



Tasman

NATIONAL PARK

Located in southeastern Tasmania, Tasman National Park protects spectacular coastal areas on the eastern and southern coastlines on the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas.

Highlights

Sheer sea cliffs reaching to 300m, blowholes sandy beaches and sea sculptured rock formations can be viewed from easy walking distance of car parks. For the more energetic, take a longer walk to experience some of the most scenic coastal walking in Australia.

Three Capes Track

Experience:

Pre-bookings are essential for this spectacular 4 day, 3 night journey which starts from Port Arthur Historic Site. Accommodation is in eco-cabins. For more information see

www.threecapestrack.com.au.

National Parks Passes are available at Fortescue Bay Campground, Service Tasmania shops statewide, and online www.parks.tas.gov.au.

Important

Dogs are not permitted at Fortescue Bay Camp area or anywhere in the national park.

Access

There are several main access roads to the different areas of the park.

For the northern end of the Tasman Peninsula, turn off at Blowhole Road (C338) just after Eaglehawk Neck. This leads to Tasmans Arch and the Devils Kitchen. Along the C338, a sign-posted gravel road leads to Waterfall Bay, the beginning of the Tasman Coastal Track.



To reach the southern area of the park, continue along the A9 towards Port Arthur. 6 km past Taranna turn left into Fortescue Road (C344). This 12 km rough dirt road provides access to Fortescue Bay and the walking tracks to Cape Hauy, Canoe Bay and Cape Pillar. Please drive with caution as log trucks use this road.

From the Arthur Highway (A9), turn off into Safety Cove Road (C347) at the Port Arthur township to access Remarkable Cave, Maingon Blowhole and walking tracks to Mount Brown and Crescent Bay. Further west, walking tracks to Cape Raoul, Shipstern Bluff and Tunnel Bay can be reached from Stormlea Road south of Nubeena.

Things to do

Just outside the the national park, the **Officers Quarters Museum** in Eaglehawk Neck Historic Site is thought to be the oldest timber military building in Australia. There is an interpretive display and there is no admission fee.

Day visitors can visit Tasmans Arch, The Blowhole, Waterfall Bay and Remarkable Caves by a short walk from the respective car parks. The Coal Mines Historic Site and Lime Bay are also well worth visiting.

Walks	Time (hours)
Devils Kitchen Car Park to Waterfall Bay	1.5 hours return
Fortescue Bay to Canoe Bay	2 hours return
Fortescue Bay to Cape Huay	4 hours return
Waterfall Bay to Fortescue Bay	8 hours one way
Cape Raoul	5 hours return

Devils Kitchen Car Park to Waterfall Bay – 1.5 to 2 hours return. This easy cliffside walk has spectacular views.

Fortescue Bay to Canoe Bay – 2 hours return. A short walk along the Tasman Coastal Track, from Fortescue Bay to Canoe Bay. Suitable for families.

Cape Huay Track – 4 hours return. From the boat ramp at Fortescue Bay, pass through heath and woodlands to steep cliffs with magnificent views of the Lanterns, Candlestick and Totem Pole. Sheer rock stacks plunging to the sea.

Tasman Coastal Track – 8 hour day walk following the cliffs from Waterfall Bay to Fortescue. Continue on for a day walk to Cape Huay. See Fortescue Bay Walking Notes.

Cape Raoul – 5 hours return. This track, which begins from the Stormlea Road to Highcroft, has excellent views. The initial section of the track crosses private land.

The sheltered waters, good fishing and beauty of the waters surrounding the Tasman Peninsula make it popular for **boating** and **sea kayaking**. However sea and wind conditions can change rapidly. Check the forecast before heading out, wear a PFD, and carry appropriate safety equipment.

The sheer dolerite columns found in this area are popular for **abseiling** and **rockclimbing**. In suitable conditions a launch site overlooking Pirates Bay is used by **hang gliding** clubs and qualified enthusiasts.

Facilities

Disabled toilets are located at The Blowhole, Remarkable Cave and Port Arthur Historic Site.

Boat ramps can be found at The Blowhole, Fortescue Bay and Stewarts Bay.

Fortescue Bay has picnic facilities including gas barbecues, tables, and toilets. Over 40 camping sites are available. Camping fees are payable at the site managers office. Bookings should be made, especially in peak season (03) 6250 2433. Caravans can also be used however there is no power. Barbecues, a cold water shower block and composting toilets and barbecues are provided. Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided and firewood is for sale. The rest of the park is a **fuel stove only** area.

There are no shops in the park. Groceries, meals and accommodation are available at Port Arthur, Nubeena and Eaglehawk Neck. Fuel is available at Port Arthur and Nubeena.

What to bring

Warm and waterproof clothing is essential at any time of the year. In summer wear a hat and use sunscreen. It is recommended to bring drinking water in summer.

Weather

Weather conditions can change rapidly. Check the Bureau of Meteorology forecast on 1196.

Further information

Various books about walks in Tasmanian national parks and are available at Service Tasmania Shops statewide.

Parks and Wildlife Service website www.parks.tas.gov.au

Tasman National Park and associated reserves, Map and Notes.

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