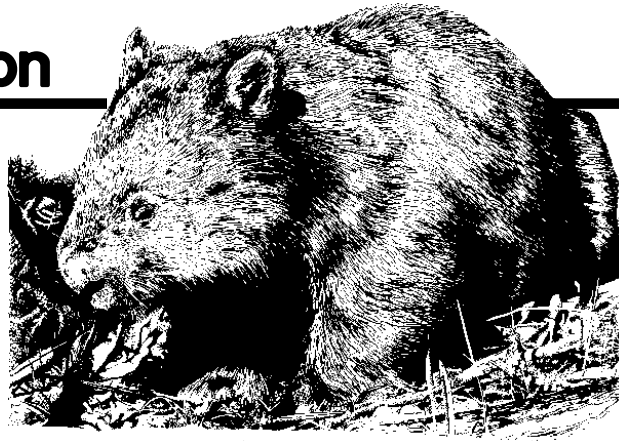


Visitor information

Girraween National Park



Girraween, meaning 'place of flowers' is a park of massive granite outcrops, large angular tors, boulders and precariously balanced rocks. Spectacular wildflower displays emerge from amongst the granite in spring.

Situated at the northern end of the New England Tableland, Girraween has an average elevation of 900m. Its eucalypt forests and heathlands support a diverse range of birds including the rare turquoise parrot and superb lyrebird. Common wombats graze on grassy areas fringing the heath and forest, but are rarely seen.

Things to do

Enjoy nature

The park is ideal for birdwatching, with more than 146 bird species recorded. Walk with a torch at night and you might see possums, gliders, spotted-tailed quolls and kangaroos.

Walking tracks

There are 17km of walking tracks within Girraween, most of which radiate out from the vicinity of the park's information centre. They range from a 1km return walk to the Granite Arch to a 10.4km return walk to Mt Norman. A park guide with a map and a description of the walks is available at the park.

Picnicking

A large, open, grassy picnic area is located on the southern bank of Bald Rock Creek next to the information centre.

Camping

Camping is available at the park. The park is very popular, particularly during school holidays and long weekends.

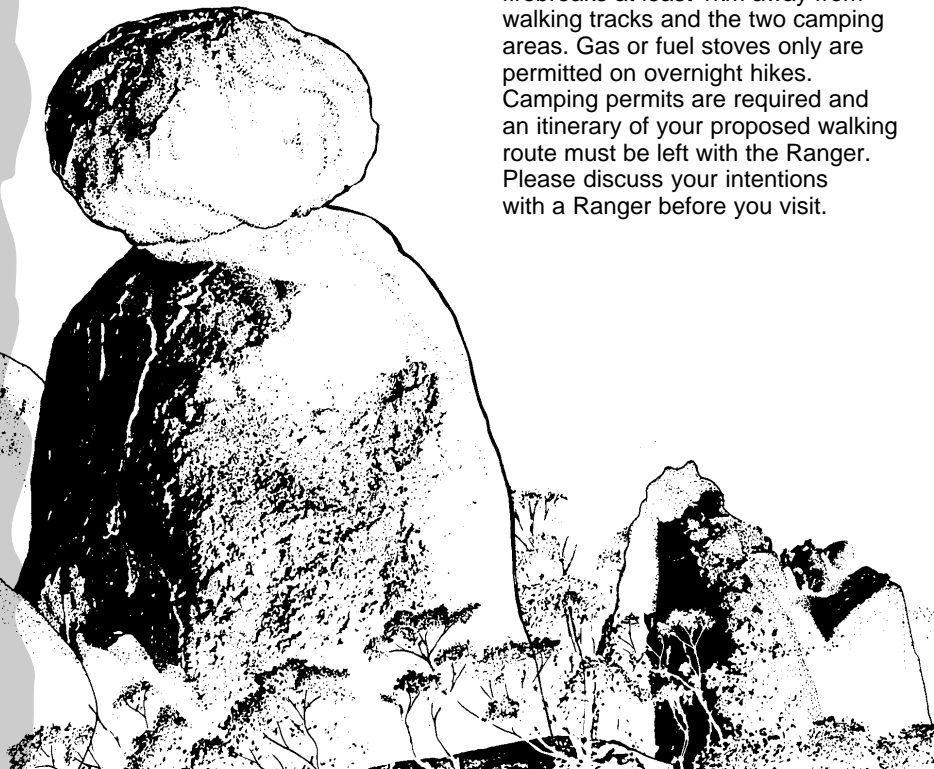
All campers require permits. Pre-paid bookings are required for peak visitor periods and can be made up to 12 months in advance. Camping applications containing fee payment, details of party size, proposed dates and other relevant information should be sent to Girraween National Park.

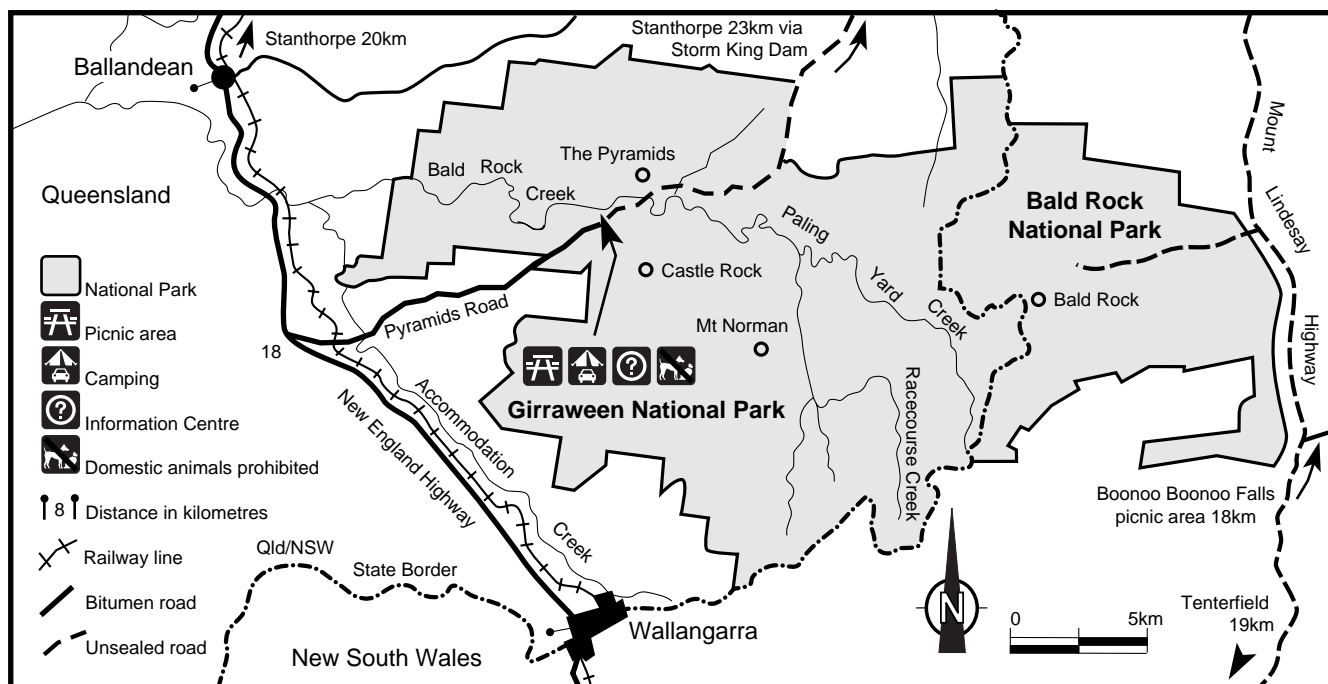
Facilities

The picnic area has fireplaces, picnic tables and septic toilets.

Two camping areas — Castle Rock and Bald Rock Creek — have hot showers, toilets, picnic tables and fireplaces. There is not a fireplace or table at every campsite. Caravan sites are not powered and generators are not permitted.

Remote camping is permitted along firebreaks at least 1km away from walking tracks and the two camping areas. Gas or fuel stoves only are permitted on overnight hikes. Camping permits are required and an itinerary of your proposed walking route must be left with the Ranger. Please discuss your intentions with a Ranger before you visit.





The visitor information centre is usually open 7 days a week, park duties permitting. Please check at information centre for opening hours.

A coin operated STD public telephone is located in the carpark adjacent to the information centre. If you anticipate making calls while visiting the park, please bring a coin supply with you.

Fuel and food supplies are available at Ballandean, Wallangarra and Stanthorpe.

Planning your trip

Be prepared for cold changes in any season. Winters are usually dry and cold with frosty nights reaching a minimum of -8°C . Summer days are warm ($25\text{-}30^{\circ}\text{C}$) with cool nights. The average annual rainfall is 850mm, most of which falls between November and March.

Preferably bring gas or fuel stoves. Firewood is provided in the picnic and camping areas. Please use firewood sparingly and never gather wood or kindling from the bush. Light fires only in fireplaces provided and keep wood under the cooking plate and bars.

Creek water treated with chlorine is provided at taps in the picnic and camping areas. You may wish to boil it before drinking. Please be conservative in your water use.

Rubbish bins are not provided nor is rubbish collected in the park. Pack food in reusable containers to reduce rubbish. Bring strong garbage bags or sealable containers to store rubbish and recyclables for proper disposal on your return home.

Take care when walking. Granite rocks can be slippery, especially when wet. Walkers are advised to wear sturdy shoes, hats, sunscreen, and take a first-aid kit and drinking water.

Bring binoculars and a camera for viewing and recording the park's wildlife and scenery.

Access

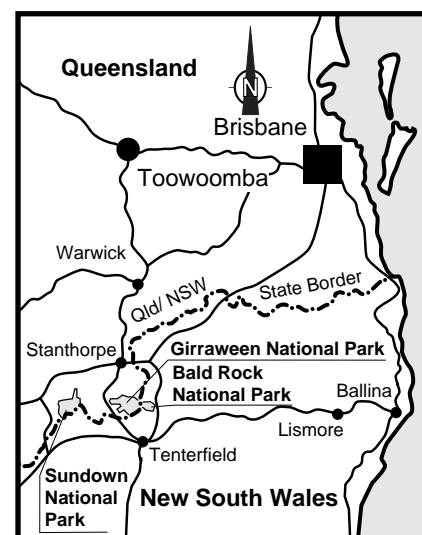
Girraween is situated approximately 260km by road south-west of Brisbane. To reach the park, turn off the New England Highway 26km south of Stanthorpe or 11km north of Wallangarra. The winding bitumen road continues a further 9km east through the Wyberba Valley to the park information centre.

The road from Stanthorpe to Girraween via Eukey and Storm King Dam has some sections of gravel.

Help care for the park

Enjoy the park's natural beauty every time you visit by following a few commonsense rules.

- Leave everything in the park as you find it; take only photos and leave only footprints. Everything in the park, living or dead, is protected.
- Leave your pets at home; they can frighten wildlife, annoy other visitors and become lost. Domestic animals are prohibited in national parks.
- Do not feed native animals; this upsets the balance of nature and can make animals sick and/or aggressive.
- Keep to walking tracks; these give you access to the park's features and reduce your impact on the environment.
- Do not pollute the creek with soaps, shampoo, detergents or human waste.



- Do not use generators or engine-driven compressors; their use is not permitted in the park.
- Take care not to bring weeds into the park on vehicle tyres and shoes.
- Take rubbish and recyclables home for proper disposal.

Remember, national parks are protected areas under the Nature Conservation Act. Penalties apply for breaches of the Act.

For further information

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