

Wellington Park Horse Riding Information

Wellington Park provides a unique opportunity for horse riding in the Greater Hobart area. The trails are scenic and remote, providing spectacular views of the alpine ranges and an opportunity for trail riding through a range of environments and conditions.

This information sheet has been prepared in conjunction with horse riders to provide details on where you can ride within the Park, and to encourage riders to be responsible for their actions.



Horse riding in Wellington Park?

WELLINGTON PARK HORSE INFORMATION

Wellington Park is a natural bushland reserve covering 180 square kilometres, including over 75km of horse riding trails. The Park has high conservation values and is a valuable recreation resource for all of the community.

Riding in the natural environment can be fun but also has potential impact on the surrounding area. Horses can introduce weeds and soil pathogens such as phytophthora. Other impacts may include: soil erosion, trampling of vegetation and reduced water quality. By following these guidelines you can have an enjoyable time whilst looking after the Park's natural values.

Riding within the Park can be hazardous with rapid changes in weather requiring that riders be prepared before starting a ride. Use the Check List on the back of this sheet to see whether you are adequately prepared for your ride. Most horse trails within the Park are suitable for walking or trotting, with limited cantering.

THE PERMIT SYSTEM

The majority of trails in Wellington Park require a permit and a key, and, in some cases, approval of private landowners to access the trail. Long term permits are available for regular visitors. Temporary permits may be withdrawn depending on conditions during the bush fire season.

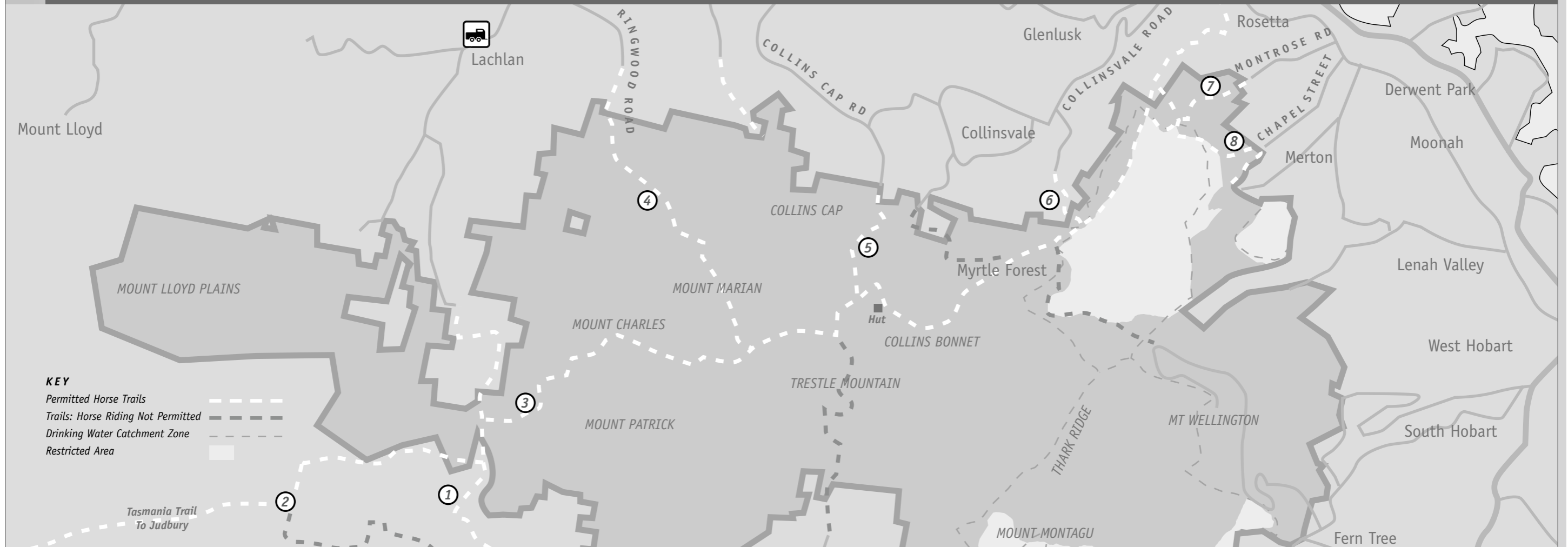
The permit, key and information regarding private landowner approval information can be obtained from the Parks and Wildlife Service ph: 6233 6560.

Entry into the Park without the appropriate permit or notification can result in a penalty of up to \$2,000 and the likely non-issue of future permits.

Also, riding access to the designated trails is subject to weather and track conditions. This is for the safety of Park users, to assist in the maintenance of the 'working' fire trails and to protect the natural values of the Park. All horse trails in the Park are shared trails, and maybe used by other vehicles, bicycles and walkers.

Where can you ride your horse in the Park ?

Look overleaf for some of the ways horse riding activities impact on the Park and follow the advice on how to be a good horse rider/owner. Contact details for more information are also contained overleaf.



TRACK NO.	NAME	PERMIT REQUIRED	LENGTH (KM)	TRACK SURFACE/ CONDITION	ACCESS	COMMENTS
①	Jefferys Track	No	13	Varied – some sections very poor. Gravel and unformed roads.	Via Lachlan or Crabtree, or White Timber Trail and permit trails.	Public road link between Hydehurst Road, Lachlan to Mitchell’s Road, Crabtree, with 1km section in Wellington Park. Forms part of the Tasmanian Trail and is regularly used by vehicles.
②	White Timber Trail	No	22	Varied – poor to good. Gravel and unformed roads.	Via Jefferys Track or Judds Creek Road, Judbury.	Links Jefferys Track to Judbury, with majority of trail within State Forest. Forms part of the Tasmanian Trail.
③	East West Trail	Yes	21	Generally poor. Numerous and extended stony sections. Extended up and down sections. Very exposed to high altitude weather conditions.	Via Jefferys Track, Montrose Trail, Chapel Trail, Mount Hull Trail, Collins Cap Trail or Ringwood Trail.	Traverses Wellington Park extending from Montrose Trail to Jefferys Track. Intersects several non-horse trails and other permit use trails (Mount Hull, Collins Cap, Ringwood).
④	Ringwood Trail	Yes	8.5	Boggy sections – available only in dry conditions. <i>Access to this track may be restricted to unshod horses or horses using Mac or other forms of horse fitted boots</i>	Via Ringwood Road or East West Trail.	Passes through private property from Ringwood Road – follow standard Wellington Park directional sign on totem style post. Within the Park old timber tracks exist that are not available for horse use. A locked gate is located about 100m inside the Park boundary.
⑤	Collins Cap Trail	Yes	4	Varied – good. Open paddocks leading to some steep and rocky sections.	Via Collins Cap Road or East West Trail.	Passes through private property from Suhrs Road. Farm gates exist at both ends of the private property boundary but are not locked. Locked gate is located about 1km inside the Park boundary.
⑥	Mount Hull Trail	Yes	2	Varied – good. Steady climb with rocky sections.	Via Mount Hull Road or East West Trail.	Passes through private property from Mount Hull Road. The trail branches into two shortly after the start but rejoins. Locked gate near intersection with the East West Trail.
⑦	Montrose Trail	Yes	3.4	Varied – good to poor. Long steady climb with rocky sections.	Via Montrose Road or Chapel Trail.	Passes through private property from Montrose Road. Locked gate at junction with Chapel Trail.
⑧	Chapel Trail	Yes	2.7	Varied – good to poor. Steep and rocky sections with some erosion.	Via Chapel Street or Montrose Trail.	Extends from Chapel Street to Montrose Trail. Intersects with other non-horse trails en route.

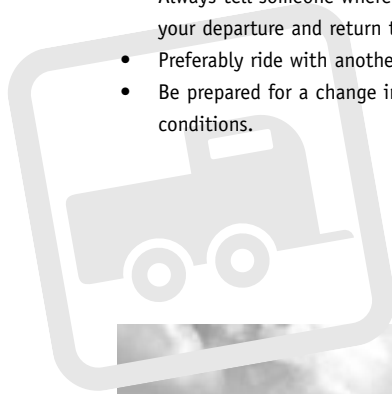
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WELLINGTON PARK HORSE RIDING GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be adhered to at all times by horse riders utilising the Park. Horse riders are advised that the trails are remote and rough. Horse riders should only ride in the Park if they and their horses are suitably experienced and equipped.

PREPARATION

- Plan ahead, get information and prepare accordingly.
- Obtain the necessary permit and gate key for your ride from the Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Ensure that your horse is fit, well shod and sound.
- Know your ability and that of your horse.
- Carry a map/trail guide to ensure you remain on the trail and avoid getting lost.
- Carry a mobile telephone.
- Carry a basic first aid kit – one for you and one for your horse.
- Ensure you have water, warm clothing, sunscreen, halter and lead rope, etc
- Always tell someone where you are going, and your departure and return times.
- Preferably ride with another horse and rider.
- Be prepared for a change in the weather conditions.



HORSE FLOATS AND HORSE TRUCKS

- Clean out floats at home to avoid weed and other potential contamination, and pollution of the local environment (this applies also in urban situations).
- Be considerate of other users and ensure vehicles/floats/trucks do not block access to the Park especially as the trails form management and emergency vehicle access.
- Secure and lock all vehicles/floats/trucks.

IN THE PARK

- Before entering the Park ensure horse hooves are cleaned (with a hoof pick and brush) and horses coats are groomed to reduce the transport of weed seed and other potential pathogens into the Park.
- Ride on the designated horse trails only.
- Always ride your horse in a controlled manner – avoid galloping and do not canter around sharp corners or blind spots.
- If riding with other horses travel in single file.
- Avoid riding in a large group (5 or more horses).
- Respect other Park users – slow to a walk or stop when approaching others on tracks in the Park.
- Avoid letting horses graze in the Park.
- Limit crossing of waterways and restrict horses' access to water bodies in the Park.
- Do not trespass on private land – stay on approved route when on the private property sections of the permit trails.
- Leave gates as you find them or signposted
- Take all personal litter out with you.
- Use a plastic bag or tail bag to pick up horse droppings where possible.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Permits:

Parks and Wildlife Service: 03 6233 6560

Park Information:

Wellington Park Management Trust: 03 6238 2176

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Glenorchy City Council: 03 6216 6215

Tasmanian Visitor Information Service: 03 6230 8233

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