

Telowie Gorge Conservation Park



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Healthy People*



Home to a colony of yellow-footed rock-wallabies, Telowie Gorge Conservation Park features some of the most dramatic scenery in the Southern Flinders Ranges. The gorge and its diverse landforms have been created by Telowie Creek, which over time has cut a deep gorge through the range. Today, the gorge creates a rich variety of habitats for animals and plants from both the southern temperate and arid regions. During winter, Telowie Creek flows from the gorge onto the plains.

How to get to the park

The park is located 25 kilometres north-east of Port Pirie, off Highway 1.

Facilities

There are two camping areas adjacent the main entrance road, however there are no toilet facilities or drinking water. Rockclimbing is not permitted in the park.

Plants

The open forest and woodland vegetation, with eucalypts, native pines, yaccas and wattles, gives spectacular displays along the creeklines in spring. The Flinders Ranges wattle is endemic to the area, and can be seen flowering on rocky outcrops and along the creek bed from autumn to spring.

Animals

The park is home to a colony of yellow-footed rock-wallabies, which are now considered a vulnerable species. This park is near the southern limit of the wallaby's distribution. Park managers and the community are giving this species every chance to survive and regain numbers by controlling threats like foxes and goats. Quiet visitors may be rewarded with a glimpse.

Possums and euros can also be seen, and numerous birds inhabit the area, including wedge-tailed eagles, various honeyeaters and the sacred kingfisher. Reptile life is abundant and include tree goannas, rock skinks and painted dragons.

Camping


Limited vehicle-based camping is available alongside the entrance road to the park, comprising two camping areas with no toilet facilities or drinking water. Backpack camping is permitted, except during the Fire Danger Season (usually November 1 to April 30).

Campers must follow these minimal impact guidelines:

- Take your rubbish with you.
- Avoid washing in creeks.
- Be aware of correct toilet procedures. Dig a 20 cm deep hole, 50 m from creeks, to bury waste and paper.
- Groups of six or less can camp in areas that are naturally clear of vegetation.
- Camping is not permitted in Telowie Gorge.
- **A permit is required for camping.** Contact the Southern Flinders District Office for details.

Bushwalking

There are several constructed trails and fire access tracks within the park suitable for experienced walkers. It is recommended that walking be done in organised groups, using the 1:50,000 Pirie topographic map. Walking groups should advise park staff at the Southern Flinders District Office, or let a responsible person know of their intended itinerary. Park staff are happy to advise on routes. Local landholders must be notified if you intend walking on private land.



HIKE

MODERATE

- some moderate inclines
- irregular surface with loose, uneven base
- average level of fitness

Nukunu Trail (2 km return, 40 min return)

The trail is named for the Nukunu people, who are the traditional custodians of the southern Flinders Ranges. The hike takes walkers along the base of Telowie Gorge.



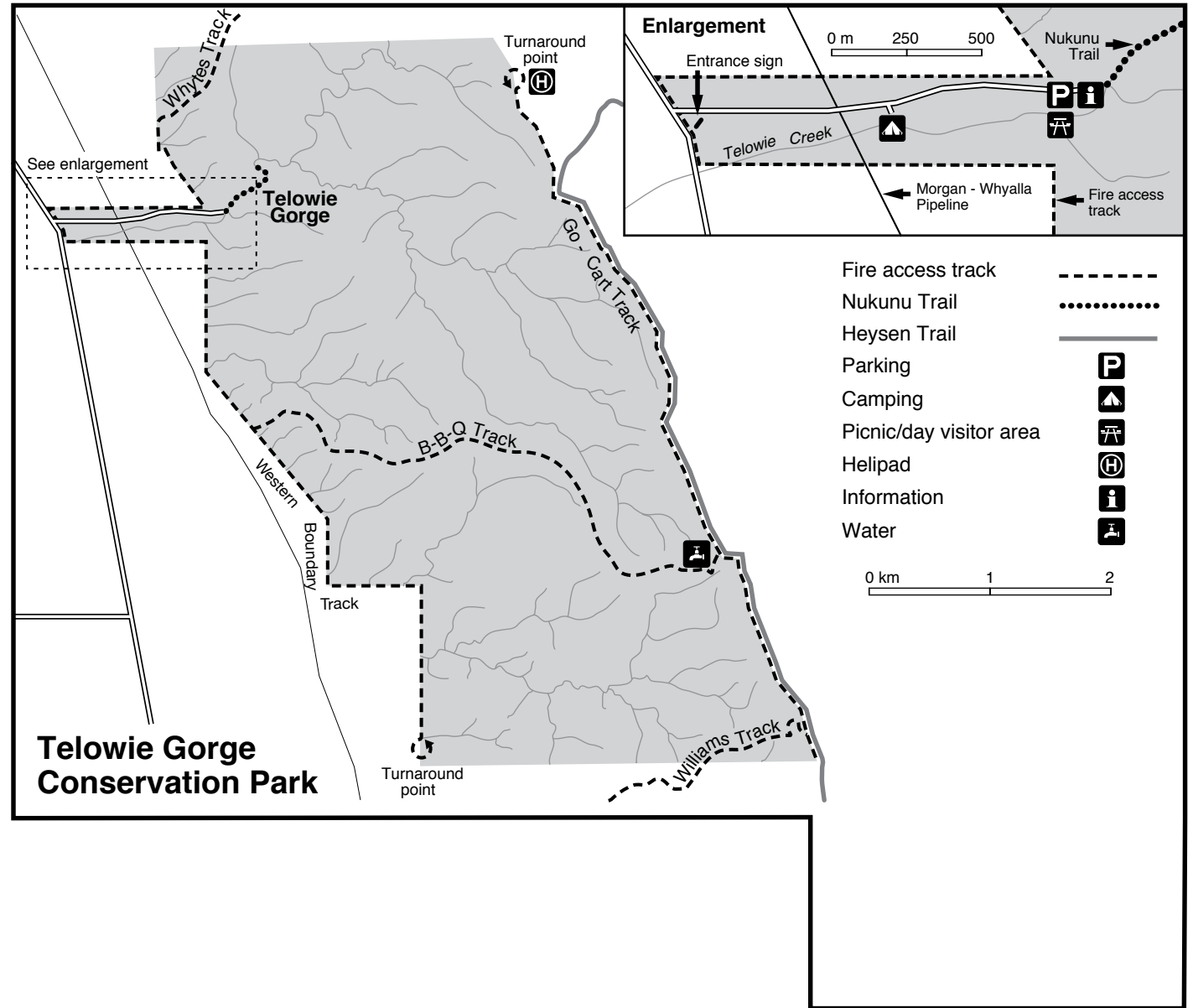
HIKE

HARD

- some steep inclines
- irregular surface with loose, uneven base
- average level of fitness
- some hiking experience

BBQ Track (7 km one way, 3 hrs one way)

This track winds up to the ridgeline, giving spectacular views of the Spencer Gulf. Here, well-prepared walkers can meet the Heysen Trail, and walk into Wirrabara Forest.



Fire Danger Season

The fire danger season usually extends from November 1 to April 30. Check the CFS Hotline on 1300 362 361 for details. The following regulations reduce the potential for bushfires and enhance visitor safety:

- The park is closed to visitors on days of Total Fire Ban in the Flinders District.
- Wood fires are not permitted in the park. Please use liquid fuel or gas stoves only.
- During the fire danger season, camping is allowed only at the Telowie Gorge Campground.



Walk Safely

Be prepared when bushwalking:

- Wear sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen.
- Carry sufficient food and drinking water. Allow 4 litres of water per person per day.
- Do not rely on tanks or creeks in the park for drinking water.
- Keep to the defined walking trail.
- Inform a responsible person of your proposed route and expected time of return.
- Weather conditions can change quickly, ensure you have appropriate wet-weather clothing.

Remember, your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

The National Parks Code

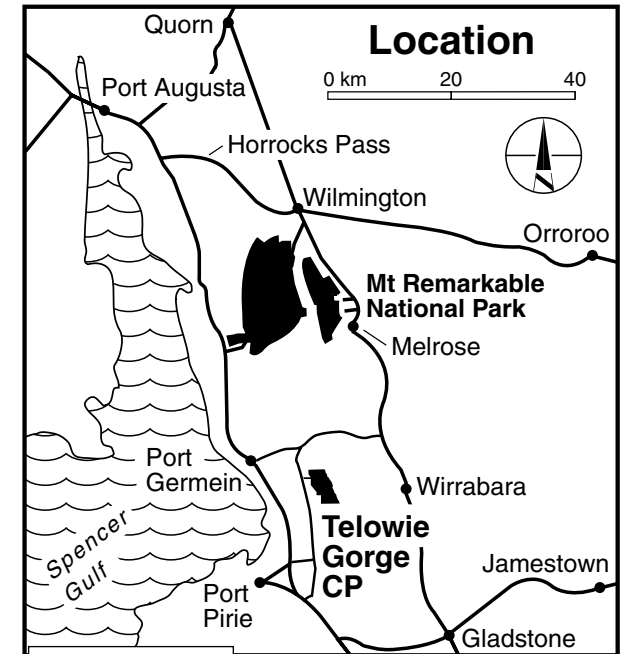
Help protect your national parks by following these guidelines:

- Leave your pets at home.
- Take your rubbish with you.
- Observe fire restrictions, usually 1 November to 30 April. Check the CFS hotline 1300 362 361.
- Conserve native habitat by using liquid fuel or gas stoves/barbecues only. Solid fuel fires are prohibited.
- Respect geological, cultural and heritage sites.
- Keep our wildlife wild. Do not feed or disturb animals, or remove native plants.
- Keep to defined vehicle tracks and walking trails.
- Be considerate of other park users.

Thank you for leaving the bush in its natural state for the enjoyment of others.

Friends of Telowie Gorge Conservation Park

This park is jointly managed by the Friends of Telowie Gorge Conservation Park – a community-run group who volunteer much of their time to the park. The Friends group has undertaken projects such as the construction of the Nukunu Trail, day visitor and camping area, pest plant and animal control, local school education programs and data collection. If you are interested in helping manage our parks, contact local park staff.



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