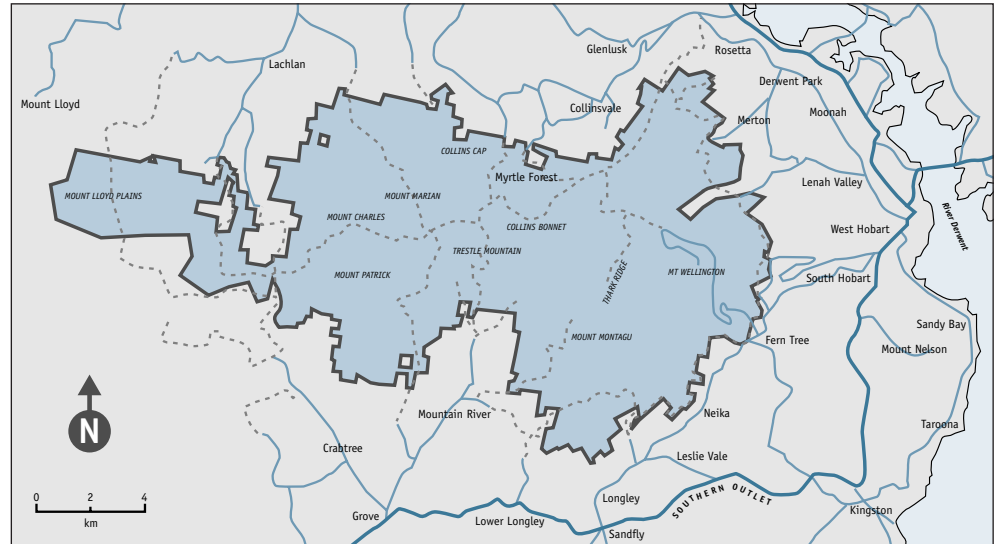


Wellington Park Fire Information

Bushfires are a natural component of the Park's environment. It is both undesirable and virtually impossible to exclude bushfires from Wellington Park. However, vegetation can be managed to ensure the protection of life and property, as well as for the protection of conservation and heritage values.



Bushfire. Prepare to survive

Regardless of cause, bushfire is a fact of life in Tasmania.

By now you should have received a copy of the 'Bushfire. Prepare to survive' DVD. As a neighbour or nearby resident of Wellington Park, it is vital that you use this initiative to prepare yourself and your property for the bushfire season. The information in the DVD will also assist you in deciding whether to stay or leave in the event of a bushfire.

The Tasmania Fire Service will rely on your property being well prepared for the bushfire season. In addition to the checklist provided in the DVD, consideration should also be given to the following:

- **Adequate insurance** – there are many costs associated with rebuilding, such as site clearance, for which you may not currently be covered

- **Protection for, or relocation of, pets, poultry and livestock** – bushfires spread rapidly and animal safety should be an early consideration
- **Your fire is your responsibility** – you must obtain a fire permit before burning off. It's as easy as calling **1800 000 699**. You should also check with your local council before burning off as other regulations may apply.

We trust you have viewed the DVD and taken action to develop a fire plan for your property. Copies of the DVD are available by contacting the Tasmania Fire Service. The fire management officer from your local council – details overleaf – can provide guidance in the development of a fire management plan.





FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

The primary fire management aims of the Wellington Park Management Trust for Wellington Park are:

- minimisation of risk to life and property from wildfire
- consistent and effective fire management policy
- maintenance of natural and cultural values
- community involvement

A revised Fire Management Strategy was endorsed in March 2006. The strategy provides tools and recommendations for implementation of these aims and includes several new features:

- waterhole location and capacity particulars
- fire management responsibilities for managing agencies
- inclusion of the upper Lenah Valley Road area

In addition the Trust's approach complements fire management strategies for other areas adjacent Wellington Park including:

- Strategic Fire Management Plan for the Mt. Faulkner region (2005)
- Fire Management Plan for Goat Hills (2006)
- Ridgeway Park / Waterworks Reserve Fire Management Plan (2003)
- Knocklofty Reserve / McRobies Gully Fire Management Plan (2005)

FIRE MANAGEMENT WORKS

Completed 2004/2006

One of the ways we achieve bushfire risk minimisation is through the use of controlled fire, however there is only a small window of opportunity each year for controlled burning of vegetation in southern Tasmania, usually in spring or autumn. Weeds can be promoted by fire, and the Trust is assisted by the Wellington Park Bushcare Group in post burn weeding, rehabilitation and monitoring,

whilst the management agencies target and control weeds prior to conducting a burn.

Vegetation management for weed control, fuel reduction and maintenance of ecological values was carried out between 2004-2006 in several eastern and north-eastern areas:

- Themeda grassland behind Tolosa Park (2004)
- areas adjacent to Knights Creek Fire Trail (2004)
- an area between Bracken Lane and Huon Rd, Fern Tree (2005)
- below Limekiln Reservoir (2006)
- an area off Kalang Ave (2006)

A wide range of other works were undertaken:

- fire trail upgrades have commenced and will be continuing in the Glenorchy area
- staged removal and rehabilitation of Radiata Pine infestations in the north-east of the Park which represent a serious fire hazard
- Lenah Valley Loop Fire Trail creek crossing upgraded and groomed
- fire break weeding and slashing in the Fern Tree area
- Lumeah Fire Trail upgrade and widening
- contribution of Wellington Park spatial data for the DPIW emergency GIS program

Proposed 2007

Vegetation control and management will be undertaken in the following locations:

- Transend electricity transmission easements
- a large, steep area along Montrose Fire Trail
- an area between Water and Tolosa Fire Trails
- behind and surrounding the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park
- an area adjacent Curtis-O'Grady's Fire Trail in Fern Tree

If you would like more information about these, or any other works in Wellington Park please contact the Trust's Fire Management Co-ordinator, or visit the Trust's website.

CONTACTS

Reporting fires to the Tasmania Fire Service: **000**

Tasmanian Fire Service Information:
1800 000 699
www.fire.tas.gov.au

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