



Narawntapu

NATIONAL PARK

Long beaches, dunes, lagoons, small islands and the park's many inlets and low mountain ranges offer a wide diversity of habitats for plants and animals. Whether you enjoy water activities, wildlife, history, bushwalking, picnicking or camping, Narawntapu is a special place to be. Narawntapu is the original Aboriginal name for the Badger Head and West Head area.

Highlights

Narawntapu National Park is rich in both Aboriginal and European history and has an abundance of bird and mammal life. In the evening it is a great place to see wildlife, including Forester kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies wombats, or even a Tasmanian devil.

National parks fees apply. Parks passes are available at Narawntapu National Park Visitor Centre, Tasmanian Visitor Information Centres, or at Service Tasmania Shops statewide.

Getting there

Situated on the central-north coast of Tasmania, the eastern entrance to the park is less than one hours drive north-west of Launceston. To get to Badgers Beach from Launceston, take the West Tamar Highway (A7) towards Beauty Point. At Beaconsfield take the C720 then turn left and follow the unsealed Badger Head Road (C721).

Access to West Head is through the eastern entrance at Greens Beach end of the park, via the A7.

The main entrance at the western end of the park is 40 km from Devonport and can be accessed by taking the B71 to Moriarty and Harford then continuing another 5 km to the C740. This sealed road takes you to the park.

From Westbury head north on the B72, then west on the B71 until you reach the C740, which leads to the park.

Things to do

Bakers Beach and Badger Beach good for swimming, but are not patrolled and children should always be supervised in and near the water. Swimmers are advised to take care at Griffiths Point at the western end of Bakers Beach and in the Port Sorell Estuary, particularly when the tide is going out. These beaches are also popular for line fishing.



From 1 November until 30 April a section of Springlawn Beach is reserved for **water skiing** and no swimming is allowed. Boats can be launched at Bakers Point.

There is a 26 km return trail and holding yard for **horseriding** enthusiasts. 48 hrs notice is required before bringing horses into the park. Parks staff can be contacted on 03 6428 6277.

Important - Bakers Beach is closed to all vehicles.

Walks

Walks	Time
Short walks	
Springlawn Nature Walk	1 hr return
Archers Knob	2 hrs return
Fire Trail walks	3 hrs return
Longer walks	
Badger Head via Copper Cove	6-8 hrs return
Coastal Traverse	7-9 hrs one way
Point Vision	6-8 hrs return

Short Walks:

Springlawn Nature Walk - 1 hour return. Beginning from the Springlawn information hut, this easy circuit takes you through coastal vegetation to the lagoon bird hide and returns via the dunes.

Archers Knob - 2 hours return. Begin this easy walk from the information booth, or from a track which runs between the lagoon and Bakers Beach. Towards the eastern end of the beach the track climbs steadily through coastal trees to the top of Archers Knob (114 m). From the summit there are views sweeping over Bakers Beach to Badger Head and beyond. Retrace your last steps and return via Bakers Beach.

Fire Trail Walks - Fire trails from Springlawn provide easy walking through a variety of vegetation types. From higher points look out to Bass Strait and inland to the Western Tiers.

Longer walks:

Badger Head via Copper Cove: 6—8 hours return from Springlawn. This interesting seaside walk features superb coastal views, diverse wildflowers and fascinating changes in the landscape. From the eastern end of Bakers Beach a marked track zigzags up to Little Badger Head then descends to a picnic spot at Copper Cove. Continue on to Badger Head.

Coastal Traverse: 7—9 hours one way. A magnificent coastal walk traverses the park between Bakers Beach and Greens Beach, and can be walked in either direction. By leaving a car at either end the walk can be made in a day.

Point Vision: 6—8 hours return. This rough track beginning at Springlawn takes you to the highest accessible summit of 370 m in the range. From here, take in the spectacular views. Retrace your steps to return.

Facilities

The main visitor service centre is at Springlawn. Here you'll find a visitor centre, public telephone, and picnic and toilet facilities. Picnic tables and fireplaces are located at Griffiths Point, Bakers Point and Badger Head, and all have toilets except Badger Head. At Springlawn there are electric barbecues.

Toilets with disabled access are located at campsites 1, 3 and 4.

Camping/caravan information: (four areas)

1 (Springlawn) has powered sites available for caravans, campervans and camper trailers only.

2 (Koybaa) no power, tents only. 3 (Bakers Point/Springlawn Beach) caravans and camping, no power. 4 (Horse Yards) camping only, no power. Campfires are only permitted at the Horse Yard and Bakers Point. All campsites have table and toilets. Bookings are on



Common wombat - Narawntapu National Park

Photo: Joe Shemesh

necessary for large school groups. Camping fees apply and a self-registration system operates from the Visitor Centre after hours.

Firewood is provided when available, but fuel and gas stoves are recommended, especially in peak season when fire restrictions may be imposed. Water is available at all sites except Badger Beach and Greens Beach, Springlawn has a shower block with tokens available from the Visitor Centre.

There are no shops in the park. The closest shops and petrol stations to the main park entrance are at Port Sorell.

Meals and accommodation are available in Port Sorell, Launceston, Devonport and the West Tamar area.

Boats can be launched at the Bakers Point Boat Ramp.

What to bring

Warm and waterproof clothing is essential at any time of the year. In summer wear a hat and use sunscreen. Bring a water container for carrying water and a gas or fuel stove for cooking.

Weather

Check weather forecasts by ringing 1300 659 236 for land forecasts or 03 6323 2555 for boating forecasts.

Further information

Parks & Wildlife Service website www.parks.tas.gov.au

Various books are available covering walks in Narawntapu and other national parks and are available at Service Tasmania Shops state-wide.

Contact

Narawntapu Park Office Ph: 03 6428 6277

Please leave a message if the office is unattended.

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