

# Point Nepean National Park

## Discovery Tents



Located within the idyllic coastal setting of the historic Quarantine Station precinct, the pre-pitched Discovery Tents offer a unique opportunity to camp under canvas within Point Nepean National Park. The standing-height tents are fixed to timber platforms and include basic camp furniture. The campground area features two and four person sites, as well as amenities including hot showers, toilets and a fully equipped camp kitchen with an outdoor dining area and BBQs.



### Opening hours

Point Nepean National Park - Discovery Tents are available from September to April each year. Guests enter the main entrance of the national park and follow signs to Campground - Discovery Tents to the historic former Quarantine Station precinct. Guests will be provided with a keypad code to access the campground car park. The onsite campground Reception is open from 9.30am to 5pm daily.

The national park Visitor Information Centre is open daily (except Christmas day), from 10am to 5pm and is located a 200m walk from the day visitor carpark or 400m from the campground in the Quarantine Station precinct.

### Getting there

Point Nepean National Park is located 110km south of Melbourne near Portsea. Access to the Discovery Tents is through the main entrance and national park roads.

If driving, take the M1, Eastlink (M3), then Mornington Peninsula Freeway (M11) and follow the signs to Portsea and continue along Point Nepean Road. Alternatively, take the Queenscliff to Sorrento vehicle and passenger ferry (Searoad Ferries) which operates 7am to 6pm and connects with Point Nepean Road at Sorrento.

Visitors can also catch a suburban train from Melbourne to Frankston, or the Searoad ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento, and then take the PTV bus to Portsea (788), which terminates at the national park entrance. An internal park shuttle bus operates from the nearby Entrance Station Picnic Area carpark (100m walk) which links with the 788 PTV bus for transfers to/from the Quarantine Station (pick-up 10:25 am & 1:30 pm, drop-off 1:00 pm & 4:15 pm, or 4:45 pm during day light saving time). For a 788 PTV timetable, refer to the [Public Transport Victoria website](#) and [Searoad Ferries website](#) for ferry times.

The Quarantine Station is 2.3 km from the Entrance Station Picnic Area carpark via the shared bicycle/walking track and cycling is a great way to discover this vast 560ha park.

### Facilities

This is a pre pitched canvas tent camping experience set in an idyllic coastal campground within the foreshore vegetation of the historic Quarantine Station.

Each tent is located on an individual timber platform. Tents cater for two to four people. Tents are fitted out with stretcher beds with mattresses and some basic storage for personal belongings. Guests are required to bring their own pillows, linen/sleeping bag, chairs, torch, toiletries and personal items.

All Discovery Tent guests have access to a camp kitchen fitted with a stove, fridge, toaster, kettle, microwave, pots, pans and cooking utensils with preparation benches and washing up sinks. There is an exclusive outdoor barbecue and dining area perfect to prepare your favourite meal and relax after a day of national park adventures.

Consistent with an authentic camping experience, guests are encouraged to bring their own food cooler, tea towel, crockery and eating utensils.

Limited refrigeration space is available in the camp kitchen. For busy times we advise that guests bring their own food cooler, for which ice can be purchased at petrol stations along the way and from the supermarket in Sorrento (5km from campground).

Portable gas BBQs / cookers are prohibited in the campground due to flammable surrounds but may be used in picnic areas provided in the broader Quarantine Station precinct.

Campervans, caravans, camper trailers, vehicle rooftop tents and BYO tents are not permitted in the national park. Nearby bayside foreshore reserves and towns host a wide range of caravan, camping and roofed accommodation options. For more information, please visit [visitmorningtonpeninsula.org](#)

### Bookings and information

To book go to [bookings.parks.vic.gov.au](#) or call 13 1963 for information.

### Camping options

There are 36 Discovery Tents, which host a maximum of 94 guests:

Tent Style	Number of tents	Cost (2023-24)
Discovery Tent: 2-Person	23	\$124.80 per night
Discovery Tent: Accessible 2-Person	2	\$124.80 per night
Discovery Tent: 4-Person	11	\$171.60 per night

### Accessibility

The campground provides dedicated accessible tents (tents 1 and 5), pathways, amenities, kitchen, picnic tables and BBQs. However, the stretcher beds provided may not be suitable for all guests. Guests can contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 to discuss specific accessibility requirements prior to booking or arrival.

Parks Victoria

Phone 13 1963

[www.parks.vic.gov.au](#)



## Be prepared and stay safe



Point Nepean National Park is predominantly a natural setting with remote areas of thick bushland and sections of rugged rocky ocean coastline facing Bass Strait. Please remain on formed tracks and shared user roads when exploring. The national park is also home to wildlife such as wallabies, echidnas, bandicoots, birds, lizards and snakes. Whales and dolphins are sometimes seen close to shore, while seals and penguins may occasionally come out and rest on the beach. Do not approach or feed wildlife and report any distressed, injured or aggressive animals to park rangers.

Access to or swimming from the ocean facing coastline (Bass Strait) of Point Nepean National Park is NOT PERMITTED for safety and conservation reasons. Swimming from the bay beaches (Port Phillip) within Point Nepean National Park is NOT RECOMMENDED due to large and unexpected waves, unpredictable strong offshore winds, swift tides, deep drop offs and unmarked submerged obstacles.

Safer swimming bay beaches are at nearby Sorrento or Portsea townships. Two ocean facing beaches within nearby Mornington Peninsula National Park are patrolled by Surf Life Savers during the summer and Easter holidays at Sorrento Back Beach and Portsea Surf Beach – look for the recommended swimming zones between the patrolled beach flags. Always observe aquatic hazard risk signs and take note of the displayed emergency marker codes in the event of an emergency and when seeking assistance.

We recommend all visitors have Ambulance Services membership or insurance covering the cost of ambulance transport given the distance of Point Nepean from the nearest hospital at Rosebud.

On Extreme / Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days, this park and camping area will be closed for public safety. In the case of severe weather, Parks Victoria may assess the campground to be a high risk to campers and may close the campground at short notice to ensure visitor safety. In this case every effort will be taken to pre-warn and inform visitors prior to arrival.

Check the latest park conditions at [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.

## Caring for the park and visitor safety

Help us look after this park by following these guidelines

- Dogs, cats and other domestic animals are prohibited.
- Fires are prohibited anywhere at all times. Penalties apply
- Access to the ocean coastline (Bass Strait) is prohibited for conservation and safety reasons.
- Swimming from the Quarantine Station shoreline is not advised due to swift tidal currents and unpredictable strong offshore winds.
- Portable gas barbecues may be used at designated picnic areas in the Quarantine Station precinct, but not within the campground.
- Fishing is permitted from the Quarantine Station shoreline. Fishing licence and regulations apply.
- Boat landing is permitted at designated areas of the Quarantine Station shoreline.
- All plants, animals, historic artefacts and geological features are protected – please leave the park as you find it.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply.
- Please keep your tent clean and store all food securely and properly dispose of all rubbish, including food scraps.
- Keep to designated walking and bicycle tracks. Be aware of shared user zones on some roads and tracks.
- Permits are required to carry out organised tours, events, weddings, and commercial photography and filming activities.
- Permits are required for flying remote controlled planes and drones.
- Change of Conditions information is available at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) – check before you visit

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



# Discovery Tents: Coastal

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P O R T P H I L I P

 Discovery Tent  
 Picnic shelter  
 Water point  
 Beach shower  
 Road  
 Unsealed road  
 Walking track  
 Waterbody  
 Beach  
 Garden bed

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**Regulatory information**  
 Campfires not Permitted (Penalties Apply)  
 Dogs not permitted  
 Please put all rubbish in bins provided

To book your site, visit  
[www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/stay) or call **13 1963**

