

# Myall Lakes Booti Booti & Wallingat

NATIONAL PARKS



## ABOUT THE GREAT LAKES PARKS

The Great Lakes are a network of waterways including Myall, Smiths and Wallis Lakes between Nelson Bay and Forster on the NSW coast north of Newcastle.

The Great Lakes area is part of the traditional country of the Worimi Aboriginal people, who have lived on and used the land and waters for living, cultural activities and food gathering for many thousands of years. Today, the local Aboriginal community retain strong spiritual links with the Great Lakes area.

The region is renowned for its beauty and striking landscape ranging from sweeping ocean beaches to sheltered waterways and surrounding stands of coastal forest on the higher areas.

Myall Lakes, Booti Booti and Wallingat national parks have a diversity of landforms, wildlife and vegetation. They conserve one of the state's largest networks of coastal lakes, with the tallest tree, largest coastal island and 80km of beaches and coastline.

The Myall Lakes are the largest natural fresh-brackish water system on the NSW coast covering 10,000 hectares and are listed as a wetland of international importance under the RAMSAR convention.

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## MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK

This park is the ultimate place for camping and to enjoy the vast lake waters for all types of boating and water-based activities. In contrast, the park's beaches and headlands are ideal places to explore, fish or just relax. Choose from lakeside, coastal or forested camping areas or venture out for a remote camping experience.

Experience the cultural heritage and giant eucalypt trees at Dark Point or enter another ancient world along the Mungo Brush Rainforest Walk. The heritage-listed Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse at Seal Rocks is a testament to maritime navigation and now provides visitors with the chance to stay overnight below the beckerling light. The coastal forests along the western side of the park include the state's tallest tree – the Grandis – a giant flooded gum.



Camping in Mungo Brush Rainforest (Lake Macquarie NP) © NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



## TOP SPOTS TO VISIT IN THE PARKS



**The Grandis (Myall Lakes NP)**  
The inspiring coastal forests along the western edge of the park include the state's tallest tree – The Grandis – a giant flooded gum.



**Dark Point (Myall Lakes NP)**  
Grant and dunes, Aboriginal cultural heritage and access to Little Gribber Headland all feature as major attractions to this area in the south of the park.



**Tamboi historic fishing village (Myall Lakes NP)**  
See historic fishing huts on the banks of the river. Visit by boat or view from the walking track.



**Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse (Myall Lakes NP)**  
You can stay overnight in the former lighthouse cottages (bookings required ph 02 4967 8993), or just enjoy a short 500m stroll to this remarkable historic precinct adjacent to Seal Rocks.



**Hole in the Wall (Wallingat Lakes NP)**  
A scenic picnic area and an ideal place to access the beach in the southern section of the park. Go beachcombing, beach fishing and enjoy views of the coastline and access to Broughton Island.



**Wallingat scenic drives (Wallingat NP)**  
The forest roads of Wallingat National Park make for a memorable scenic drive experience. Go-rum-see Picnic Area provides an ideal start to the experience.



**Cape Hawke Lookout (Booti Booti NP)**  
A short uphill walk through coastal rainforest leads to this stunning lookout platform in the north of Booti Booti NP with its dramatic views over the surrounding coastline and lake systems.

## BOOTI BOOTI NATIONAL PARK

The park boasts a variety of expansive and secluded beaches, providing excellent surfing, swimming and fishing. The Plains Camping Area provides 'close to beach' camping with a high level of facilities. A walk through the rainforest up to the Cape Hawke viewing tower provides views of the region.

The Booti Hill and lakeside walking tracks immerse visitors in the park's varied landscapes. Complementing the park on its western boundary, Wallis Lake is ideal for boating and windsurfing.



**Elizabeth Beach: The imposing Booti Hill in Booti Booti NP provides a dramatic backdrop to Elizabeth Beach. The beach is seasonally patrolled and is a good swimming beach for families.**



## CAMPING ON BROUGHTON ISLAND

Camping on Broughton Island is only permitted at the Little Poverty Beach Campground. All campers must book & pre-pay for a complete before leaving the mainland.

Little Poverty Beach Campground on Broughton Island offers visitors a unique camping experience, with some of the most spectacular coastal views in Australia. It is the only island in NSW where you can camp.

The campground includes 3 raised camping platforms and 2 grassed areas, providing camping for up to 30 people.

Broughton Island is a remote area and careful planning is required. Campers need to be self-sufficient and be prepared for rapidly changing weather and sea conditions.

To camp on Broughton Island you must book. Camping fees apply. To book phone: \*1800 PARKS (1800 663 663) Email: 1818.R.F.W.GOV@NSW.GOV.AU Web: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/broughton



## EXPLORE THE PARKS

The parks have an extensive network of walking tracks designated for walkers only and management trails which are suitable for both walking and cycling (refer to coloured numbers on map).

1. Mungo Brush Rainforest Walk: 2km loop track – An easy 30 minute walk through coastal rainforest, starting from the northern end of Mungo Brush Camping Area.
2. Tamboi Trail: 4km one way – An easy walk starting from the bar gate at the southern end of Mungo Brush. Wander through stunning Cabbage Tree Palm forest to the old fishing village of Tamboi, or follow the boardwalk to Shembles Down.
3. The Old Gribber Trail: 11km one way to Shelly Beach for 4km one way to Johnson's Beachy – A full day or overnight walk starting from the bar gate at the Boomers Camping Area. Enjoy coastal forest and the 'Moors', a unique wet heathland with extensive bird life and seasonal wildflowers.



## LOCATION



From the Pacific Highway north of Newcastle, access of roads take off westwards towards the parks and major coastal towns such as Forster, The Belfer and Hawks Nest. In the south, the Lakes Way connecting the edges of Wallingat Lakes and Wallis Lake between Murrumbidgee and Forster. The parks are easily access to Wallingat, Seal Beach and Myall Lakes national parks.

Access to the southern coastline of Myall Lakes National Park is via The Belfer and Hawks Nest then along the Mungo Brush Road. The road heads east of the Belfer and Hawks Nest and ends at Seal Rocks. From Seal Rocks, a road provides a link with the Belfer Point Road connecting to Belfer Beach.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**NPWS Great Lakes Area, Booti Booti National Park, The Lakes Way, Pacific Palms 2428 ph (02) 6591 9300**

**NPWS Hunter Region, level 1, 12 Tenenby Rd, Nelson Bay, 2315 ph (02) 4984 8200**

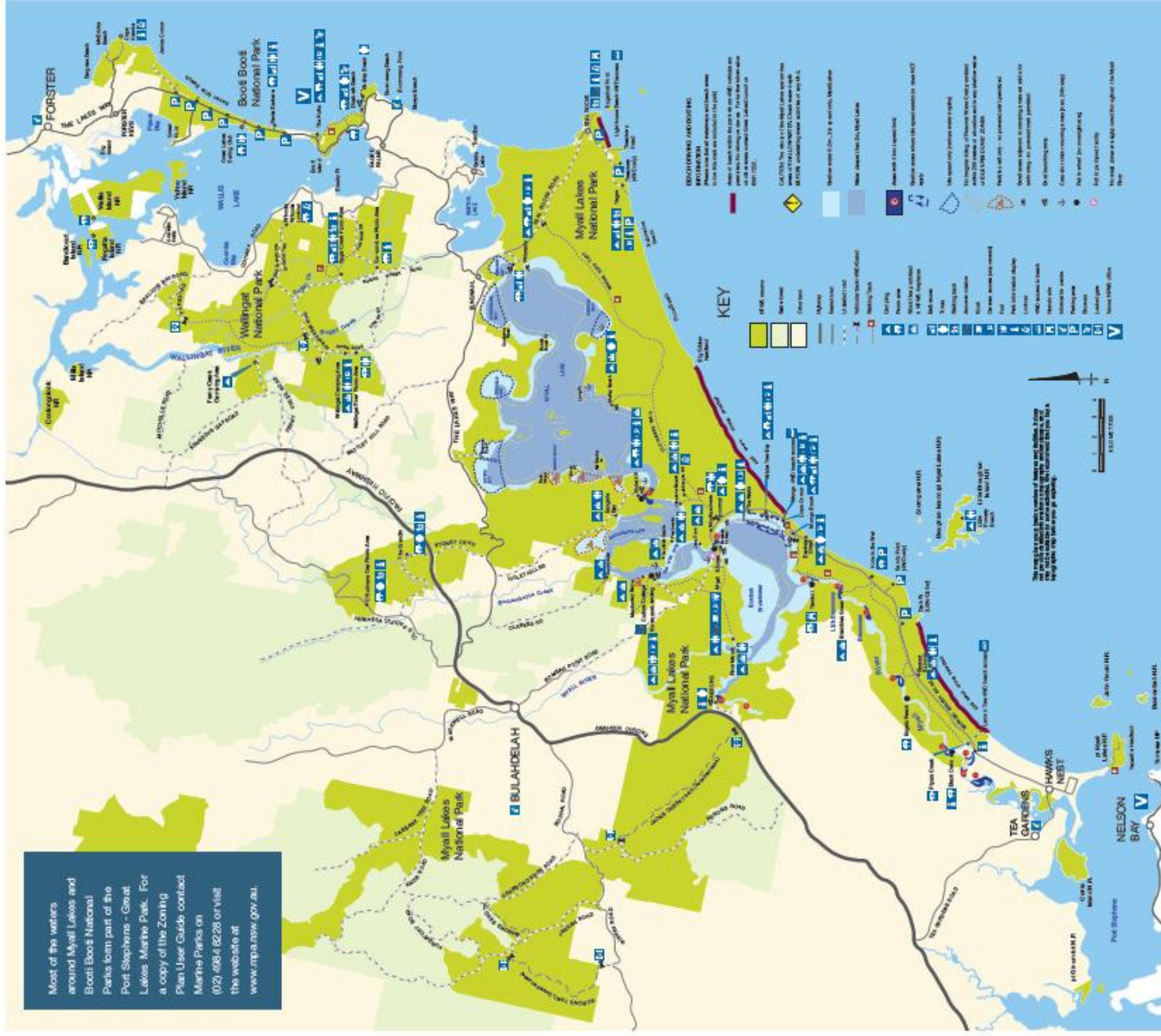
**Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park, Locked bag 80, Nelson Bay, 2315. Ph (02) 4984 8200.**

## GENERAL INQUIRIES

Phone: 1300 365 967  
www.nsw.nationalparks.com.au

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Most of the visitors around Myall Lakes and Booti Boots National Parks form part of the Port Stephens - Great Lakes Marine Park. For a copy of the Zoning Plan User Guide contact Marine Parks on (02) 4984 8228 or visit the website at [www.mpa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au).



#### CARING FOR THE PARKS

- Please respect Aboriginal sites and places, they are protected.
- All native plants and animals and rock formations are protected.
- Drive carefully, vehicles, including motorbikes, must keep to formed public roads.
- Livestock, vehicles, including motorbikes, are not permitted.
- Pets are not permitted in the parks.

#### PARK USE FEES

Your support in the collection of park use fees is essential to the upkeep of facilities in the parks. Visit [myalllakes.nsw.gov.au](http://myalllakes.nsw.gov.au) and for camp and carrying fees apply to all areas. Current information is available from the One Lakes Area Office or [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

#### WILDLIFE IS WILD!

- Never feed native animals or livestock found wild in the parks. The change their natural feeding and makes them stay around humans for food - food supply.
- Feeding wildlife is illegal in most areas and can be a criminal offence. Aggressive animals may have to be destroyed.
- Store garbage in a secure place.
- Please support recycling programs and take rubbish home where facilities are not provided.

#### MAKING CAMP

- Camp only in designated areas (see park map) and on numbered sites where provided. All camping gear must be contained on numbered sites.
- Fully occupy numbered sites (up to 6 people) before taking another.
- Campsites are not to be left attended for more than 24 hours.
- Maximum continuous stay is 20 days for Myall Lakes NP which includes camping on weekdays and 21 days for other parks.
- Camping in boat launch areas is up to 14 consecutive days.
- The maximum length of stay in the parks in any one calendar year is 12 weeks.
- Keep rubbish in a rubbish bin or bag.
- Generators and power tools are not permitted.
- Parks are not fireproof from the water's edge and do not put a bushfire warning in effect.
- Do not dig, burn, or use any form of discharge around camping sites.
- Do not attach ropes to trees for the climbing bag, and can fall trees over time.
- Booking and pre-payment are essential for camping on Broughton Island (see [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/broughton](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/broughton)).
- **TREE WHINNIE** - Items in the parks may collapse or drop (even without us using machinery) and injure or kill.

#### SHARING THE WATERWAYS

- Observe boating restrictions (see signs on park map) such as tide speed and public authority areas to prevent boat accidents.
- No waste to be discharged into the lake. An effluent collection vessel operates weekend and holidays. Pump-out facilities are also located at Broughton Point (see the

#### BEACH DRIVING

- Vehicle use is permitted in some parks in permitted beach driving areas. Do not drive or park on dunes, headlands or any vegetated areas.
- A speed limit of 40 km/h applies. Slow down when passing people, oncoming vehicles or animals.
- Observe seasonal beach closures which may occur for public safety or to protect threatened species. Public roads may be displayed on all vehicles on beaches within the park for areas 2021-2023.
- Permits are required for designated court beaches (see [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)).

#### WHAT'S COOKING?

- Fires are permitted in some camping areas in Myall Lakes National Park and Broughton National Park and only in the multiple use provided by the NPWS. Fires are not permitted in Booti Boots National Park or Broughton Island National Park.
- Never perform fireworks, bonfires, or burn any rubbish, including old tyres, or burn any plastic, hazardous and flammable materials.
- A Park Fire Ban prohibits wood fires and solid fuel BBQs.
- A Total Fire Ban prohibits all fires, gas and cookers of any type. It is your responsibility to know when a ban is in force.
- Noise: Gas BBQs installed by NPWS may be used during fire bans.

#### DESIGNATING PARKING

Areas of open water with a depth of less than 1m are marked with a yellow diamond. These areas are not to be used for parking or other activities. The water is shallow and may be very muddy. It is not safe to enter the water.

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