

BRIGHT WEEKEND 11/3/22->14/3/22 (v1)

Porepunkah is a small town located in the valley adjacent to Mt. Buffalo where there are numerous walks. It also near to Bright without the congestion, while still remaining close to both localities.



Accommodation

The accommodation consists of base camping at the Mt Buffalo Tourist Park in Porepunkah (near Bright - 4-5 hours from Melbourne). Five camps sites have been initially booked with 2 tents allocated per site (i.e. 2 people per site). The cost is \$90 for the 3 nights + trip fees.

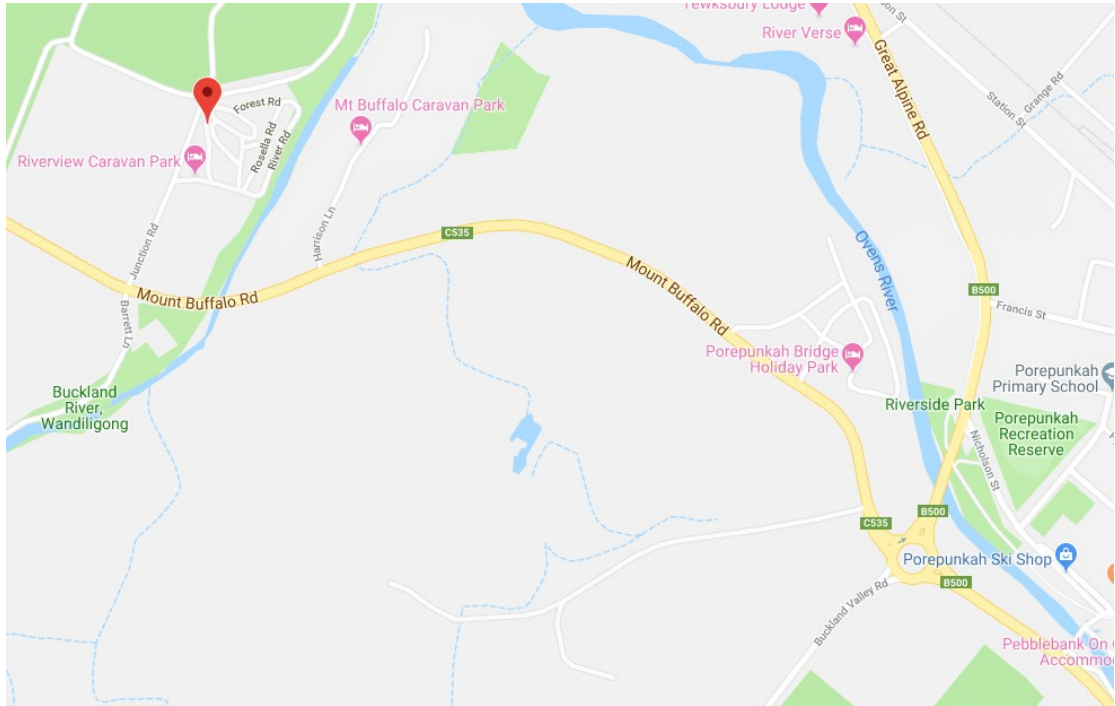
Since this is base camping, you will need a tent, sleeping mat and sleeping bag (or similar). Cooking equipment isn't necessary as there will be a BBQ or takeaway for the Saturday night, and a pub meal for the Sunday night. Alternatively, there are restaurants and take-away places (some in Porepunkah but most in Bright). Both Caravan Parks allegedly have 'fully equipped' camp kitchen, free BBQs, and games room.

There is a pub & a few other shops in Porepunkah, but there are a couple of supermarkets (a Woolworths and an IGA), numerous cafes, several restaurants, ice creamery and tourist shops in nearby Bright.

The Mt Buffalo Caravan Park is just before Riverview when heading towards Mt Buffalo at 13 Harrison Lane, Porepunkah. Contact is 03 57562235 (also refer <http://www.mtbuffalocaravanpark.com.au>)

From Wangaratta, head towards Bright. Once in Porepunkah, turn right at a roundabout towards Mt Buffalo. Junction Road is on your right. Make sure you arrive at the correct caravan park).





Costs & payments

For the Mt Buffalo Caravan park, the cost is \$90 + \$10 trip fee. Payment is made via the YHA website. Note that your position isn't secure until payment has been made.

There will also be petrol costs for passengers. This is determined by the driver. The maximum amount payable per passenger as per the club policy is to double the fuel cost (use 1.5 if there is only one passenger) and divide by the total number of people in the car. Alternatively, use \$0.30/km divided by all occupants in the vehicle. Of course, drivers can charge less.

Itinerary

There will be a full day walk for the Saturday and Sunday, with a possible short walk on the Monday prior to returning to Melbourne. The walks are expected to be the following although they may change to accommodate group preferences, weather conditions, etc:

Friday

Arrive afternoon or evening, set-up camp.

Saturday

Mackeys Lookout <-> Chalet (approx. 14km rtn). This is the second section of the 'Big Walk' , from Mackey's Lookout to the Buffalo

Chalet with fantastic views across the valley.

This is a moderately challenging walk with a sustained climb to the Chalet. It is also a return walk so it is possible to stop anywhere. Alternatively, only do one leg.

Optional group BYO BBQ or takeaway dinner

Sunday

Lake Catani - View Point Nature walk - Chalet - Monolith - Lake View cct, approx. 14km. Option of swim & Chalwell Galleries (7km)

[Alternative:

Og Gog Magog - Eagle Pt, option of Mt. Dunn (approx 10km + 4km)]

Group pub dinner

Monday

Eurobin Falls track (1.5km, 45 mins) and/or Rollason's Falls track (4km, 1.5hr)

OR

Bright Canyon river walk (6km). This is a walk through the Bright canyon following the river and returning via the opposite bank.

Return to Melbourne late morning or early afternoon.

There are many other walks in the Mt. Buffalo Area. Also, there is a long bike path from Bright to Mytleford (30km) along a former railway line. For cooling off, it is possible to 'immerse' in the shallow river at Porepunkah or Bright, Rollason's Falls (Mt. Buffalo) or swim at Lake Catani (Mt. Buffalo).

Meals

The plan is to have a BBQ or takeaway dinner on the Saturday night, and go out for a pub dinner on the Sunday night. This absolves the need to bring stoves, etc. Items for the Saturday BBQ/takeaway can be purchased in Bright after the walk.

What to bring

The following is a non-exhaustive list of suggested items to bring:

-Tent, sleeping mat, sleeping bag, pillow

- torch

-Swimwear

-Towel

-Snacks, 3xBreakfast , 3xlunch, 1xBBQ/takeaway dinner. Note that there is no refrigeration but there is a Woolworths and an IGA supermarket in Bright. The campground has a BBQ.

- cutlery & crockery as required eg. bowl, plate, spoon, knife, fork

-walking gear for hot & cold weather

- book/game (for rest day by the pool or river or if hot)
- earplugs
- camp chair