Jones’ Camping Reserve is situated in State Forest, north-east Victoria. The campsite is only 40km south east from Benalla and is on the banks of Hollands Creek in the Toombullup Ranges. The Grid Reference Number for this site is DV 236213 or Map 48 D7 in the Vicroads Country Directory.

Getting there
From Benalla take the road to Tatong. Follow the sign to Tolmie, go straight ahead, at the ‘T’ intersection once in the town. Once the road becomes gravel, turn right after 500m down Jones Road. The campsite is 2km from here. This road is also gravel, fairly narrow and windy. These roads are accessible to all vehicles. However, following heavy rains this road becomes slippery and therefore may be temporarily inaccessible to 2WD’s.

What facilities are provided?
There are toilet facilities here. Fresh water can be obtained from the river nearby and we suggest you boil any water for drinking. There are no facilities for rubbish collection at this site so you must take it home when you leave and ensure the area is clean for future campers.

No firewood is supplied here. Use fallen dead wood but do not remove any from standing trees or damage other vegetation. There are no built fireplaces at this site so please use a previous campfire site where possible and clean up afterwards. Make sure you clear the ground at least 3 metres around your campfire and 1.5 metres around portable gas appliances. Do not light fires on a ‘Total Fire Ban Day’.

Remember to watch for overhead branches and refrain from throwing non-combustible objects into the campfire. Don’t camp directly under trees as branches can fall unexpectedly. Check overhead before pitching your tent.

Attractions
Touring by 4WD is popular here and there are many tracks to follow. Remember to stay on formed vehicle tracks. While driving be aware of other recreationists using these tracks as they may appear unexpectedly. For safety keep your vehicle well-maintained and carry sufficient food and water.

There is good fishing along Hollands Creek. Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout are the two main species of fish that can be caught and eaten. Please remember that you must have a current Inland Fishing Licence.

Mount Samaria State Park is in close proximity to this campsite. This park contains the Wild Dog Creek Falls on the central plateau and Rocky Point Lookout in the south. There are also various walking tracks and picnic areas throughout the park. From the campsite go back to the Tatong-Tolmie Road and turn left. At Wrightley, turn left down Sawyer Road.

Horse riding is allowed but problems can occur if some guidelines are not followed. Please hold horses away from other campers in temporary yards and at least 30 metres from waterways. To prevent weed spread restrict the horse feed to processed feed and lucerne hay. Use a nosebag, and make sure any spilt feed is removed. Refer to the brochure ‘FS0004 – Horse riding in State forest’ before riding.

Trail bikes are permitted in this reserve but must be roadworthy and fully registered. Drivers must be fully licenced and riders should consider other recreationists. While riding, use only formed roads and tracks available to public vehicles. Dogs are also allowed in this area but they must be kept under control. We also ask that you do not place generators where they will disturb others. If you are hunting, please keep your hounds away from the camping area and don’t shoot across roads.

Useful maps and brochures
• Vicmap 1: 25 000 Wrightley (8124-3-1)
• Natmap Whitfield, 1: 100 000 (8124)

For more information
The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing Victoria’s State Forest. For further information contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment office at Benalla (5761 1611) or DSE’s Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Visit DSE’s website
http://www.dse.vic.gov.au then select “Forestry”.

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