

Mornington Peninsula National Park



Greens Bush

Situated between Arthurs Seat and Cape Schanck on the Mornington Peninsula and only 90 kilometres from Melbourne, Greens Bush is the largest remnant of bushland on the Peninsula. Surrounded by farmland, the area contains a variety of vegetation communities, making it a wildlife haven and excellent place for nature walking.

How to get there

The national park is 90 kilometres south of Melbourne. The northern section of Greens Bush can be accessed from Baldrys Road, Main Ridge and the southern section from Boneo Road, Flinders.

Things to see and do

Peaceful surroundings and the natural beauty of the bush make the area excellent for walking, picnicking and observing nature. Explore Greens Bush on foot via a network of walking trails.

Walks

Arrow markers outline walking tracks throughout the national park. Orange arrow markers indicate longer 'through routes' and blue markers indicate local 'circuit walks'.

Short walks

Baldrys Short Circuit Walk, 1.6km

Starting at Baldry Crossing, this short but rewarding walk takes you through eucalypt forest.

Baldrys Long Circuit Walk, 3.6km

This longer circuit passes through several cool, moist fern gullies which are a welcome contrast to the drier Peppermint and Manna Gum woodlands.

Longer walks

Long Point Circuit, 4km

Accessed off the Two Bays Track, or midway between Highfield and Gate 3 on Rogers Road, this circuit passes through eucalypt woodlands with views across open grasslands and shady gullies.

Two Bays Walking Track, 8.9km

This longer walk, an excellent way to see Greens Bush, is a link in the 26km bush corridor from Dromana to Cape Schanck. There are several highlights along the trail; eucalypt forest mixed with spectacular stands of grasstrees, pockets of Melaleuca thickets, picturesque fern gullies, coastal heath and open grasslands. The Two Bays

Walking Track is identified by a circular symbol displaying a Blue Wren, which can be seen on signage along the track.

Crossing Boneo Road, the southern section of the Two Bays Track leads to Bushrangers Bay and on to Cape Schanck Lighthouse (see Cape Schanck parknote). This track forms part of the 100km Mornington Peninsula Walk, linking existing tracks across the Peninsula.

Flora & fauna

Greens Bush is home to a diversity of plants and animals. It is rich in birdlife, mammals and reptiles which live among the native plant communities.

At dawn and dusk, Eastern Grey Kangaroos feed at Highfield and shy Koalas can occasionally be seen along Main Creek. Most of the mammals in the park are nocturnal. As the light fades, listen for the twittering of Ringtail Possums and Sugar Gliders.

History

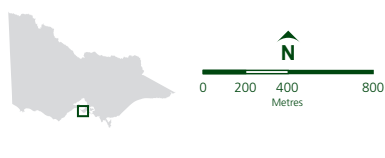
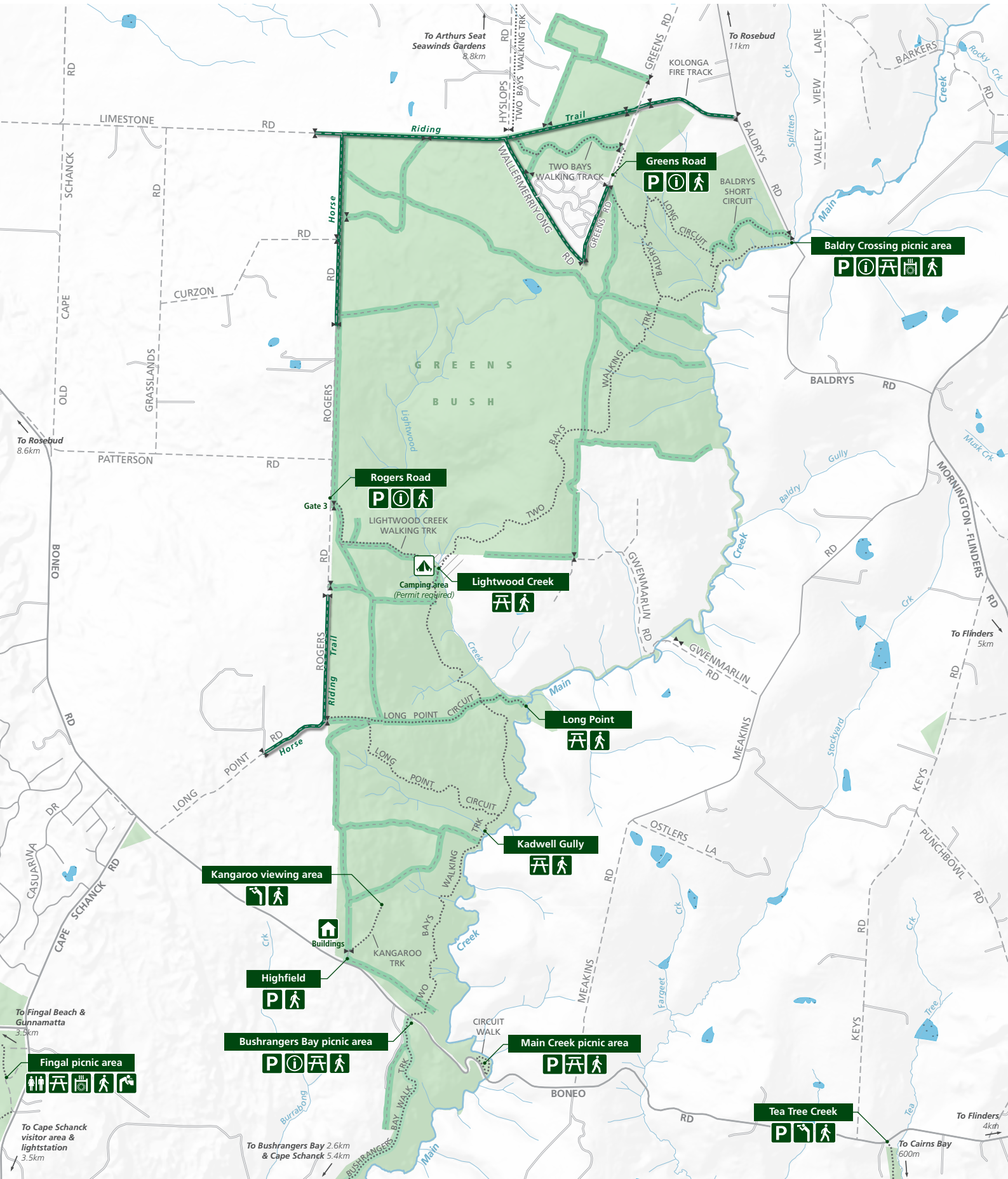
In 1926 the Green family purchased 900 hectares of land for farming but retained much of the natural bushland. After extensive clearing across the Peninsula, the National Trust listed the Green property as classified landscape in 1974.

In 1975 the State government purchased 500 hectares from the Greens with the intention of creating a park. Funds were limited, and in 1986 a public appeal was launched by the Victorian Conservation Trust to buy the remaining area. Over \$1.3 million was raised and following purchase, Greens Bush is now part of Mornington Peninsula National Park.

Cinnamon Fungus invasion

Some of the native plants of Greens Bush are dying because of a microscopic fungus, Cinnamon Fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*). People can unwittingly transmit the fungus spores on their shoes, which is why some parts of Greens Bush are not accessible to visitors.





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| Parking | BBQ | Main road | Private access | Mornington Peninsula NP |
| Information | Lookout | Sealed road | Walking track | Waterbody |
| Toilets | Walking trails | Unsealed road | Horse riding trail | Gate |
| Picnic table | Drinking water | 4WD | Management vehicles/walking track only | |

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