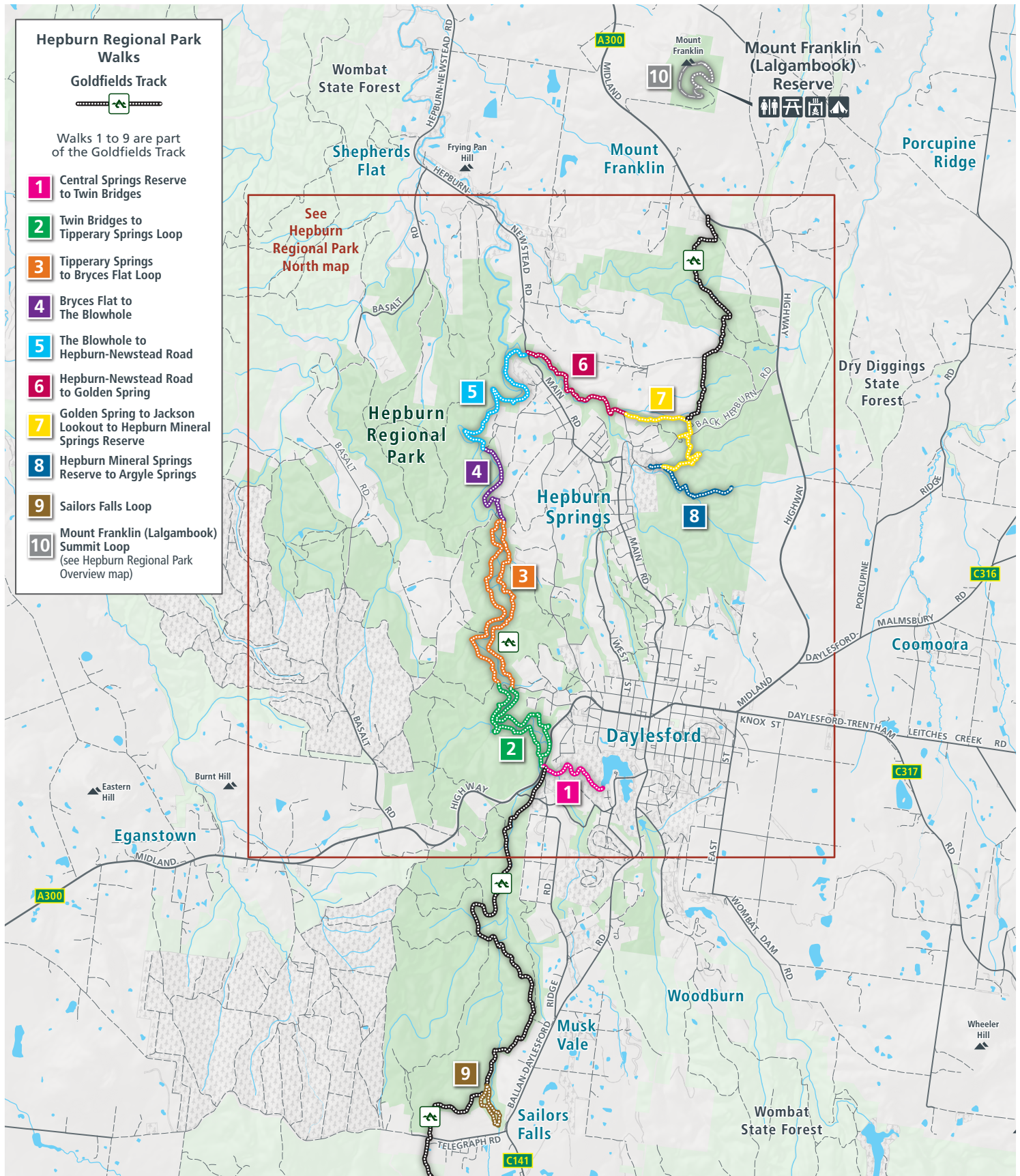
Hepburn Regional Park is in the Central fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days; however, gas cookers may be used under certain conditions for food preparation.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning. Check the latest conditions at parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

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Overview



- Hepburn Regional Park Walks**
- Goldfields Track**
- Walks 1 to 9 are part of the Goldfields Track
- 1** Central Springs Reserve to Twin Bridges
 - 2** Twin Bridges to Tipperary Springs Loop
 - 3** Tipperary Springs to Bryces Flat Loop
 - 4** Bryces Flat to The Blowhole
 - 5** The Blowhole to Hepburn-Newstead Road
 - 6** Hepburn-Newstead Road to Golden Spring
 - 7** Golden Spring to Jackson Lookout to Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve
 - 8** Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve to Argyle Springs
 - 9** Sailors Falls Loop
 - 10** Mount Franklin (Lalgambook) Summit Loop (see Hepburn Regional Park Overview map)

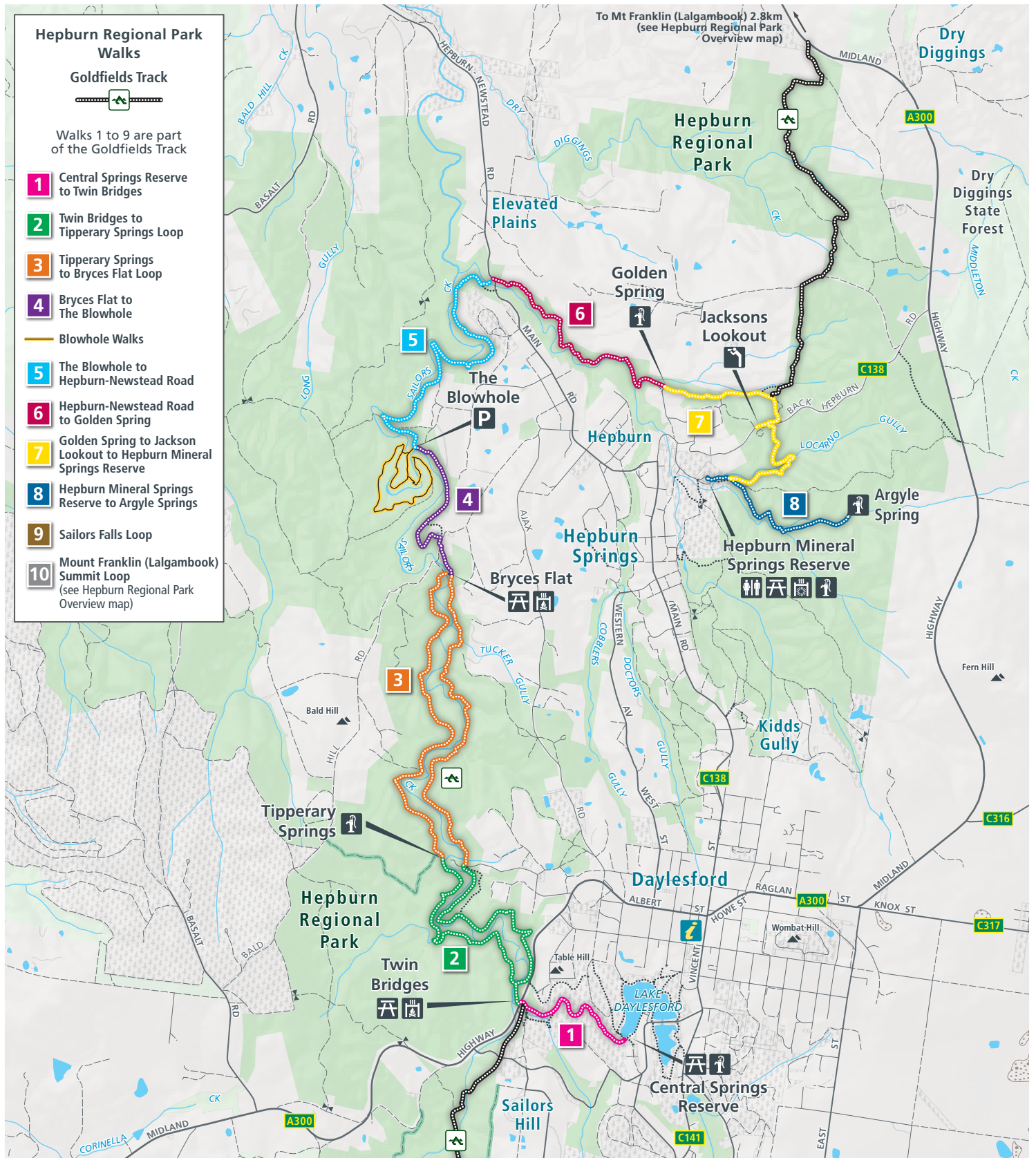


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| Toilet | Highway | Hepburn Regional Park |
| Picnic | Main road | Other reserve |
| BBQ (wood) | Sealed road | Softwood plantation |
| Camping | Unsealed road | |



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North



Parking	BBQ (Wood)	Highway	4WD track	Hepburn Regional Park
Toilet	Mineral spring	Main road	Walking track	Other reserve
Picnic	Lookout	Sealed road	Seasonal Closure	Softwood plantation
BBQ (Electric)	Visitor information	Unsealed road	Gate	

