

# You Yangs Regional Park

## Visitor Guide



Welcome to You Yangs – part of the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung Aboriginal people. The name comes from the Aboriginal word ‘Wurdi Youang’ or ‘Ude Youang’ meaning big mountain in the middle of the plain. The park’s distinctive granite peaks rise from the flat volcanic plains between Melbourne and Geelong. Visitors can enjoy magnificent views, birdlife, bushwalks and horse riding. The park is renowned for its two purpose-built mountain biking areas, with over 50 kilometres of exciting trails.



### Opening hours

You Yangs Regional Park is open every day, including weekends and public holidays. The park is closed each evening.

- Non-Daylight Saving: 7.00am – 5.00pm
- Daylight Saving: 7.00am – 6.00pm

### Getting there

You Yangs Regional Park is 55km southwest of the Melbourne CBD and 22km north of Geelong. Access to the park from the Princess Freeway is clearly signposted via Lara.

### Things to see and do

#### Accessibility

Several picnic areas and car parks are accessible to people with limited mobility and provide Accessible toilets. (refer to the map)

#### Walking

Fantastic walking and wildlife viewing opportunities abound within the park, catering for all ages and abilities.

Many of the walking tracks can be linked by management vehicle tracks to provide longer walks for the more enthusiastic.

#### Big Rock Walk – 3.0km, 1 hour return

From the park office car park, wind your way around Big Rock and then back down the same path.

#### Big Rock – 100m, 10 minutes return

Starting from the Big Rock car park this short walk takes you to Big Rock with brilliant views towards Geelong.

#### East-West Walk – 4.5km, 2 hours return

Starting and finishing at the Turntable car park, this challenging walk provides excellent views of the park and surrounding countryside.

#### Flinders Peak – 3.2km, 1 hour return

Starting from the Turntable car park, this walk takes you to the highest point of the You Yangs. There are 450 steps and some sections with steep gradients.

#### Branding Yard Trail – 5.0km, 2.5 hours return

This gentle walk starts from either the Turntable car park or Branding Yard Road. From the Turntable car park, walk down a medium gradient to connect with the trail.

#### Northern Range Walk – 3.5km, 1 hour one way

Extending from the East-West Walk and the Branding Yard Trail, this walk provides a more challenging walk, with some steep gradients. Walkers are rewarded with impressive water views.

### Mountain Bike Riding (MTB)

The Stockyards MTB Area provides challenging downhill and cross country trails for experienced riders.

The Kurrajong Plantation MTB Area provides family friendly and beginners trails through flat terrain.

Mountain bikes are not permitted on tracks or Management Vehicle Only tracks outside of the areas listed above. The Western Plantation area is horseriding and walkers only.

### Rock-climbing and abseiling

There are several great rock-climbing and abseiling sites throughout the park. Bookings are required for groups. Individuals are not required to book, but should check the availability of sites with the Park Office. Seasonal closures apply to some sites.

### Horse Riding – Western Plantation Area

The Western Plantation offers great horse riding opportunities. Three looped horse riding trails, marked with arrows, begin at the Western Car Park located just off Sandy Creek Road.

Horses are not permitted in any other area of the park.

### Orienteering

A permanent orienteering course has been established in the park. Additional information and maps are available from the park office.

### Facilities

There are nine picnic areas throughout the park, many with tables and accessible toilet facilities. The main picnic areas provide free gas barbecues on a first come basis. There are plenty of places to set up your own gas barbecue. Drinking water is available from the Visitor Centre drinking fountain.

Please take all rubbish away for disposal or recycling.

### Be prepared and stay safe

You Yangs Regional Park is 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 [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au) or call **VicEmergency Hotline** on **1800 226 226**. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

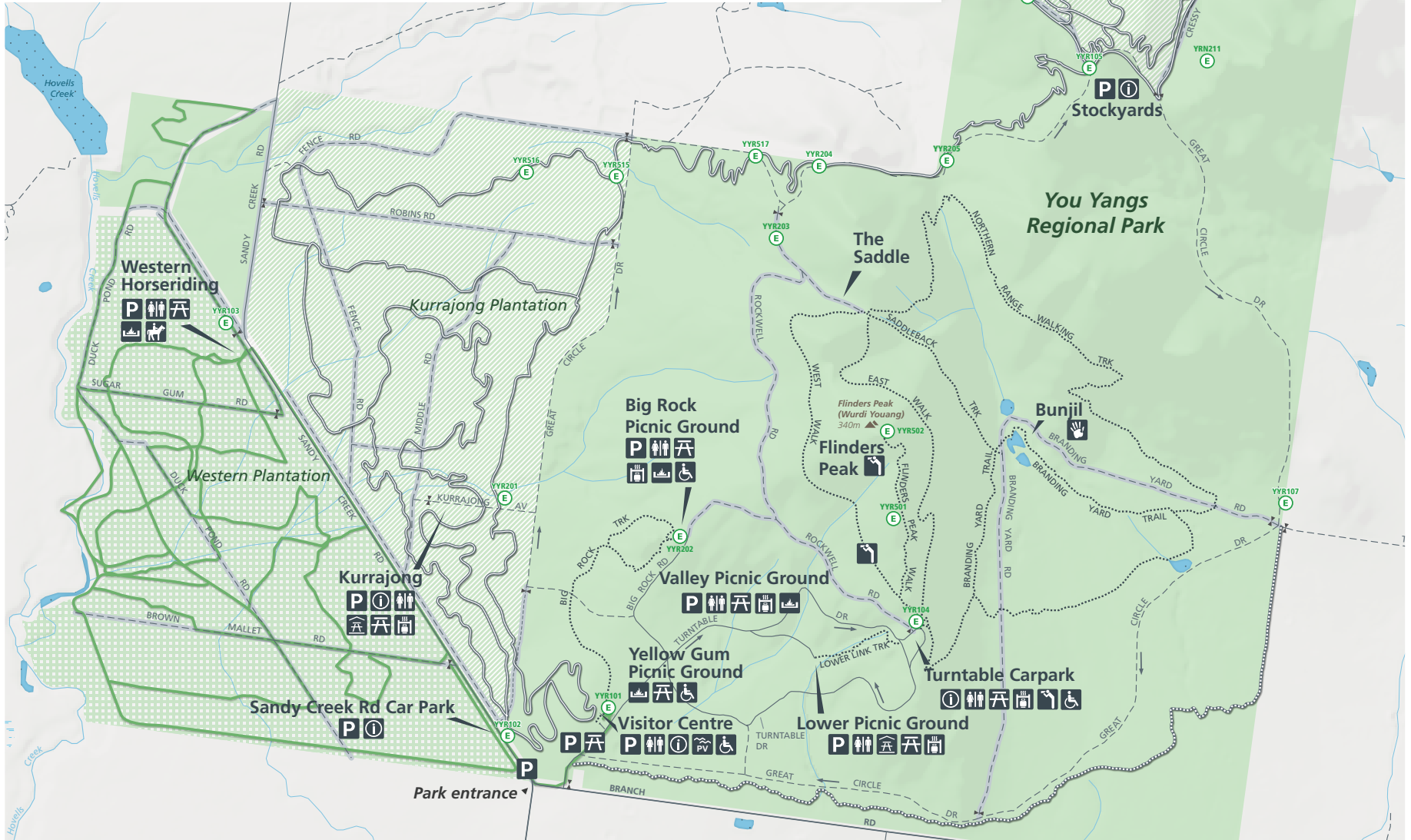
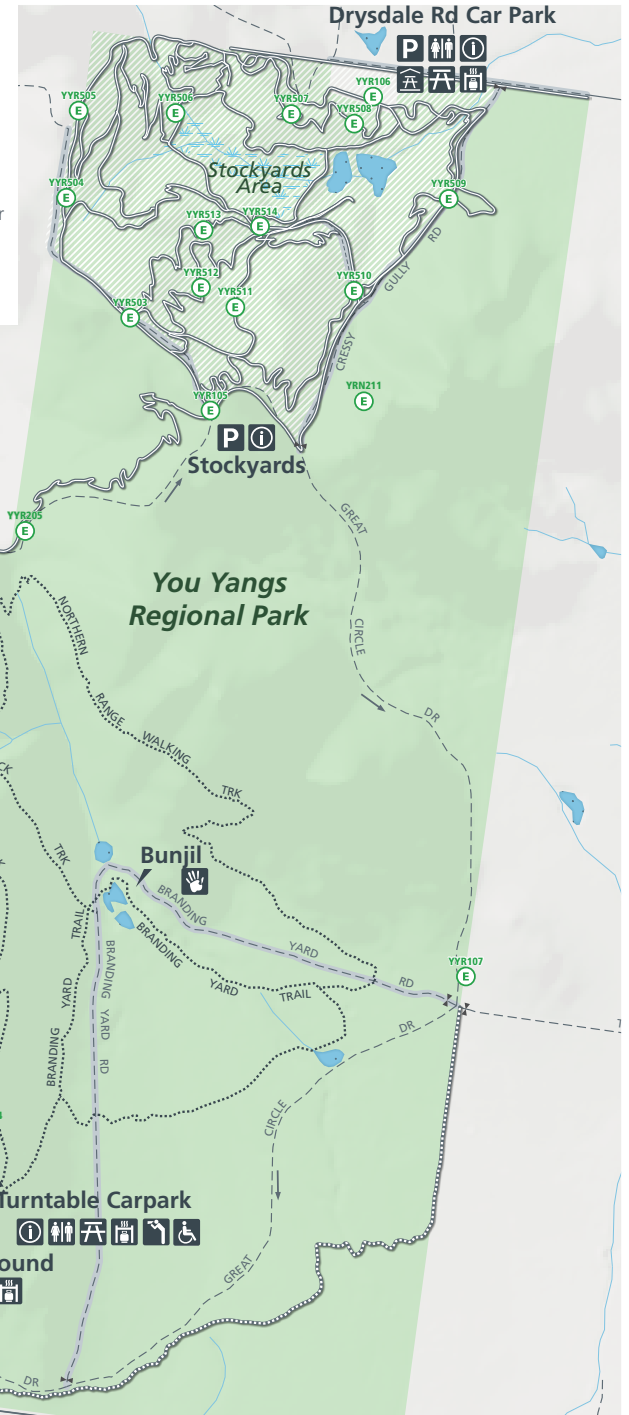
On **Code Red Fire Danger Rating** days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or by calling 13 1963. For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign (ESTA) near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

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| Parking         | Picnic table          | Main road     | Walking track       | One-way road only                      | You Yangs Regional Park | Wetland     |
| Information     | Gas BBQ               | Sealed road   | Mountain bike track | Management vehicles/walking track only | Mountain bike area      | Waterbody   |
| Toilets         | Fireplace             | Unsealed road | Shared track        | Minor river                            | Horse riding area       | Gate        |
| Sheltered area  | Parks Victoria office | 4WD           | Horse riding trail  | Stream                                 |                         | ESTA marker |
| Lookout         | Aboriginal Site       |               |                     |  |                         |             |
| Horse ride      |                       |               |                     |  |                         |             |
| Disabled access |                       |               |                     |  |                         |             |

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