

PARKS AND PLACES

Arthur-Pieman



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Conservation Area

The Arthur-Pieman Protected Area stretches along the northwest coast of Tasmania and covers 97,500 hectares. Much of the reserve is between the Arthur River in the north, the Pieman River in the south and the Frankland and Donaldson Rivers to the east. It is a dynamic landscape, which is being continually reshaped by wind, fire and water.

Animals

The extensive grasslands allow for easy observation of the Bennetts wallaby, Tasmanian pademelons and wombats. Tasmanian devils, brushtail possums and spotted-tailed quolls are most often seen at dusk.

The reserve is home to a rich variety of bird life. The yellow-tailed black cockatoo, white-breasted sea eagle, currawong, striated pardalote, blue-winged parrot, superb blue wren, swallows and honeyeaters are likely to be seen in the hinterland. Coastal birds include the red-capped plover, fairy tern, ruddy tern, pacific gull and the pied and sooty oyster catchers. A variety of raptors can also be observed within the reserve.

Of particular interest to keen bird watchers are three rare species: ground parrots on the plateau country, hooded plovers on beaches and orange-bellied parrots on their migratory path from interstate.

Vegetation

Heath and scrub communities occupy the coast and plains. Scattered throughout the area on poorly drained sites are sedgeland communities, often dominated by buttongrass. These areas contain numerous orchid species and a variety of wildflowers. Forests grow inland on the richer soils of the plateau country.

Activities

Off-road driving-All vehicles must be registered and drivers must have a current driver's licence. Get a copy of 'Cruisin Without Bruisin' from the Parks and Wildlife Service for important information about off-road driving in this area. It is also wise to contact a ranger at Arthur River for advice on track conditions. A permit is needed to travel to Greenes Creek or Sandy Cape.

Fishing-Estuary fishing, surf fishing and diving. Normal regulations apply (a licence is not needed when fishing for salmon in the Arthur River west of the bridge). Netting in the Arthur River is prohibited.

Surfing-Board surfing, body surfing and wind surfing.

Bushwalking-Coastal walks (no constructed tracks).

Hunting-Ranger's permission required. Shotgun only.

Horseriding-Holding yards available. Free range riding.

Canoeing-Canoe hire available at Arthur River.

Contact: 64571 312.

River Cruise-Arthur River Cruises. Contact: (03) 64571 158

Camping information

At Arthur River there are three campgrounds with water and toilet facilities. **Fees apply** to these campgrounds. Many other free range camping areas are within the Reserve (see map). **Self-catered unit** and **backpacker accommodation** is available at Arthur River. Contact: (03) 64571288. There are **no powered sites** available within the Arthur-Pieman Protected Area.

Please leave camping areas as you would want to find them. You can do this by:

- camping at established sites rather than creating new sites;
- washing at least 50 m away from water sources, especially when using soaps or detergents;
- using toilets where provided. (Otherwise go to the toilet at least 100 m from campsites and watercourses. The waste should be buried in a hole at least 15cm deep);
- respecting the rights of others;
- taking your rubbish out with you.

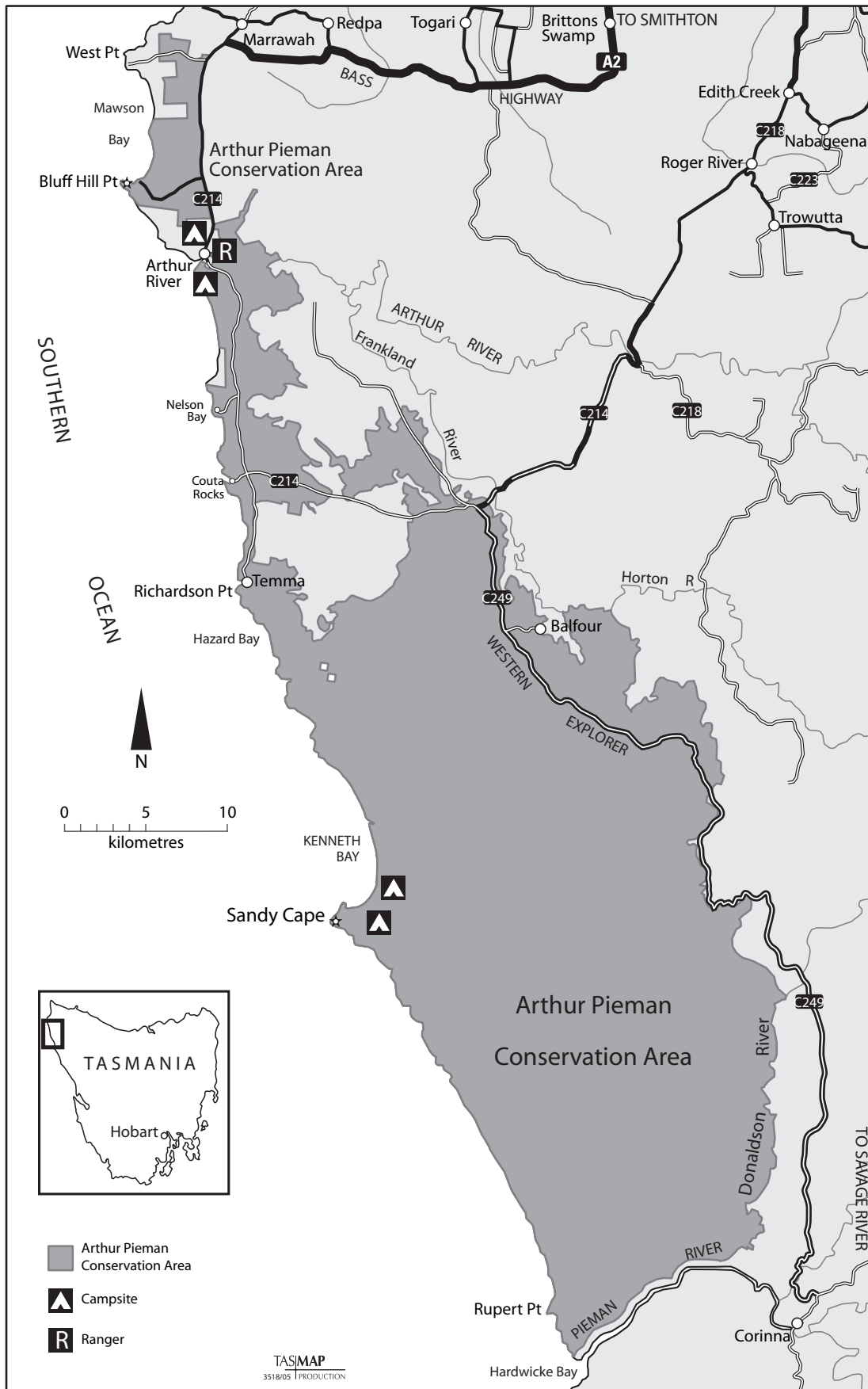
Fires

You can minimise fire danger and environmental degradation by using stoves for cooking. If you do have a fire, use established fireplaces where provided. Light fires on sites where there is no flammable material within a three metre radius. Use only fallen wood as dead standing trees can provide homes for wildlife. Keep fires small and make sure they are fully extinguished before you leave.

General information

Fuel and Groceries-The nearest fuel station is located at the Marrawah store. A limited range of groceries is available at the Arthur River store.

Wood-Wood is not supplied to campsites but can be collected from the beaches.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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