

# Two Bays Walking Trail

## Plan and prepare



The Two Bays Walking Trail is a 26km hike from Dromana to Cape Schanck showcasing the landscapes of the Mornington Peninsula, Arthurs Seat State Park and Mornington Peninsula National Park.

The trail comprises a number of tracks to form a popular two-day hike but can also be completed as a long day hike or trail run. Alternatively, you can complete the walk a section at a time, as a range of shorter day hikes. Some bushwalking experience and a good level of fitness are recommended but the trail is suitable for most ages and is a good introduction to overnight hiking, with a camping area available at Lightwood Creek.



### Getting there

This walk is best completed from north to south, starting at Dromana foreshore and finishing at Cape Schanck. Alternatively, there are several opportunities to enter the trail at different locations and complete sections. The trail is well signed and marked with a unique Blue Wren symbol. Using the map, look for parking symbols to indicate areas to start or finish smaller segments.

### Trail condition and accessibility

The trail features some short hilly sections including steep gravel sections around Arthurs Seat State Park. Beyond Arthurs Seat, the walk is relatively flat and includes eucalypt forest, rolling grassy sections through Greens Bush to spectacular coastal cliff sections.

The trail is signed but has areas of uneven ground, loose rock, bridge crossings and is subject to natural forces that result in fallen branches and debris. Always wear suitable footwear and be aware of changing trail conditions.

The Two Bays Walking Trail is not suitable for wheelchairs and strollers due to steepness and the presence of steps, rocks and roots.

There are no dedicated drinking water taps along the trail so ensure you carry sufficient drinking water for your journey.

### Trail sections



#### Dromana Foreshore - Bunurong Track to Waterfall Gully Road 5.8km

Start at Dromana Foreshore on Point Nepean Road and walk up and onto Latrobe Parade. Follow the road over the freeway and onto Bunurong Track. This is the start of Arthurs Seat State Park and is the steepest and hardest section of the walk as it climbs steeply to Arthurs Seat summit. The nearby Seawinds Gardens features lookouts and a popular picnic area with a playground, toilets, gardens and electric barbecues.

The trail continues through the state park with detour options to Arthurs Seat Summit and Kings Falls before passing McLarens Dam and reaching the park exit gate at Waterfall Gully Road.



#### Waterfall Gully Road to Greens Bush 5.2km

This section exits the state park and travels briefly along public roads. Keep an eye out for trail symbols on street poles within this section to navigate between Waterfall Gully Road and Duells Road.

Travel right (west) along Waterfall Gully Road and take a left turn onto Goolgowie Street. Continue until Avalon Avenue, turn left and enter Goolgowie Bushland Reserve. Follow the track through the reserve and turn right on to Yambil Avenue, walk to the end of Yambil Avenue and turn left at the roundabout on to Duells Road. At the end of Duells Road you will see the entrance gate into Gardens Road, a narrow road reserve. Travel south down Gardens Road until you cross Browns Road and reach Hyslops Road. Continue on the gravel Hyslops Road until you reach Mornington Peninsula National Park.



#### Greens Bush to Boneo Road 9.9km

This section is reasonably flat and shady, winding through mixed eucalyptus forests, with patches of stunning grasstree stands (some of which are well over 200 years old) and pockets of paperbarks. The track is easy to follow, with some boardwalk sections and bridges.

For those staying overnight, follow the turn to find Lightwood Creek Camping Area. It is a north-facing, open and level grassy area in a remote bush setting alongside Lightwood Creek.

Once leaving the camping area, the trail travels through shady eucalyptus forest before opening to grassland. The stark contrast in vegetation reflects a long history of clearing and grazing in this section of Greens Bush. Keep an eye out for resting Eastern Grey Kangaroos and young banksia trees regenerating from the creekline.

There is a small parking area and picnic tables at Bushrangers Bay Picnic Area on Boneo Road.



## Boneo Road to Cape Schanck 5.2km

Take care crossing Boneo Road and continue southwards through attractive Banksia Woodlands. This section provides spectacular views, travelling down steps towards Bushrangers Bay. There is a worthwhile detour to reach the beach here by travelling 100m down the long stairs. Swimming here is hazardous due to strong rips and large waves, this beach is not patrolled.

The track from Bushrangers Bay to Cape Schanck carpark provides some of Victoria's most spectacular coastal scenery. The coastal cliff-top walk provides sweeping views over Bass Strait against a backdrop of basalt cliffs, wild swells and jagged headlands. The cliff-top walk can be exposed and windy.

Toilets, information and picnic tables are available at the Cape Schanck Visitor Area. The nearest drinking water is available at Fingal Picnic Area.

## Camping

Lightwood Creek Camping Area is located mid-way between Baldry Crossing and Boneo Road on the Two Bays Walking Trail. It is a picturesque, open, grassy area in a bush setting near Lightwood Creek, accessible only by foot.

The camping area has facilities for up to 20 people across 5 campsites, with a pit toilet and tables for cooking. Tank water is available however it's not recommended for drinking without boiling first and fires are not permitted.

Visitors can stay a maximum of two nights and while formal bookings or fees are not required, campers are advised to call 13 1963 to check with rangers on campground availability as sites are limited and can be fully occupied by Scouts or school groups.

## School and large groups

School groups are required to register their trip with Parks Victoria at [parkconnect.vic.gov.au](http://parkconnect.vic.gov.au) at least one month in advance to help us better understand your planned visit(s) and keep you safe by organising a coordinated emergency management response with local ranger teams and government departments if required.

Event permits and bookings are not required for non-commercial groups of less than 30 persons. Commercial activities and ticketed events require an event permit or tour operator licence. For information on group options contact Parks Victoria via [info@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@parks.vic.gov.au) or 13 1963.

## Caring for the park

Help us look after Arthurs Seat State Park and Mornington Peninsula National Park by remembering the following points:

- Dogs, cats, horses and motorbikes are not permitted in Arthurs Seat State Park or Mornington Peninsula National Park
- Heat beads are not permitted
- Please take all your rubbish home with you
- Do not feed the animals
- Bicycles are not permitted on walking only tracks
- Pedestrians are not permitted on cycling-only tracks
- Bicycles are not permitted in Greens Bush
- Firearms and fires are not permitted
- Camping is only permitted at Lightwood Creek Camping Area
- Snakes live in the park and sometimes sunbake on the paths - do not approach.

## Parks Victoria requires permits for

- All events and professional entertainment
  - Weddings, including ceremonies, photography and receptions are by booking only and require a permit
  - All professional or commercial photography
  - Any drone activity
  - Any other commercial activity
- Contact Parks Victoria via [info@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@parks.vic.gov.au) or 13 1963

## Be prepared and stay safe

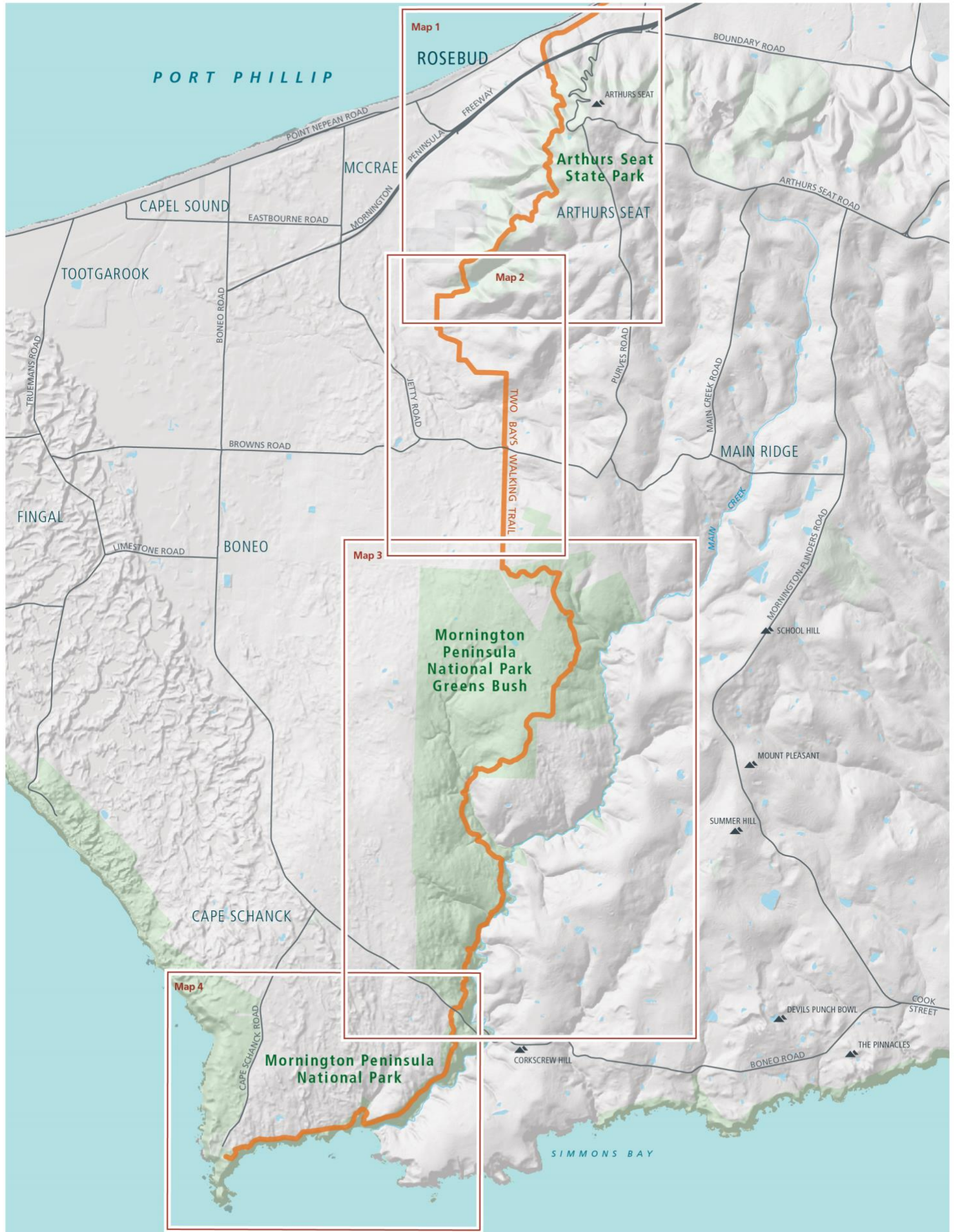
For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator. Mornington Peninsula National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park are in the Central fire district.

Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au), on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning. Check the latest conditions at [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963.

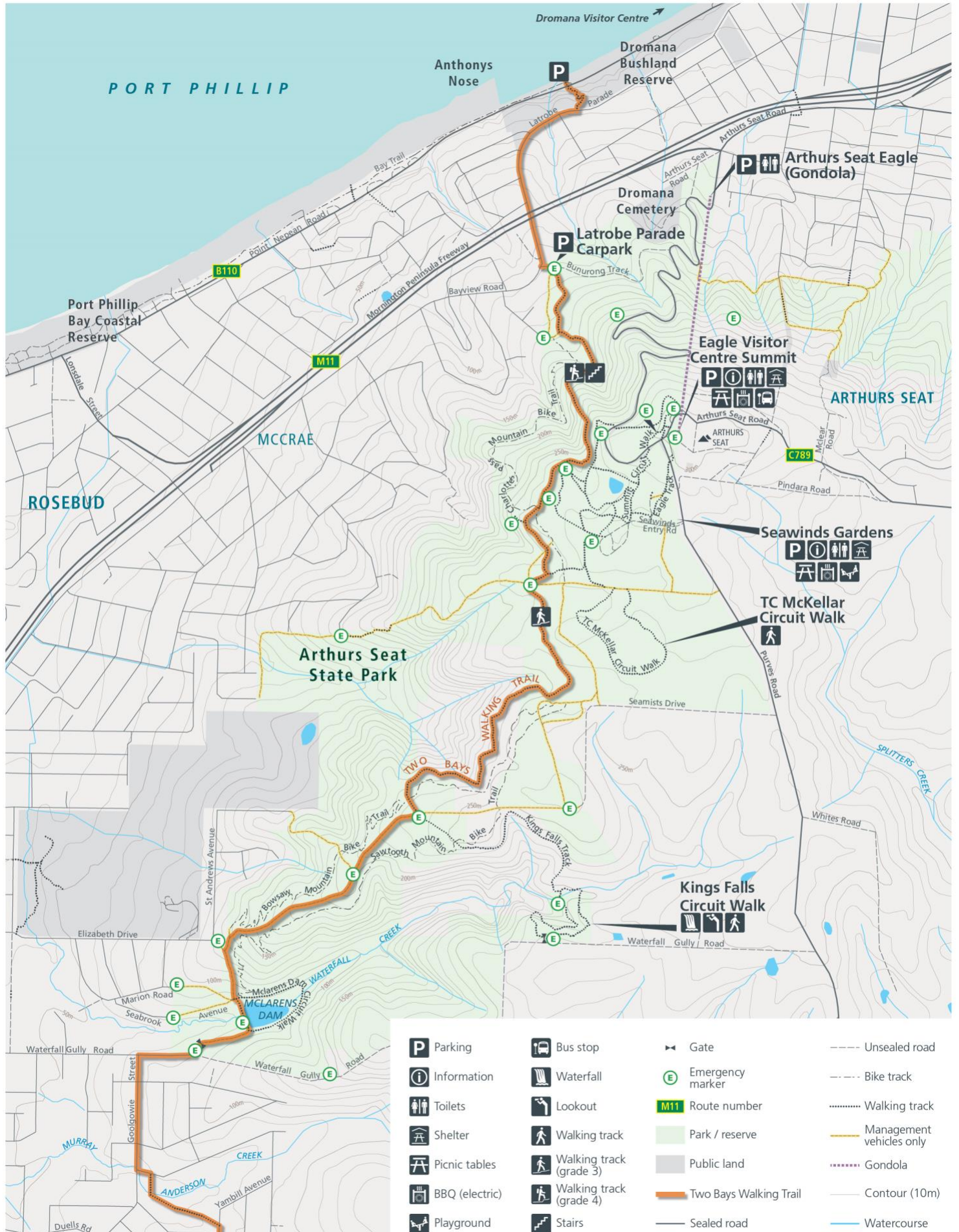
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Overview



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Map 1 - Arthurs Seat

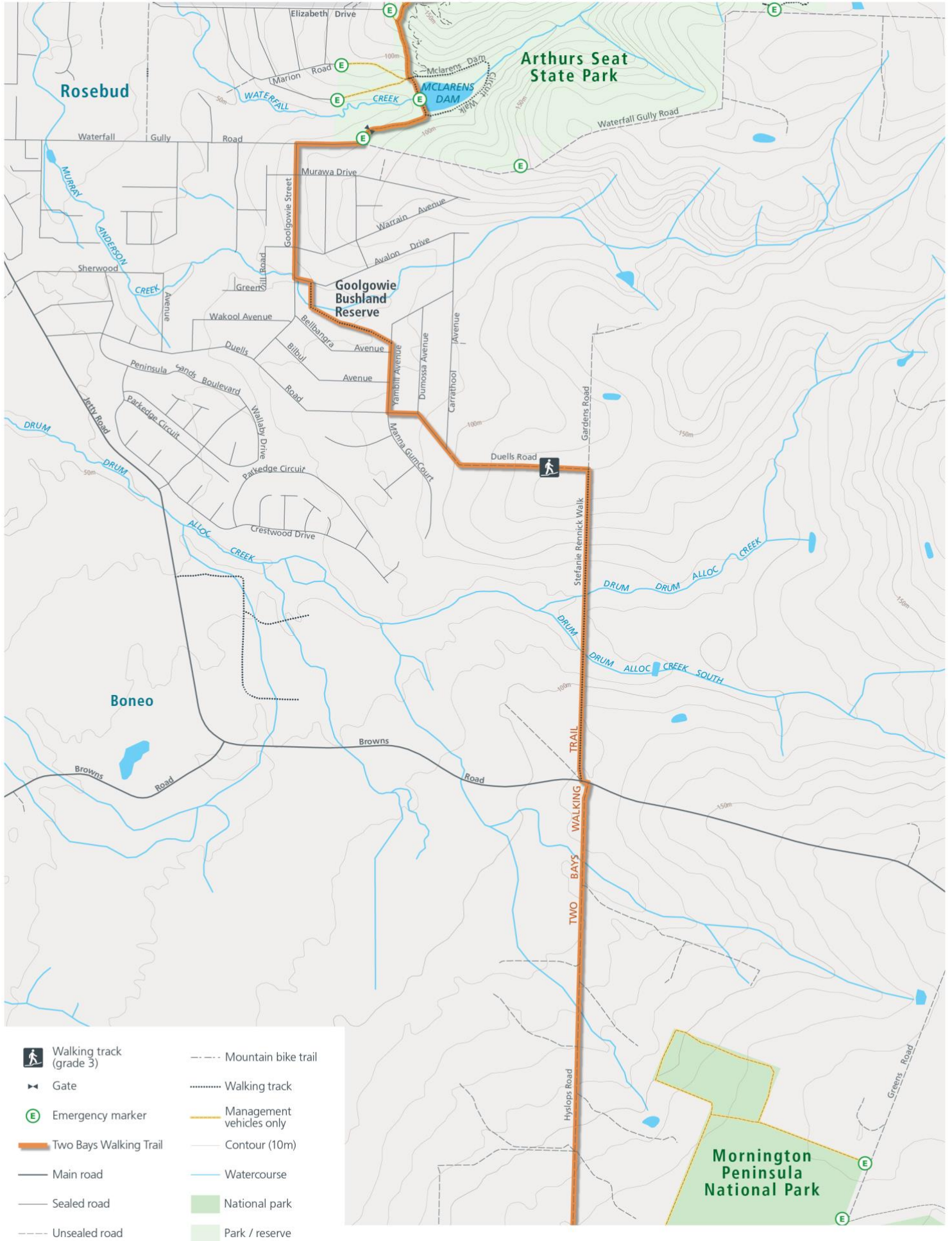


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|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parking        | Bus stop                | Gate                   | Unsealed road            |
| Information    | Waterfall               | Emergency marker       | Bike track               |
| Toilets        | Lookout                 | Route number           | Walking track            |
| Shelter        | Walking track           | Park / reserve         | Management vehicles only |
| Picnic tables  | Walking track (grade 3) | Public land            | Gondola                  |
| BBQ (electric) | Walking track (grade 4) | Two Bays Walking Trail | Contour (10m)            |
| Playground     | Stairs                  | Sealed road            | Watercourse              |



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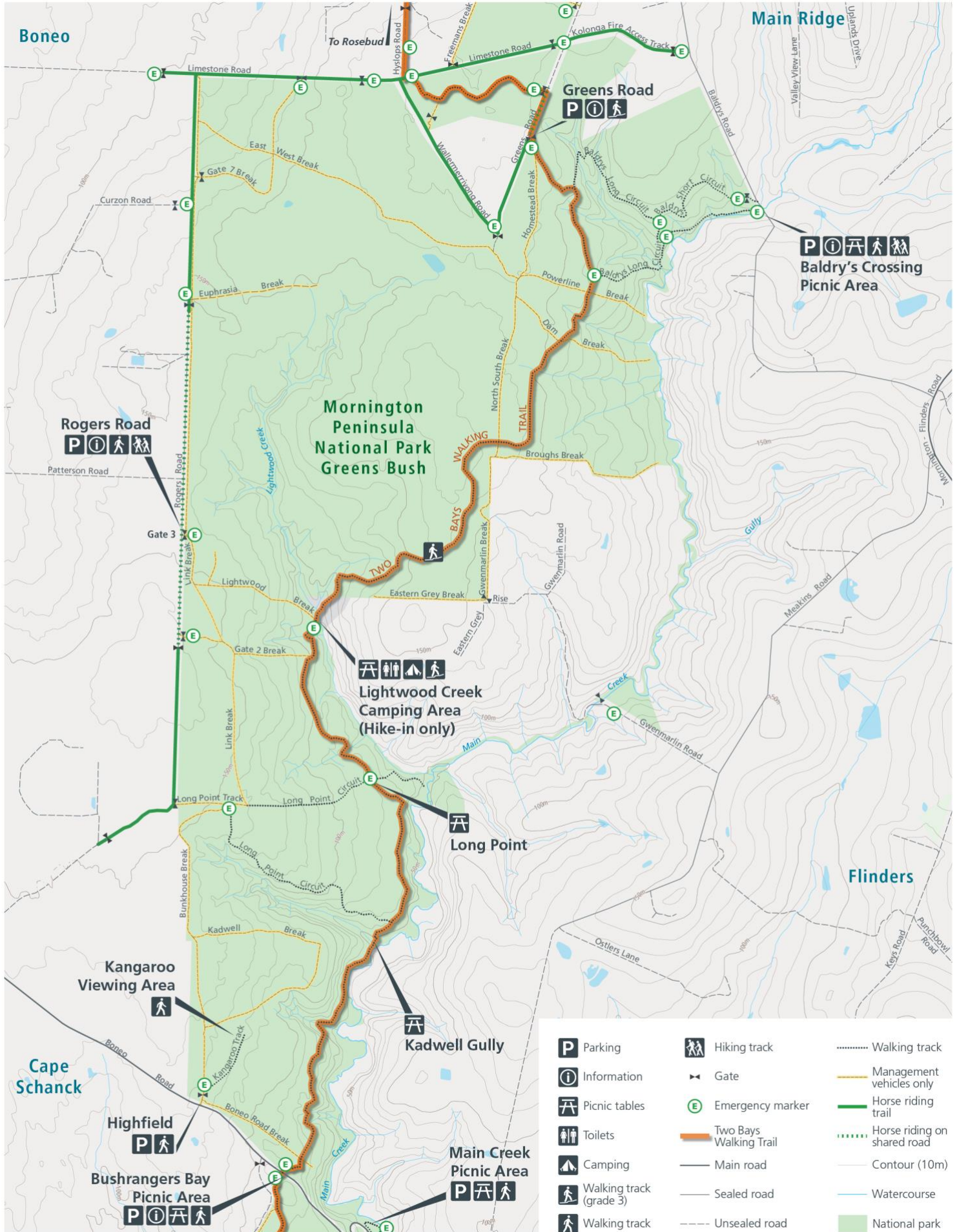
Map 2 - Shire streets



- Walking track (grade 3)
- Gate
- Emergency marker
- Two Bays Walking Trail
- Main road
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Mountain bike trail
- Walking track
- Management vehicles only
- Contour (10m)
- Watercourse
- National park
- Park / reserve

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Map 3 - Greens Bush

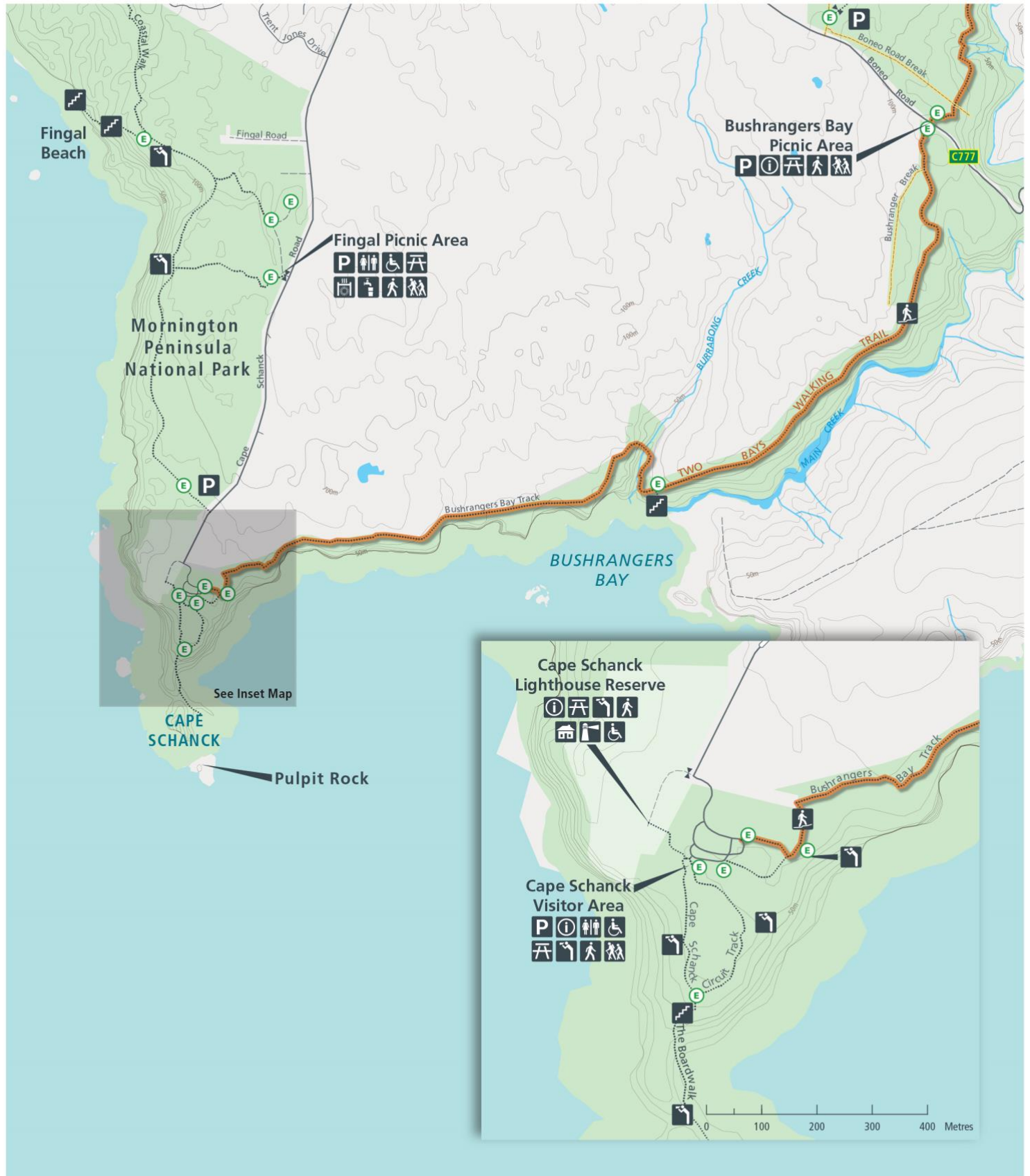


Parking	Hiking track	Walking track
Information	Gate	Management vehicles only
Picnic tables	Emergency marker	Horse riding trail
Toilets	Two Bays Walking Trail	Horse riding on shared road
Camping	Main road	Contour (10m)
Walking track (grade 3)	Sealed road	Watercourse
Walking track	Unsealed road	National park



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Map 4 - Cape Schanck



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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Parking         | Picnic tables  | Lookout       | Walking track (grade 3) | Route number           | Unsealed road            | Watercourse   |
| Information     | BBQ (electric) | Walking track | Homestead               | Two Bays Walking Trail | Walking track            | National park |
| Toilets         | Drinking water | Hiking track  | Gate                    | Main road              | Management vehicles only | Reserve       |
| Disabled access | Stairs         | Lighthouse    | Emergency marker        | Sealed road            | Contour (10m)            |               |