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Tasmanian Adventure Activity Standard Access

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Advice for Organisations, Guides and Leaders



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The following supplementary information has been provided as part of the Tasmanian Adventure Activity Standards. It is not intended to be comprehensive in content but includes additional background information on the Commercial Visitors Service (CVS) Licensing System, contact details of land managers and useful references for further reading.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Many venues suitable for adventure activities in Tasmania have access restrictions and in an increasing number of areas access is being withdrawn because of over-use, inappropriate use or fear of litigation in the event of an accident.

- Leaders should familiarise themselves with the regulations or licensing requirements that cover any public land that they intend to use. Land owners and land management agencies may, for example, limit or prohibit certain activities such as camping, mountain biking or the lighting of fires and may require permits for collecting rocks or plant and animal material.
- Wherever necessary, permission should be sought from the relevant land owner or management agency before undertaking an activity.
- Check details on *Phytophthora* infections in areas to be visited at <www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/ThemeNodes/EGIL-53Y2ZC?open>.
- Specific access restrictions exist in a number of rock climbing and c areas (see the relevant AAS for details).
- In the case of four-wheel driving, all information on venues, usage and environmental issues is available in the Recreational Vehicle Working Group's *Policy for the use of Recreational Vehicles on State Owned Lands in Tasmania* and *Cruisin' without Bruisin' – Code of Practice for Recreational Vehicle Users*, both available in hard copy from Service Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry offices. For further information, please visit <<http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/recreation/4wd/4wdtour.html>>.

2 THE COMMERCIAL VISITORS SERVICE LICENSING SYSTEM

The Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment, through the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), manage the CVS licensing system.

Commercial operators wishing to conduct tourism-based operations in areas managed by one or more of the following authorities are required to have a Commercial Visitor Services (CVS) licence:

- the PWS
- Crown Land Services
- Forestry Tasmania
- the Wellington Park Management Trust.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the CVS section on (03) 6233 3636 or at <www.parks.tas.gov.au/permit/index.html>.

3 NATIONAL PARKS - GENERAL INFORMATION

- Leaders intending to use national park land should contact the PWS on 1300 135 513 for further information or visit <www.parks.tas.gov.au>.
- Fees are payable for entry to all Tasmanian national parks. Further information on park fees can be found at <www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/current_fees.html>.
- Licenses are not required and no entry fees are charged for school groups visiting national parks. However, prior application must be made to the appropriate national park before exemption is provided. To find out more information, please visit <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/current_fees.html>.
- Similarly, a CVS license is not required for organised community groups or members of the public, but entry fees are charged.
- Many Tasmanian national parks, including Maria Island, Narawntapu (formerly Asbestos Range) and Freycinet National Park are heavily used through the year. Groups should contact the relevant field centre well in advance of their visit to check on the availability of campsites and facilities. Bookings can be made up to 12 months in advance.
- During peak season (1 December - Easter), all national parks are particularly busy. Leaders are asked to plan their visits for out-of-season periods. Guidelines for groups are available from the relevant field centres.
- Contact the PWS for more information on kayaking, canoeing, camping and access to all crown land at <<http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/recreation/recreation.html>>.

4 DISABLED ACCESS – NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES

Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service manage a number of reserves that provide diverse recreational opportunities for people with physical disabilities. See:

- Recreational Opportunities for the Elderly and Physically Disabled at <www.parks.tas.gov.au/recreation/disabled/disabled.html>
- Guide to Disabled Access In Tasmania's Parks and Reserves at <www.parks.tas.gov.au/recreation/disabled/table.html>
- Forest Reserves at <www.tasforestrytourism.com.au/pages/activity_disabled.html>

5 INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC PARKS

5.1 Freycinet National Park (including Douglas Apsley, Friendly Beaches, Schouten Island and River and Rocks)

See notes above in **General Information** regarding use during summer months.

Camping at all campsites in the park is restricted to one group at a time, with a maximum of 17 persons and a minimum ratio of one adult to ten participants. Only one group is permitted in any particular zone at one time.

Zones:

- Richardsons Beach, Sleepy Bay, Honeymoon Bay
- Peninsular sites, including Wineglass Bay to Bryans Beach
- White Water Wall, including Bluestone Bay
- Friendly Beaches
- River and Rocks (near Swanwick)
- Schouten Island
- Douglas Apsley

There is no restriction on numbers of groups for day walkers, but the maximum number per group is 16 persons, including at least two adults per group. Larger groups must be split into smaller groups, again with a maximum number per group of 16 persons, including at least two adults per group. The maximum number for the White Water Wall campsite area is 12, including two staff. Larger groups wanting to camp overnight in the park cannot be split into smaller groups.

If group sizes or the number of groups exceed the above limits, special allowance may be made depending on the group size, time of year and so on, particularly in the Douglas Apsley and Peninsular zones.

Douglas–Apsley Note: The Leeabara track must be walked from north to south if the intention is to travel right through.

All groups intending to visit are required to notify the park office on (03) 6256 7000 as far in advance as possible, including providing an itinerary and numbers of participants. The entry fee exemption form, if applicable, should also be faxed to the park office on (03) 6256 7090.

For further information on the Freycinet National Park, please visit www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/freycinet/.

Narawntapu National Park

There are only four camping zones in the Narawntapu National Park and booking for groups is essential. For further information, please contact the ranger on (03) 6428 6277. See notes above in **General Information** regarding use during summer months.

For further information on the Narawntapu National Park, please visit www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/narawntapu/index.html.

Maria Island

There are only three zones for camping on Maria Island. They are:

- Darlington – a maximum of three groups of seventeen (including two staff) at one time
- Encampment Cove – a maximum of one group of seventeen (including two staff) at one time
- French Cove – a maximum of one group of seventeen (including two staff) at one time (contact the ranger on (03) 6257 1420 or via facsimile on (03) 6257 1482.

For information on ferries, please call (03) 6227 8900 or visit <http://www.mariaisland.com.au/ferry.htm>.

For further information on Maria Island, please visit www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/maria/index.html.

6 FORESTRY AREAS

All state forests are under the jurisdiction of Forestry Tasmania, although individual concession holders may have control of local access and usage (see **CVS Licensing System**).

In all cases, leaders should first contact the relevant district forester before visiting forest areas, as access may be withdrawn at short notice due to operational reasons. For further details, please visit the Forestry Tasmania website at www.tasforestrytourism.com.au/.

7 HYDRO TASMANIA

Group activities such as fishing, kayaking and camping require a permit from Hydro Tasmania. For further information, please visit the Hydro Tasmania website at www.hydro.com.au/Home/Tourism%20and%20Recreation/.

Applications should be made, with at least five weeks notice, to:

The Manager
Land and Facilities Management
Hydro Tasmania
GPO Box 355
Hobart TAS 7001

There is no charge for the permit .

8 WELLINGTON TRUST

Wellington Park is managed under its own legislation and has separate (but similar) management requirements to national parks. A CVS license is required by any commercial organisation wishing to operate within the park (see **Land Management Licensing** above).

Entry to the park is free, but camping is generally discouraged and other adventure activities such as mountain biking and horse riding are restricted to particular areas. Drinking water is not readily available in the park. For information on access, information and assistance in the Wellington Trust areas, please visit www.wellingtonpark.tas.gov.au/.

9 OTHER LAND MANAGERS

9.1 *Aboriginal Sites*

- Aboriginal sites such as caves and middens are fully protected by law and all groups must respect the historical and spiritual values they represent.

- Some sites have facilities that help students interpret them and are therefore particularly suitable for groups. Other sites may be of a sensitive or fragile nature and may not sustain the impact of increased visiting.
- The Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council (TALC) is able to provide, for example, advice and information about the suitability of certain areas and sites for educational visits.
- The TALC is also able to assist with site visits by providing Aboriginal Site Officers who are able to interpret sites and provide other information on Aboriginal culture and heritage matters.

The TALC contact details are as follows:

Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council

4 Lefroy Street
Hobart TAS 7000

Telephone: (03) 62 310288

9.2 Hobart Water

Catchment areas include Lake Fenton, Wellington Park and Derwent Drinking Water Catchment. For further information, please visit <www.hobartwater.com.au/>.

Parties using these water catchment areas should:

- not defecate or urinate in the area
- avoid direct contact with streams
- not camp or dispose of waste in the area
- not use four-wheel drive vehicles or horses in the area.

10 LIST OF REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICES

- Forestry Tasmania

Location	Address	Phone
Head Office	79 Melville St Hobart TAS 7000	(03) 6233 8203
Bass District	Forest Eco Centre Kings Street Scottsdale TAS 7260	(03) 6233 8203 (03) 6352 6466
Huon District	Main Rd, The Esplanade Geeveston, 7116	(03) 6297 0012
Mersey District	Rundle Road Devonport TAS 7310	(03) 6424 8388
Murchison District	Camdale Office 2-4 East Cam Road Camdale TAS 7320	(03) 6434 6345

- The Parks And Wildlife Service

Location	Address	Postal Address	Phone
Hobart	134 Macquarie Street Hobart	GPO Box 1751 Hobart TAS 7001	(03) 6233 5732
Launceston	165 Westbury Road Prospect	PO Box 46 Kings Meadows TAS 7249	(03) 6336 5312
St Helens	Eagle Street St Helens	PO Box 353 St Helens TAS 7216	(03) 6376 1550
Freycinet	Freycinet National Park	Private Bag Bicheno ..TAS...7215	(03) 6256 7000
Flinders Island	2 Lagoon Road Whitemark	PO Box 47 Whitemark TAS 7255	(03) 6359 2217
Ulverstone	12 Short Street Ulverstone	PO Box 809 Ulverstone TAS 7315	(03) 6429 8719
Cradle Mountain	Cradle Mountain National Park	PO Box 20 Sheffield TAS 7306	(03) 6492 1133
Arthur River	Arthur River Road Arthur River	PO Box 715 Smithton TAS 7336	(03) 6457 1225
Smithton	130 Nelson Street Smithton	PO Box 715 Smithton TAS 7336	(03) 6452 4997
Queenstown	Penghana Road Queenstown	PO Box 21 Queenstown TAS 7467	(03) 6471 2511
Lake St Clair	Lake St Clair	C/- PO Derwent Bridge TAS 7140	(03) 6289 1172
Strahan	Customs House Esplanade, Strahan	PO Box 62 Strahan TAS 7468	(03) 6471 7122
Tamar	165 Westbury Road Prospect	PO Box 46 Kings Meadows TAS 7249	(03) 6336 5397
Mole Creek	Maracoopa Cave	PO Box 172 Mole Creek TAS 7304	(03) 6363 5133
Mersey	Narawntapu National Park	PO Box 153 Devonport TAS 7310	(03) 6428 6277
Liawenee	C/- Rangers Office Lake Highway Liawenee	C/- Post Office Liawenee TAS 7030	(03) 6259 8148
Seven Mile Beach	293 Surf Rd Seven Mile Beach	293 Surf Rd Seven Mile Beach TAS 7170	(03) 6214 8100
Bruny Island	Coolangatta Road Adventure Bay	C/- Post Office Adventure Bay Bruny Island TAS 7150	(03) 6293 1419
Huonville	22 Main Road Huonville	22 Main Road Huonville TAS 7109	(03) 6264 8460

Mt Field	66 Lake Dobson Road Mt Field National Park	66 Lake Dobson Road National Park TAS 7140	(03) 6288 1149
Derwent	13 St John's Avenue Newtown	13 St John's Avenue, Newtown TAS 7008	(03) 6233 6560

Note: The Activity Standards listed are based on generally accepted common practice. Their use in each individual activity or program may vary according to factors such as previous client experiences, weather and environmental considerations. It is strongly recommended that all providers (commercial and non-commercial) obtain independent legal advice to ensure they understand their duty-of-care obligations under the law in Tasmania.

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