

# Tyers Park Visitor Guide



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Covering 1,810 hectares of forest in the foothills of the north of the Latrobe Valley, Tyers Park features the spectacular Tyers Gorge where the river has carved a winding course between the steep forested slopes. With its diversity of wildflowers and the abundance of birdlife, Tyers Park is a favourite destination for naturalists and visitors discovering nature for the first time.

### Location and access

Tyers Park is situated approximately 180 kilometres east of Melbourne. The park is reached from the Princes Highway at Moe by following Glengarry Road to Yallourn North and then Quarry Road. Alternatively the park can be reached from Traralgon via the Tyers-Walhalla Road.

### Things to see and do

Scenic drives, bushwalks, picnicking, swimming, camping, fishing and nature study are some of the most popular activities.

Spring (which is the main wildflower season) and autumn are popular times to visit.

### Driving

Care should be taken when driving as the roads throughout the area are narrow and winding. A number of unsurfaced tracks in the park are suitable for 4WD vehicles only. Some of the 4WD tracks within the park are subject to seasonal closures. Sections of the park form the water supply catchment for the Latrobe Valley. Please respect the locked gates.

### Picnicking

Tyers Park is a delightful setting for a picnic. Picnic facilities are provided at nearby Moondarra Reservoir and Wirilda.

### Walking

*1. Petersons Lookout – 400 metres, 10 minutes one way*

Petersons Lookout is a crag of conglomerate which overlooks the Tyers River Gorge and provides fine views to the Latrobe Valley. The lookout is situated at the end of W2 Track. This area is subject to a seasonal closure for fauna protection between 1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> December.

*2. Wirilda Walking Track – 18 kilometres, 5 to 7 hours one way*

Starting at the end of the Moondarra Reservoir this track winds through open forests and along the course of the meandering Tyers River. Roads through the park provide access to the track allowing it to be completed in shorter sections. This track contains some steeper sections, is unsurfaced and is recommended for the more serious walker.

### Camping & accommodation

Dispersed bush camping is permitted within the park.

### Flora and fauna

The open forests are dominated by Yertchuk and Silvertop, with an understorey of wattles, tea trees, sedges and grasses. Along the ridges, an open forest of Silvertop and an understorey of Variable Sallow Wattle, Prickly Tea-tree, Bushy Needlewood and Common Heath flourish. Red Box and Apple Box thrive on the steep rocky slopes neighbouring Tyers Gorge.

The park hosts over 30 species of orchid and a number of rare plants. Colourful wildflowers in spring feature Correas, Bush peas, Guinea-flowers and wattles.

Birdlife is found in abundance including Superb Lyrebirds, Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters, Rose Robins, Thornbills, Boobook Owls and Peregrine Falcons.

Gippsland Water Dragons can often be seen basking in the sun on rocks along the Tyers River. The park is also home to the Common Wombat, Swamp Wallaby, Common Ringtail Possum, Sugar Glider, Short-beaked Echidna and Brown Antechinus.

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Help us look after your park by following these guidelines:

All native plants and animals in the park are protected

Please keep to designated walking tracks to avoid becoming lost

Bins are not provided within the park, please take your rubbish home

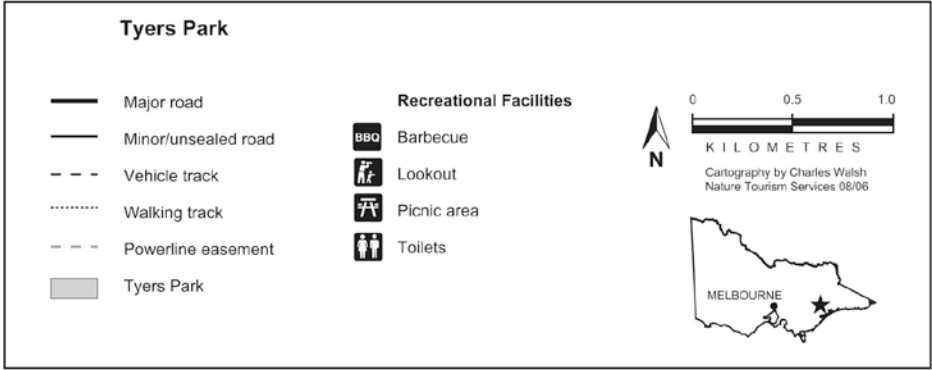
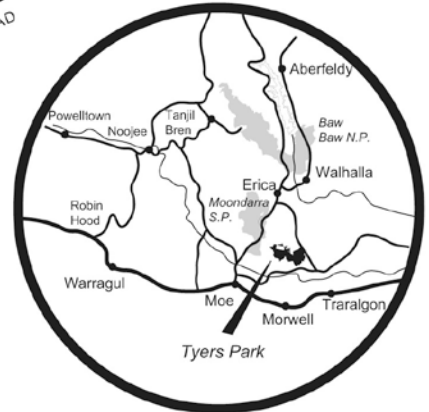
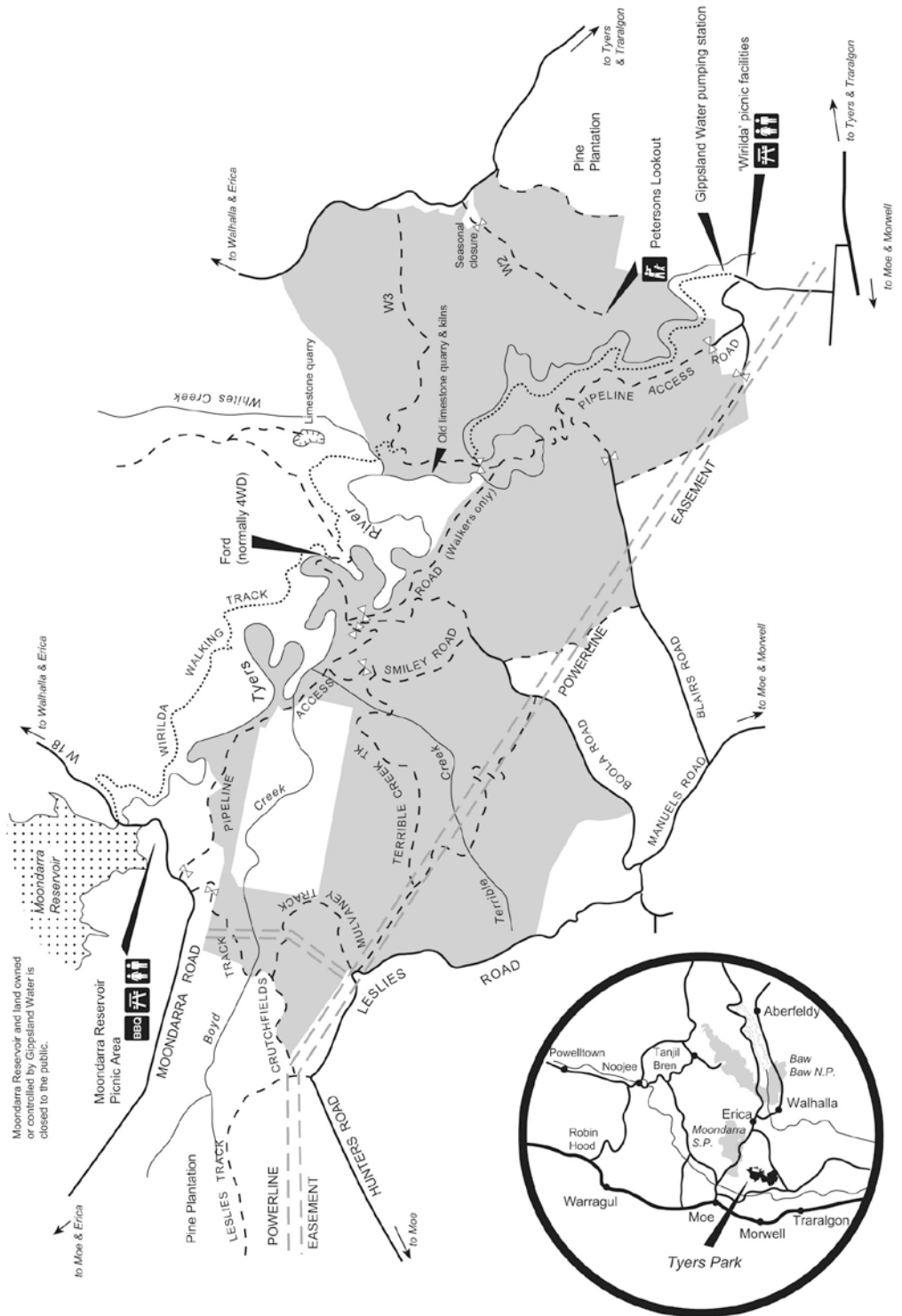
Camps must be at least 20 metres from streams and no camping is allowed in picnic areas

Boating, fishing or swimming on the Moondarra Reservoir is prohibited

Vehicles including trail bikes may only be driven or ridden on formed roads open to the public, and must be fully road registered. Drivers and riders must hold a current licence

Cats and dogs are not permitted in the park

This park is located in the West & South Gippsland Total Fire Ban District



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