SAFETY IN WELLINGTON PARK

Bush Fires

Wellington Park will be closed during periods of EXTREME or CATASTOPHIC fire danger. Please check the Tasmanian Fire Service website (www.fire.tas.gov.au) prior to entering the Park. On such days any visitors within Wellington Park should exit the Park immediately.

Visitors should also take adequate precautions during days of High, Very High and Severe fire danger. Under these conditions walks in remote areas of the Park should be carefully planned and include a strategy for safely exiting the Park. Visitors should take a mobile phone with them. In the event of a bushfire in the Park, walkers should exit the Park immediately via the safest route.

It is essential that non-emergency fires be lit only in designated fireplaces in certain huts and picnic areas at Fern Tree Park, The Springs, Junction Cabin and The Chalet, using the wood provided. It is an offence to light any fire during a Total Fire Ban.



Be prepared

The Park is subject to rapid and extreme changes in weather; snow, sleet and high winds can occur with startling suddenness, even in summer. Ensure you are comfortable and equipped for the walk you choose. Sturdy boots, warm clothing, waterproof jacket and overpants, food and drink, a map and compass (or GPS) should be taken/worn on longer and more difficult routes. Mobile phone coverage is variable throughout the Park, and you should always leave a plan of your route and estimated time of return with a responsible person.

Walkers should be aware that some tracks are shared use. Bicycles are permitted on formed roads and fire trails, and selected shared use tracks, including the Pipeline, Silver Falls, Radfords, and North-South Tracks. Please report any illegal track use e.g. trail bikes, to the Ranger on 0408 517 534.

REDUCE YOUR IMPACTS

- Take only photos and memories, and leave only footprints.
- Ensure your equipment (particularly your walking shoes) is clean upon entering the Park to prevent the spread of weeds and plant diseases.
- Use toilets provided when possible (Fern Tree Park, The Springs and kunanyi / Mount Wellington). If there are no toilets then walk 100m away from any water and the track, and dig a 15cm hole to bury any waste and toilet paper.
- More information on minimal impact bush recreation can be found at www.wellingtonpark.org.au/minimal-impact or on the 'Leave No Trace' website at www.lnt.org.au

For further information on Wellington Park contact

www.wellingtonpark.org.au www.tasmap.tas.gov.au www.greaterhobarttrails.com.au Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre: 03 6238 4222

Fern Tree to The Springs and kunanyi / Mount Wellington summit: suggested walking routes (see map)

	DESTINATION	DEPARTURE	VIA	TIME	TRACK CONDITION	DIFFICULTY
1	Silver Falls loop	Fern Tree Park (opposite Tavern)	Pipeline Track, Fern Tree Bower, Silver Falls Track, Fern Glade Track.	45 mins– 1 hr	Slightly uphill to Silver Falls, some steps, occasional rocky and uneven surfaces.	Easiest
2	O'Grady's Falls Loop	Fern Tree Park or Fern Glade Car Park	Lower Fern Glade Track, Bracken Lane Fire Trail, O'Gradys Falls Track, Woods Track, Fern Glade Track.	1-1.5 hrs	Slightly uphill, uneven surface as far as O'Gradys Falls; then moderately uphill and downhill, uneven surface.	
3	The Springs – Route A	Fern Tree Park (opposite Tavern)	Middle Track, Radfords Track.	40 min	Some significant climbing, steeper than route B, rocky and uneven surface on Radfords Track.	
4	The Springs – Route B	Fern Glade Car Park (80m north along Huon Rd)	Fern Glade Track, Radfords Track.	45 min	Some significant climbing, some steps, rocky and uneven surface on Radfords Track.	
5	kunanyi / Mount Wellington Summit	Upper Springs car park	Pinnacle Track, Zig Zag Track.	2 hrs	Significant climbing & occasional uneven surfaces.	Hardest



Bush Walking

The extensive network of tracks on the eastern face of kunanyi/ Mount Wellington provides a range of walking opportunities and experiences for visitors to Wellington Park.

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The table on the back page provides information about five suggested routes from Fern Tree to the summit via The Springs, as well as an easy scenic loop via Silver Falls. The two routes from Fern Tree to The Springs vary in length, grade and track condition, providing slightly different levels of challenge. The colour coding in the table is reflected on the map for ease of reference.

Walkers should choose a route to suit their ability – tracks vary in quality and gradient. Most tracks are well marked and easy to follow; however, remote and higher altitude tracks are often rough or wet underfoot, or only poorly

CHOOSE THE RIGHT ROUTE

This sheet includes a map and information for a selection of walks in the Fern Tree-The Springskunanyi / Mount Wellington area of Wellington Park, ranging from a few minutes up to a full day.

marked routes. Navigation skills may be required on some routes, especially during poor visibility.

A handy interactive walk planner is available online at www.greaterhobarttrails.com.au

For comprehensive information on all walks, including track standard, length, grade and features, please refer to TasMap's Wellington Park **Recreation Map.** It is recommended that walkers on longer walks carry the Recreation Map, available from the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre (20 Davey St, Hobart, ph 03 6238 4222), Service Tasmania (134 Macquarie St, Hobart, and throughout Tasmania), local map and outdoor shops, or online at www.tasmap.tas.gov.au This publication also provides excellent interpretative information about the natural and cultural values of Wellington Park, which will enhance any visit to the Park.

