



Toorongo Falls Reserve

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Introduction

The Toorongo Falls Reserve is situated 100 kms east of Melbourne, north of the town of Noojee in Gippsland. The reserve encompasses a number of waterfalls and provides opportunities for walking, picnicking and camping.

Getting There

From Melbourne, head east along the Princes Freeway turning left at the Drouin exit towards Noojee. Or take the Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction, turning onto the Yarra Junction-Noojee Road for a more scenic trip through the ranges. From the Noojee township, head east for 4 kms, then left onto the Toorongo Falls Road which terminates at the Reserve.

Flora and Fauna

The Toorongo Falls Scenic Reserve comprises of mostly wet forest types with the most common over-storey and mid-storey species being Mountain Grey Gum, Mountain Ash, Manna Gum, Blackwood & Austral Mulberry. A variety of ferns thrive in the damp conditions including the Necklace Fern, Soft Tree Fern, & the Long Fork-fern. The reserve supports a range of native animals, including the Common & Mountain Brush Tailed Possum, Ring Tailed Possum, Sugar Glider, and a variety of bats. Red Bellied Black Snakes are relatively common during warmer periods. If you come across one, keep your distance and remember they are fully protected and are an essential part of the forest ecosystem. Many bird species have been recorded throughout the forest and native freshwater fish including the River Blackfish are to be found in the river.

History

The area was originally the border region between two Aboriginal tribes; The Wurundjeri to the west who were part of the Kulin Nation and the Brayakoloong to the east who mainly lived on the river flats of the Latrobe Valley and were part of the Kurnai Nation. Evidence of Aboriginal occupation can still be found today throughout the area with the recording of many cultural heritage sites.

Picnic sites

Picnic tables and toilet facilities are available at the Toorongo Falls Day Visitor Area.

Walking tracks

1. Toorongo Falls

Skill Level: Basic Fitness Level: Average
1.5 km return (1 hour)

A beautiful walk through tall wet forest to an observation platform provides great close-up views of Toorongo Falls.

2. Toorongo Falls via Amphitheatre Falls

Skill Level: Basic Fitness Level: Average
2.2 km return (1 hour 20 mins)

This loop walk takes in the Amphitheatre Falls, the picturesque riverine environment along the Toorongo River and the Toorongo Falls.

Camping

The Toorongo Falls Camping Area provides bush camping sites near the Toorongo River. They are available on a first-come first-served basis and no bookings are required, but early arrival may be advisable during peak periods.

Freshwater is available from the river but we recommend you boil any water for drinking. Firewood is not supplied on site - firewood can be obtained from the Noojee General Store. Use only established fireplaces, do not light fires on a 'Day of Total Fire Ban' and please take your rubbish home with you.

For More Information

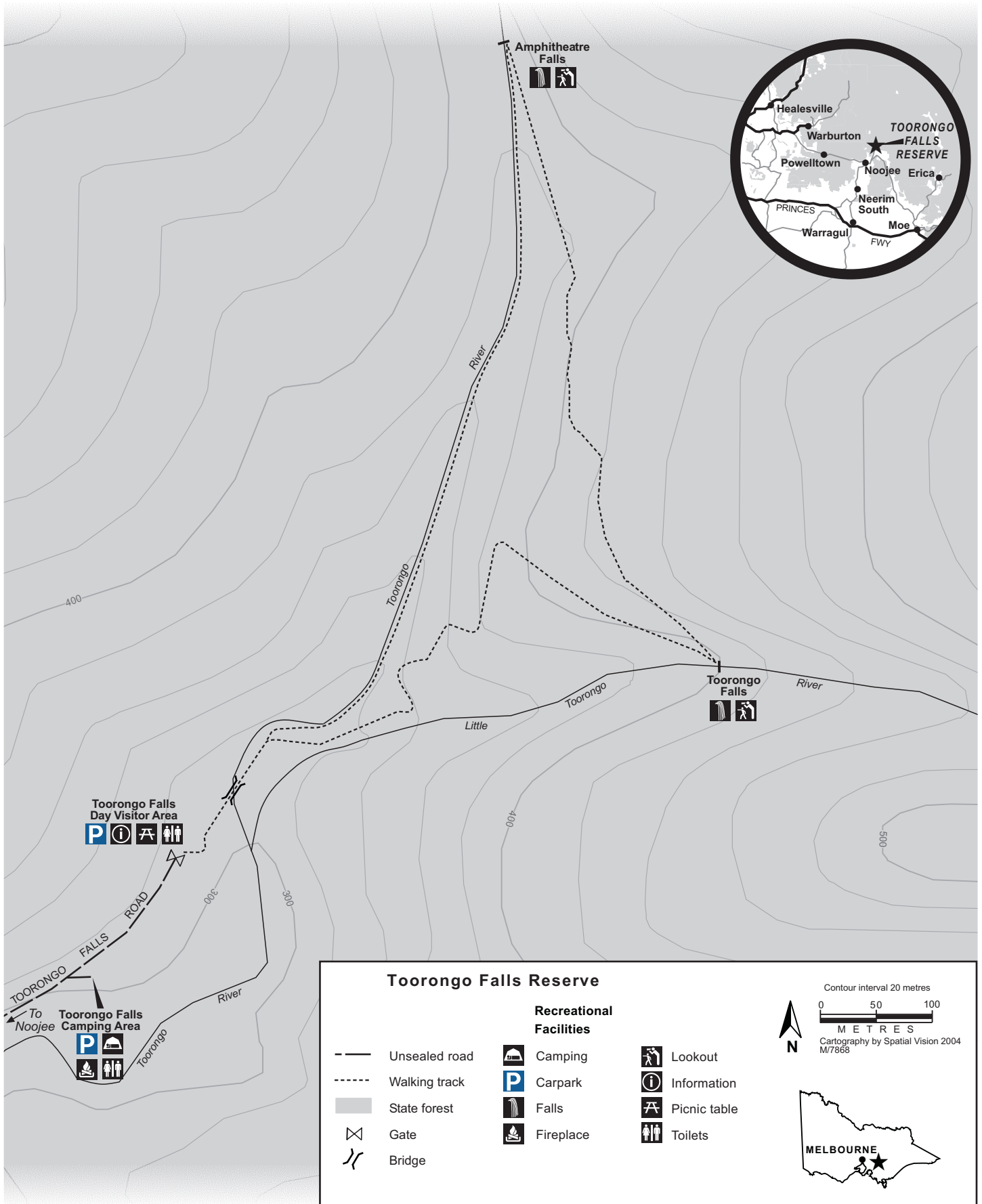
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Visit DSE's website

<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forestry>

The Toorongo Falls Reserve is managed primarily for the protection of the environment and provision of recreation. Other areas of the State Forest are managed for a wider range of uses including timber production, catchment protection, recreation and conservation. If you are interested in how State Forests are managed, the current Gippsland Management Plan can be viewed on the Department's website.

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