

Bungonia National Park covers a strip of the Southern Tablelands from the spectacular limestone of Bungonia Creek southwards along the escarpment west of the Shoalhaven River.

The national park is one of NSW's oldest conservation reserves with sections of the park first protected as a water reserve in 1872. Lands were later reserved for the preservation of caves in 1902.

Whilst early attempts were made to develop the caves for tourism purposes, this work was hampered by foul air and the difficulty of providing public access. Many of Bungonia's caves are just as steep and precipitous as the surrounding landscape and they can only be explored by well equipped, and experienced cavers.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Adventure caving is one of Bungonia's best known activities, and the caves here are among the deepest on the Australian mainland. They should only be entered by well equipped, experienced cavers. Most caves have been described in the book Under Bungonia.

Bushwalking provides spectacular views from a number of lookouts that can be found in the park around the escarpment edge. The three main lookouts are easily accessible via short, paved pathways from the main car parks.

The most popular easy walk is the Green Track which is suitable for young families and covers just over 5 km of undulating ground on the plateau.

Longer walks include the Red Track which provides a spectacular 4-5 hr walk through the Bungonia Slot Canyon. When setting out on the longer walks, leave early in the day in order to ensure a safe return before nightfall.

Rock climbing, canyoning, canoeing, abseiling and picnicking are other activities enjoyed at Bungonia. These drawcards remain the area's main attractions, ensuring that Bungonia caters for a wide range of interests and abilities.

Codes of practice have been prepared for adventure activities and are available from the office. Visitors entering the park via the Trestle Track must not obstruct access to private property and must register at the park office beforehand.

CAUTION

Please note that anyone undertaking any of the above activities at Bungonia, must complete the visitor intentions register at the park office prior to setting off.

GETTING THERE

Bungonia National Park is 190 km southwest of Sydney, 140 km northeast of Canberra and 35 km east of Goulburn. Access is via Bungonia (25 km east of Goulburn or 15 km south of Marulan). If entering the town from either Goulburn or Marulan, turn left at the signpost and follow Lookdown Road 10 km to Bungonia NP.

PARK FEES

PARK USE FEES

A park use fee of \$7 applies to all vehicles entering the park (including motorbikes) unless you hold a NSW National Parks Annual Pass.

CAMPING FEES

Additional fees apply for camping.
Peak times: \$10 night per adult, \$7 night per child
Off Peak times: \$7 night per adult, \$3.50 night per child

Please contact the office for further information

CAMPING

The camping area provides hot showers and flushing toilets within a modern amenity block. A large enclosed communal camp kitchen with disabled access offers gas cook tops, food preparation area and a gas room heater (available in winter).

A small conference room is also available for hire.

Note: Groups wishing to use the camping area are required to book in advance.

FACILITIES

Day use facilities (toilets, picnic tables and gas barbecues) are provided at David Reid, Adams and De Kerrilleau car parks.

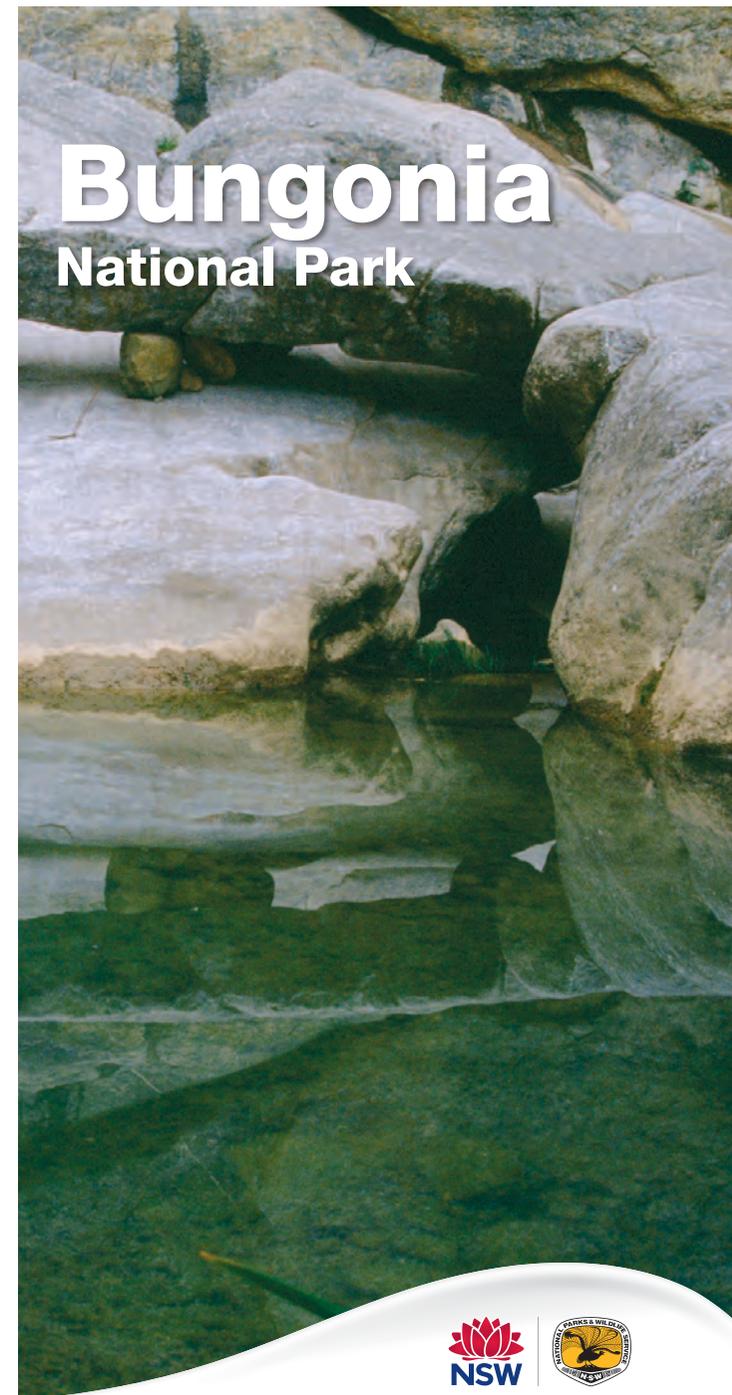
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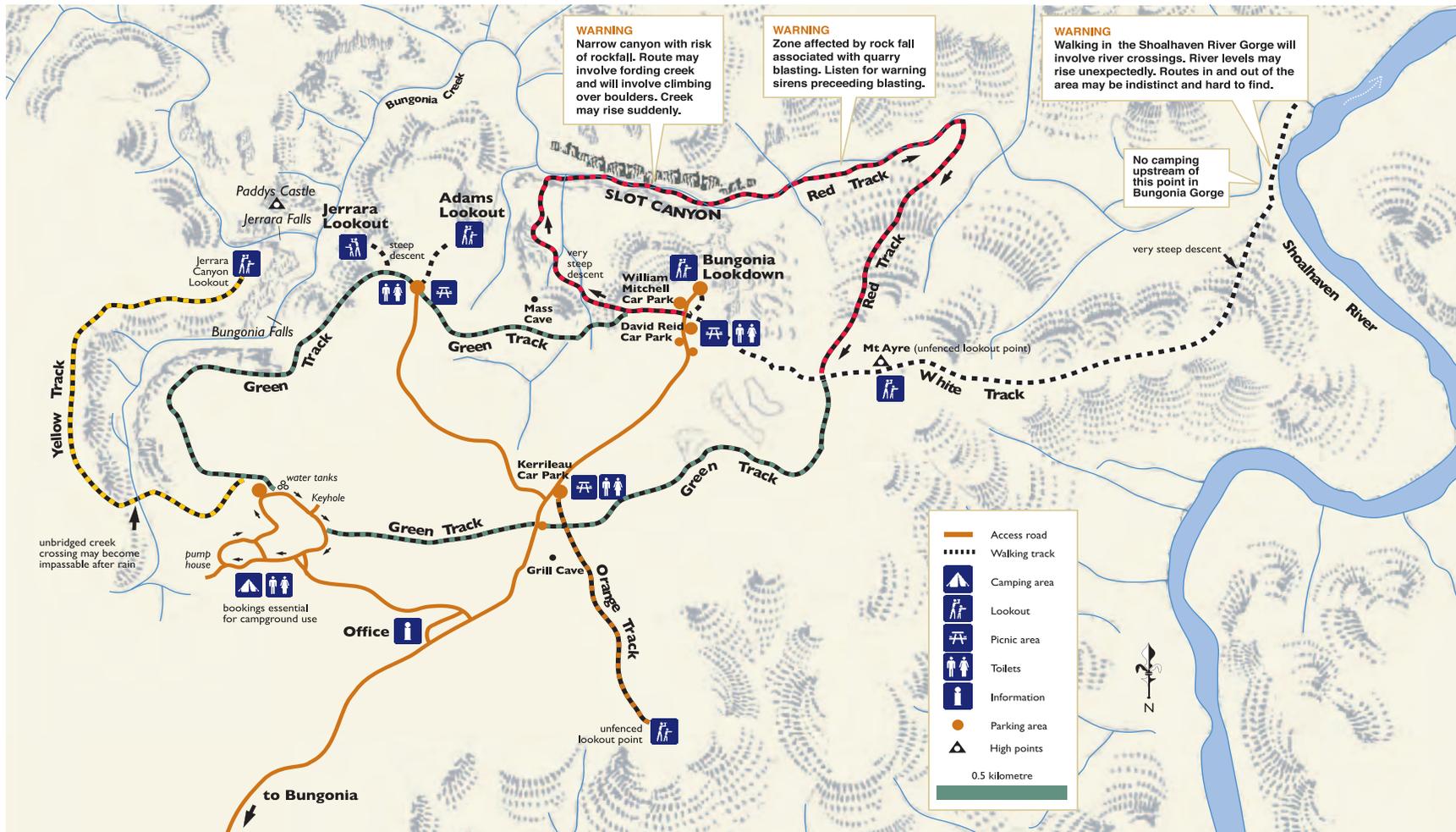
Bungonia National Park is a rugged natural area containing cliffs and steep gorges.

Visitors should exercise caution when exploring the site and children should be supervised at all times

Remember to plan ahead, choose your walks and activities to match your stamina and fitness level, and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.

For more information about staying safe in parks visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parksafety





BEFORE SETTING OUT

Please be sure to enter the details of your intended walk or other adventure sports activity in the register located on the verandah of the park office.

This information is vital in the event of a search and rescue operation being required. It also assists people to plan their activities so as to reduce crowding in caves and at abseil sites.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Leave your pets at home.
- Record your safe return in the visitor register book on the office verandah.
- 'Go' before you go. Please go to the toilet before undertaking caving activities.
- Keep your noise to a minimum (generators are not permitted).
- Keep to formed roads.
- Chainsaws are not permitted.
- Wood fires not permitted.
- Take your rubbish out with you when you leave.
- All flora and fauna are protected.
- Keep soap and other detergents well away from any waterways.
- Please don't feed the wildlife as this can damage their health.

NOTE

• Specialist equipment is required to enter caves and to undertake activities such as abseiling and canyoning.

• Base jumping (parachuting) and hang gliding are not permitted.

• Rock climbing at Bungonia is technically very advanced and should only be undertaken by fully experienced and well equipped parties.

• Camping is permitted in Bungonia Gorge only within 200m of the junction of Bungonia Creek and Shoalhaven River.

WALKING TRACK DETAILS

Yellow Track

2.5 km, 2 hr return, moderate

Green Track (Scenic Walk)

5.5 km, 3 hr return, easy/moderate

Red Track

3.8 km, 5 hr return, hard
Danger falling rocks

White Track

to Mt Ayre – 1.5 km, 1 hr return, easy
Mt Ayre to Shoalhaven River – 3 km, 4 hr return, hard

Orange Track

1.2 km, 1.5 hr return, easy

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

The 1:25 000 maps which cover the park are:

Bungonia 8828-II-N Caoura 8928-III-N

Kooringaroo 8828-II-S Touga 8928-III-S

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Enjoy stunning views across the Shoalhaven River from Mt Ayre