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Warby Range State Park

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State Park

Region:

East

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Extending for 25 km north of the town of Glenrowan in north east Victoria is a range known locally as the Warbys. The combination of excellent viewing points, ridge, pleasant picnic spots and outstanding variety of birdlife and wildflower visitors with a memorable experience.

Things to Do

- | Management tracks and the open grassy understorey are ideal for everyone. Make sure to bring water to the park in summer and carry it on walks.
- | Bushwalkers wishing to camp away from the roads and tracks are recommended to make arrangements with the ranger before their trip.
- | The views from Ryan's Lookout are exceptional, especially in winter. For the appreciation of the varying Warby landscape, motorists can take a short drive starting at Ryan's Lookout and going along Gerrett Road before linking to Adam's Track and the Thoona Road.
- | The one kilometre Pine Gully Nature Walk, starting near the picnic area on Wangaratta-Thoona Road, 4.5 km west of Ryan's Lookout, provides a good introduction to the plants and animals of the Warbys. The walk is reasonably strenuous and takes an hour to complete suitable footwear is essential.
- | At Whenams camp the Friends of Warby Ranges have constructed a walking track. There is an information brochure box at each end of the track which connects to another leading to the Kwat Kwat lookout which gives

view of Wangaratta and the snow capped mountains of Mount Buffalo and Mount Bogong.

- | Other lookouts are the Pangarang lookout near Pine Gully Picnic Area; Glenrowan Lookout, at the highest point of the Warbys at an elevation of 400m. Mount Glenrowan Lookout is accessed from Tamnick Gap Road.

Facilities

- | Barbecue facilities are available at Ryans Lookout, Briens Gorge Falls Picnic Area and Adams/Tower Road corner. There are no stores or kiosk in the park.
- | Camping in the park is permitted in the simple campground at "Wenh". There is a toilet, water tank and barbecues. Large groups are asked to contact the park before using the camping area.

Heritage

The Warby Range was originally named Futtlers Range by Major Mitchell during his expedition through the area in 1836. It was later renamed after Ben Warby who took up the land run of 9300ha in 1844.

Despite its modest height (approximately 400m), the 400 million year old granite probably offered good vantage points to Ned Kelly and his fellow bushrangers in the 1800s. From the summit of Mt Glenrowan, they could easily oversee the country and goings in the small town of Glenrowan.

In 1979, the Warby Range was declared a state park in recognition of its scientific area and the diversity of plant and animal species it supports. The park area doubled in size in 1989, to 6880ha, with the addition of the Warby Range State park was expanded again in 2002 to 11,460ha.

Little is known about Aboriginal use of the area, but it is believed to be significant due to the abundant food resources available in the rivers and swamps of the surrounding area. Rock wells in the northwest of the park and surface artefact scatters at Black Rock some of the few known remaining signs of Aboriginal occupation in the park. Some of the springs rising at the foot of the range may also have been important sites. All cultural material and sites are protected.

Fauna

Most animals in the Warbys are nocturnal and so not easy to spot during the day. Occasionally a dark-furred swamp wallaby or eastern grey kangaroo may be seen.

spring flowers are the nodding blue-lily (*Stypandra glauca*), common fringed-tetragona) and the daphne heath (*Brachyloma daphnoides*). The Guinea flo (*hibbertias*), grevilleas, peas and orchids species burst into flower to the de and insect world.

The vegetation of the Warbys is characterised by a mosaic of open forests : of Blakely's redgum, red stringybark and a range of box species. Small com cypress pine occur on the western side.

A range of interesting plant species occur within the park, including the Aust (*Xanthorrhoea australis*) which grows in clumps throughout the forest and is c its long 'skirt' and black trunk.

Looking After the Park

- | Take your rubbish with you.
- | No fires, including barbecues, may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban.
- | Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the park.
- | Firearms are prohibited.
- | All native plants and animals are protected.
- | Leave the park as you find it .

Precautions

- | Roads may become unsuitable for large buses and heavy vehicles du and spring.

How to Get There

The Warby Range extends from Glenrowan in the south to the Kilawarra St: north. It is approximately 11 km east of Wangaratta. Leaving Wangaratta via Yarrowonga Road there are a choice of approaches; the Wangandary-Thoo Tower Road and Boweya Road. In the south access is available via Tamnic

Nearby Parks

- | Beechworth Historic Park
- | Mount Buffalo National Park
- | Mount Samaria State Park
- | Reef Hills State Park

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