

## Leave No Trace



National parks and reserves are special places. They provide essential refuges for plants and animals and help to protect cultural sites. Please enjoy your visit but remember that its continued protection depends on your support.

### 1 Plan ahead and prepare

Walk in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6. Repackage food to minimise waste.

### 2 Walk and camp on durable surfaces

Durable camping surfaces include established campsites, tent platforms, rock, gravel and sand.

### 3 Dispose of waste properly

Pack it in, pack it out. If there's a toilet, use it. Otherwise bury all faecal waste and toilet paper in holes 15-20cm deep at least 100m from water, camps and tracks. Cover and disguise the hole when finished.

### 4 Leave what you find

Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them. Respect Aboriginal sites and other sites of cultural significance.

### 5 Use a fuel stove - minimise the impacts of fire

Many parts of Tasmania are Fuel Stove Only Areas. In these areas fires are not permitted. Carry and use a fuel stove.

### 6 Respect wildlife

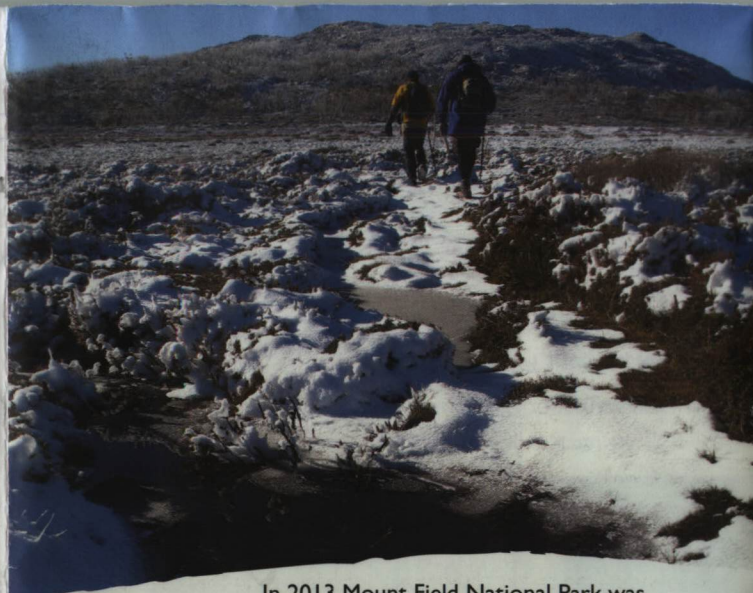
Keep wildlife wild. Feeding animals can turn them into pests and may make them sick.

### 7 Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

## Your park fees at work

The money raised from park fees goes directly towards the maintenance of Tasmania's parks and reserves. It is used to maintain and upgrade visitor facilities, walking tracks and provide visitor services.



In 2013 Mount Field National Park was expanded to around 22 000 hectares. More significantly the park was given international recognition by being included in the vast Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

## Enquiries

Internet: [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au)

### Parks and Wildlife Service

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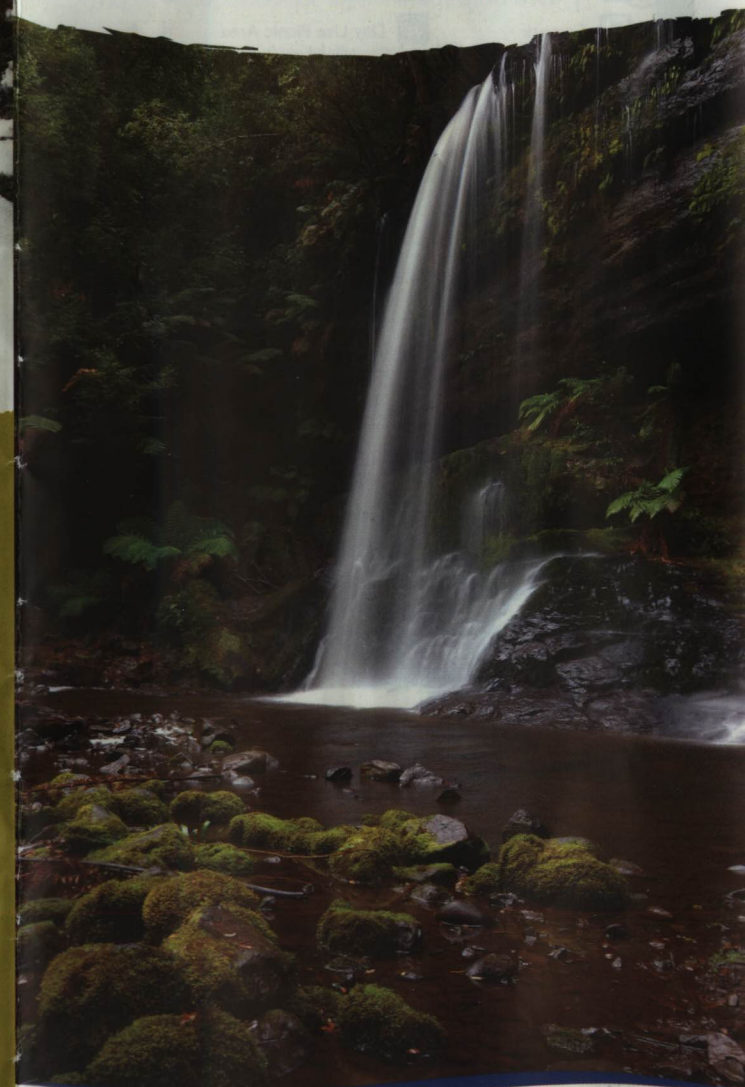
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## VISITOR INFORMATION



# Mount Field

## NATIONAL PARK



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Parks, Water and Environment





Mount Field National Park is one of Tasmania's oldest and most loved national parks. From the tall forests and waterfalls of the lower sections to the glaciated mountains, windswept moors and tranquil lakes of the highlands, the park encompasses an amazing diversity of landscapes, plants, animals and history. You can enjoy parts of it in a brief visit and yet not run out of things to discover in a lifetime. Welcome to wonderful Mount Field!

## Activities

Activities include walking, picnicking, skiing and birdwatching. The 30 minute drive to Lake Dobson takes you through rainforest, past towering swamp gums and up to the high country of snow gums, alpine moorlands and glacial lakes. In summer the high country can be a blaze of colour with flowering waratahs, boronias and heath, and in early autumn Tasmania's deciduous beech – fagus – displays its golden foliage. Use the walk planner to find a walk that suits both you and the weather of the day.

Cross-country and limited downhill skiing is possible in winter. Access to the downhill ski area is by a 30 minute walk from Lake Dobson via the Urquhart Track.

## Walks Planner

	Easy	Moderate	More difficult
Short – under 2 hrs return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russell Falls (1)</li> <li>• Tall Trees Walk (3)</li> <li>• Pandani Grove (4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seagers Lookout (C)</li> <li>• Snow Gum Track (E)</li> </ul>	
Medium – 2-4 hrs return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russell Falls/Horseshoe Falls/Tall Trees Circuit/Lady Barron Falls (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Nicholls (A)</li> <li>• Start of Tarn Shelf (F)</li> </ul>	
Long – 4-8 hrs return. Alpine walks may require cross-country skis during winter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tarn Shelf Circuit via Lake Newdegate, Twilight Tarn and Lake Webster (G)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mt Field East Circuit (B)</li> <li>• Lake Belcher (D)</li> <li>• Rodway Range -Tarn Shelf Circuit (H) via K-Col and Newdegate Pass</li> <li>• Mt Field West (I)</li> </ul>

After dark, the park comes alive with nocturnal animals. Take a torch and walk through the day area. You might see possums, wallabies, quolls, or perhaps an owl.

Russell Falls is also home to glow worms, and there is a self-guided night time walk with interpretation signs on the Russell Falls track.

## Day visitor facilities

The park can generally be divided into two visitor sections. The first, around the park entrance, includes picnic facilities, short walks and Russell Falls. The second is centred at Lake Dobson and includes the long day walks and skiing areas. The two areas are linked by a 16km unsealed road. In winter, depending on snow conditions, vehicles using this road may require snow chains. At times the road may be closed.

During summer and other busy times, park staff offer a variety of activities such as walks, talks and slide shows for both adults and children.

## Campfires

In the past fires have destroyed large areas of forest in the park, including ancient pencil pines. Please light fires only in the constructed fireplaces in the day use area, and use a fuel stove when in alpine areas.

## Camping

There is one campground catering for vehicle-based campers located near the park entrance and visitor centre. Facilities include camp kitchen with barbecues, shower block and laundry, powered and unpowered sites. The campground is managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service. For further information phone (03) 6288 1149.

## Accommodation

There are five accommodation huts located in the alpine area of the park. The government huts are accessible by vehicle in most conditions, however visitors should be prepared for snow in winter and spring. The huts are basic with running water, a wood heater, and six bunks with mattresses. Visitors should come prepared as if camping. These huts are popular and bookings are essential. Call Mt Field Visitor Centre on (03) 6288 1149.

**Be a volunteer** – there are many community groups whose members volunteer in national parks; the Parks and Wildlife Service also has volunteer projects on offer each year. Check [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au) for a list of groups and activities, or talk to the local ranger about volunteering opportunities.

**Make a tax deductible donation to support reserve management** – complete a WILDCARE Giving Form available from park visitor centres and Service Tasmania shops or donate on-line at [www.wildcaretas.org.au](http://www.wildcaretas.org.au)



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